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Island rallies for fire victims

Yves Rouselle and Daniela Wood family left homeless

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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Communities on Salt Spring and Vancouver Island are reaching out to a family of five whose Shawnigan Lake home burned down early on Tuesday, May 19.

"I'm the dad of a little tribe. I think that's the hardest part for me," said fire victim Yves Rouselle.

"The thing that has kind of taken me aback is the kindness and generosity of people when you're faced with a crisis. It's not any particular donation — it's that you don't feel alone. The fact that no one lets you sit and fall apart makes all the difference."

Rouselle, his wife Daniela Wood and their three children aged four, nine and 13 are recent residents of Salt Spring who moved to the big island last year, in part to be closer to their son's hockey activities in the Duncan region. They were renting a home until they settled on the right catchment area and their belongings were not insured.

Rouselle and Wood maintain strong ties locally and were visiting Salt Spring just days before tragedy struck. The former Art Barn International owners and Even Cheaper Show curators were two of the principal organizers of an auction benefiting the Salt Spring National Art Prize over the Victoria Day long weekend. They also made a visit to the Challenge Cup soccer tourney, where several of Wood's former teammates were in play.

What should have been a return to life and work as usual on Tuesday morning ended completely

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GLAUCOUS HUMOUR: Salt Spring Centre School students Ben Shugar, left, and Selamu Paterson make good use of the stage in character as Simon Seagull and Cecil Seagull during weekend performances of SPLASH!, this year's annual whole school play.

TRESPASS Police charge campers

Fines serve as warning to would-be partiers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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North Salt Spring Waterworks District staff and local RCMP hope fines levied to a trio of partiers busted for camping near Maxwell Lake will discourage further trespassing at the site.

"The big issue is concern about water quality and fire," said Ron Stepaniuk, NSSWD's general manager. "People start drinking and partying, and they forget what they're doing."

Stepaniuk said an NSSWD employee spotted the campers near the dam at the lake's outflow on Sunday morning. The site showed evidence of a campfire and was strewn with empty beer cans and liquor bottles, he added.

The NSSWD has spent several years and thousands of dollars trying to discourage people from accessing its property around the lake. Recent efforts include construction of a 400-metre fence along part of Mt. Maxwell Road, signage and increased surveillance.

Activities like hiking, camping, mountain biking and ATV use degrade the watershed by creating trails that promote erosion and spread harmful nutrients into the drinking-

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More fines coming for Maxwell Lake trespassers

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water source. Higher nutrient levels result in higher treatment costs and longer term threats to a major source of the community's water supply.

"This is the last protected lake on the island. Breaking in is no different than breaking into somebody's house," Stepaniuk said. "We need to get the message out that it's not acceptable, and there is a risk to your pocketbook and to the watershed."

"The signs say 'No trespassing,'

and no means no."

Salt Spring RCMP have charged three people with trespassing in connection with the incident. The Victoria residents were ordered to clean up their mess and face fines of up to \$115.

Police discovered the campers had cut through a locked gate and driven their vehicle to the dam site. They are said to have closed the gate and repositioned the lock to avoid detection by the NSSWD's nightly security patrols.

Cpl. Martin Beardsmore said he served warnings to as many as 20 people caught trespassing at

the site last year. The decision to begin levying fines, he added, is a step to reinforce the no trespassing message's importance.

"The property is fenced and clearly posted with signs warning against trespass," he said. "They can't enclose the whole property, but [the NSSWD] has done its due diligence."

Beardsmore said the RCMP will issue fines to anyone caught trespassing on the property. Spreading awareness and levying fines are hoped to address a sense of push-back commonly expressed by people who feel entitled to use

the NSSWD's property.

Anyone who spots trespassers on the NSSWD's Maxwell Lake property is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 or the NSSWD at 250-537-9902.

In other RCMP news, an island police officer wrestled an intoxicated motorcyclist to the ground following a dramatic Monday evening chase.

The motorcyclist is reported to have tried to evade capture by driving through a section of private property off Booth Canal Road. The driver was captured when the pursuing officer tack-

led him from the motorcycle, said Beardsmore.

RCMP have charged a 61-year-old man with failing to have insurance or a driver's licence and failing to stop for police. The man received a three-day driving prohibition.

Salt Spring RCMP also wish to remind people that animals should not be left inside vehicles for any length of time during periods of warm, sunny weather. Penalties range from a broken vehicle window to charges under the Criminal Code's cruelty to animals section.

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FERRIES

Resentment bubbles over ferry name contest

Sarcasm trumps serious offers

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Coastal residents responded with gusto to a B.C. Ferries contest to name three new vessels bound for Gulf Islands and the Comox-Powell River routes, but the responses have less celebration and more incrimination than the marketing team may have expected.

Members of the public have used the contest as a sounding board on the crippling effect increasing fares and decreasing service have had on local economies, taking to social media platforms like Twitter and BC Ferries' Facebook page to

express their ire.

Suggestions from Salt Spring's Drew Watson represented the overwhelming attitude, with Island Hostage, The Negotiator and Capital Embarrassment among his choicer suggestions. Another commenter's set of Coastal Deprivation, Coastal Devastation and Coastal Desperation sums up the disconnect between public opinion and the ferry company's senior executives.

Harold Swierenga, who chairs Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee, said the public relations fiasco is mainly the product of modern social communication.

"Anyone with any concerns about the ferries, it gives them a chance to

vent," he said.

"There's a lot of frustration — between cutbacks and fare increases and the crazy consultation they had a few years ago with the ministry, I was frustrated, too." Swierenga added that most of the things people are frustrated about aren't the doing of the ferry corporation but of the provincial government, and asking for public input should be a welcome initiative.

In addition to pointing out the inequity of how transportation to inland and coastal communities is funded, though, commenters have also observed that even for willing participants, the contest's rules are so restrictive as to make the exercise almost pointless.

BC Ferries seemed to like one Facebook user's suggestions of The Orca, Grand Totem and Northern Lights and another's for Salish Spirit or Spirit of the Salish Sea. Contributor Christopher Kelsall said he thought there should be "One named to reflect the indigenous, as per Spirit of the Salish Sea or Salish Sea Spirit and the other ship to reflect an early explorer, for example Cook's Spirit [or] Spirit of George Vancouver."

Those names aren't permitted under contest rules prohibiting geographical names and references to people or events. In contrast, as a Times Colonist editorial on May 21 points out, Washington state's rules for naming ferries actually specify these

should reference person names, geographical features and tribal names, among other symbols of significance to state culture.

BC Ferries executives have staid during past meetings on Salt Spring that three intermediate vessels are the just the start of a long-reaching strategy of fleet standardization, which will allow the company to move ships around as needed during refits or to meet changing traffic needs. Having vessels named after specific locations, they say, is a potential barrier to this plan.

The contest closes on June 9, with the chance to win \$500 in ferry travel vouchers. The judging panel will make its decision on June 12.

Are you a new resident to Salt Spring Island who would like more information about being prepared for a disaster/emergency?

Salt Spring Island has a neighbourhood program called POD which connects neighbours to neighbours specifically for emergency preparedness/mitigation. There are currently 52 PODs identified on Salt Spring Island. If you would like to be a part of the POD program or find out more information please contact Laurel Hanley at ssidepc@crd.bc.ca or leave a message at 250 537-1220.



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Community love eases tough loss

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differently. The family woke up at around 5 a.m. due to a neighbour's vigorous car horn honking — she had seen flames near their garage and was trying to rouse the residents. After moving their cars and getting themselves and their neighbours safely out, Rouselle expected things would soon be under control.

"The fire department was called in and we're all thinking there's going to be some damage to the garage, and then we'll all go back in. But it just really took off," he said. As fire rapidly consumed the house, the family was left standing outside without any belongings beyond what they went to sleep in — in Rouselle's case, just a pair of boxer shorts. Soon,

though, their neighbours were taking their kids in, making them breakfast and finding them clothes to wear.

"The family is just really touched by everyone's concern — it's what makes any tragedy bearable."

YVES ROUSSELLE
House fire victim

Emergency Social Services has covered hotel and food costs for three nights. All the family's important documents, ID and banking information was lost, however, making it difficult to access the little they

have left.

"The things you miss are the personal items that are really hard to rebuild," Rouselle observed, but added: "My kids have been outstanding. They're not showing any attachment to their stuff."

Among the tougher losses has been Wood's art. Her paintings are represented in Saatchi Art's online collection and as such have recently garnered international attention. A painting she had just completed for submission to SSNAP and other works in storage were among those destroyed. The couple had also amassed a sizable collection of other artists' work that included a couple of significant pieces.

Another hard knock is that their son lost almost \$1,000 in new hockey gear. He went back on

the ice as soon as Thursday, thanks to equipment loaned by another boy his size.

"The family is just really touched by everyone's concern — it's what makes any tragedy bearable," Rouselle said. "And everyone's safe, so everyone is going to be fine."

Rouselle and Wood have received several offers of temporary housing on Salt Spring and will likely be staying on the island for some time while they work things out.

Donations to the family can be made through a special account at Island Savings Credit Union branch on Salt Spring. A crowdfunding site for online donations was also set up by neighbour Celyne Hodges. It can found under Shawinnee Family Fire Relief Fund on www.gofundme.com.

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FRAUD

Savvy seniors learn how to fight frauds and scams

Community Services workshop targets ubiquitous threat

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Barry Pinchin always thinks twice before answering the phone.

The Whims Road resident has experienced plenty of telephone and email requests for money transfers and tempting offers that seem too good to be true.

"I'm very wary," he said during a Friday afternoon workshop on frauds and scams hosted by the Salt Spring Community Services Society and Islands Savings.

Pinchin was among an inquisitive group of seniors who have discovered the convenience of modern telecommunications and the online world carries some dark consequences.

"Elder abuse is something we don't like to think can happen, but it does," said Sandy Harkema, director of member services and a financial planner at Islands Savings in Ganges. "Even though we like to think it never happens, family, friends and care givers can all be involved in elder abuse."

Harkema outlined the scale and scope of scams that are increasingly being reported by people of all ages in communities across the country. She said people come into Island Savings on a weekly basis with concerns about questionable correspondence.

Harkema began Friday's work-

shop by introducing participants to the federal government's Little Black Book, a comprehensive guide to all manner of fraudulent activity and scams perpetrated by phone, computers and good old fashioned snail mail.

The booklet covers lottery ticket scams, money transfer requests, malware and phishing, rental scams, health and medical frauds, phony charity requests and fraudulent family emergencies.

"If something feels too good to be true, it probably is."

SANDY HARKEMA
Financial planner, Islands Savings

One of the most common scams that targets seniors, Harkema added, is the dating and romance scam.

"I think it's amazing too, but it boils down to our compassion for other people," she said.

Such ploys begin as online friendships that develop over several weeks or months. When the scammer feels they've established a degree of trust with their victim, they'll request money for a medical emergency or urgent debt repayment.

"They'll pull at our heart strings



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring's Barry Pinchin is ready to fight phone and computer frauds targeting seniors after attending a workshop co-sponsored by Islands Savings Credit Union and Salt Spring Community Services on Friday.

to get our money," Harkema said. "This is really bad because these people will become our friends."

Seniors are seen as ideal targets for online and telephone scams because they tend to be fearful or embarrassed to report the crime. A recent study from the United States estimates that approximately five million cases of financial fraud occur each year, but only one in 25 cases ever gets reported to police.

Fortunately, Harkema said, living in a tight-knit community can alleviate the alienation and fear. "One of the best things about

living in a small community is that people are always willing to help," she said.

Harkema said Island Savings employees pay special attention to any unusual spending or account activity. When such transaction are noticed, staff are encouraged to speak with their clients to investigate a potential threat.

Likewise, Harkema said, people who feel they are being targeted should seek advice from Salt Spring RCMP, Salt Spring Community Services, a family doctor or a trusted family member.

When it comes to computer-related scams like malware, pop-ups and other viruses, it never hurts to seek a professional's opinion, she added.

Rusty Fedberg, a computer technician at Electronic Ark in Ganges, said people call him regularly to ask about computer quirks.

"Ninety per cent of the time [the pop-ups] are bad," he said.

Though Fedberg encourages people to call him if they've got a quick question, demand from islanders has encouraged him to offer a long-term support contract. For a set fee, customers can access a professional opinion about spyware, anti-virus programs and those annoying pop-ups that clutter their computers.

Fedberg said he can barely keep up with demand.

When it comes to prevention, Harkema advises seniors to think twice before sharing personal information. Knowing the people you do business with, asking questions and protecting passwords are among some of the basic prevention techniques.

"Money or personal information are the things [the scammers] are trying to get. If somebody, including a person who is close to you, approaches you for either of these things, ask yourself why they want this information," she said. "Remember to trust your instincts; we've had to do that all our lives. If something feels too good to be true, it probably is."

NEWS BRIEFS

Lieutenant Governor visit

Salt Spring's Stone Soup Singers will receive a prize at the hands of British Columbia Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon at the Fernwood Road Café on Wednesday, June 3.

The local singing group are the winners of Sing Me a Song

2015 for their original composition This is Canada. Also in attendance will be Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman. Coffee, tea and the use of their front lawn and premises will be generously provided by the Fernwood Road Café. A tent and other goodies are being provided by Country Grocer.

The group invites Salt

Springers to join in the celebration, which begins at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Appeal for Bells

The Salt Spring United Church is issuing an appeal for "bells, bodies, hearts and minds" for a special event to mark the closing of the Truth

and Reconciliation Commission in Ottawa.

Members of the public are invited to join in a short gathering taking place after regular service on Sunday, May 31. The event will include a 20-minute informal discussion, then a five-minute meditation, culminating in the ringing of hand bells outside the Hereford Avenue church for a few

minutes as close to noon as possible. The ringing of the bells will coincide with events all across Canada.

"This part of the truth and reconciliation process is drawing to a close but we must continue to work and walk the healing path together," the organizers on the church's social justice committee explain.

The event will begin after the service and the birthday and anniversary celebrations or approximately 11:30 a.m. Visitors are also welcome to join the congregation at 10 a.m. to lighten their load and lift their spirits with Reverend Clark Saunders.

Participants are asked to please bring hand bells as the church can only provide a few.

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ENVIRONMENT

Celebrating 20 active years

Group achieves preservation milestones

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When a group of Salt Spring women planted the seeds for an organization that could hold and conserve island lands in 1994, they probably had no idea just how far the roots would spread under the Salt Spring Conservancy banner.

Having celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Conservancy's first annual general meeting in March and with plans to open their new eco-friendly home at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve to the public on June 6, there is no denying the group has plenty to celebrate.

"People were ready for something to rally around, something that would really dig into the community, and that really did things," current president Bob Weeden said about the atmosphere in which the organization was born.

Founding members Nancy Braithwaite, Fiona Flook, Heather Martin, Maureen Milburn, Ailsa Perse, Mallory Pred and Ann Richardson were soon joined by those that would form the society's first board of directors. In addition to Weeden, these included Susan Evans, Dorothy Cutting (then Morell) and Doug Wilkins.

"One of the amazing things is how strong the Conservancy is for the geography and for the size of the community," said executive director Christine Torgrimson, noting the small island has nurtured one of the most effective land conservation societies in British Columbia.

The Conservancy's first major act was to partner with the Capital Regional District and the provincial government to fundraise for purchase of the historic 160-acre Mill Farm. In the years to follow, the organization would help protect key island assets that would become seven major reserves. They have fundraised for areas of Mount Maxwell, Mount Erskine, Mount Tuam and Burgoyne Bay, and received land donations that would become the Andreas Vogt, Alvin Indridson and North View nature reserves.

Another partial donation and lots of community support led to the 2013 purchase of the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve, which is already seeing the return of species at risk after a century of human impact as a working farm and an organic golf course.

Weeden observed that, coming from Alaska, he and his wife Judy were primarily concerned with protecting habitat for wildlife. The difference was that Alaska was then 90 per cent crown land, so most of his work involved lobbying government and being opposed to things like resource development plans. With Salt Spring's land

almost entirely under private ownership, the opportunity to build relationships with willing community members has yielded strong results. Weeden said the conservancy's plans have almost always been met with the general attitude of "yes."

When the Conservancy started its work, development was running full speed ahead and growth was putting pressure on wildlife habitat. The concern continued right up to the 2008 financial collapse. In the meantime, people moving to the island have joined the Conservancy's early supporters because they come here appreciating green space and the work done to protect it.

"So the growth was a concern, but we didn't realize at the time it would become a good source of support," Weeden said.

Partnerships have come not just through land donations but in voluntary stewardship agreements and legal covenants on title, as property owners learn how to support local wildlife and native plants species on the one hand, and provide permanent protection on portions of their land on the other. The Conservancy's staff biologists also aid conservation, and support the organization's programs through funding received for this work, by monitoring species at risk.

"I'm always surprised people don't understand what a special environment we live in — the coastal Douglas-fir zone has the highest density of species at risk and covers less than one per cent of B.C.'s land base," Torgrimson said. "We have the opportunity here to see some really unique places and species persist over time."

Perhaps even more important to the Conservancy's aims has been its work as a teaching organization, providing education through lectures, nature walks, landowner consultations and a very successful school program, which brings 700 students into experiential, nature-based learning each year. The idea is to build the understanding that nature stewardship is an everyday activity that everyone can be involved in.

"We can't buy the island ... and there are practical limits to the amount of land we can care for forever," Weeden wrote in his 20th anniversary address, printed in the Conservancy's newsletter. "There is a basic principle here, too. Conservation's proper goal is not to find places to keep people out of, to separate people and nature. Descartes' I-It philosophy has been a loser all the way, as four centuries of bad experiences have proven."

Future goals for the conservancy are to continue its good management practices to ensure sustainability of its programs and maintenance of the properties it currently cares for before attempting to add to its lands, although future acquisitions are probable.

"Our whole pitch to people in getting them to donate land for nature reserves is: 'We'll take care of them — and we're not sure now how much money it's going to take,'" Weeden said, noting the Conservancy has been careful not to hold any debt such as mortgages. The organization's carrying through on promises and reporting of results in a timely manner has encouraged funders to award repeat grants, rather than one-off arrangements.

Staying flexible and open to change is instrumental to survival, as is building partnerships with conservation groups in the region and individuals on Salt Spring.

"People are what made the Conservancy persist for 20 years. So the more we can build good will with young people and with landowners, the more we can have a good impact on stewardship on the island," Torgrimson said.



Salt Spring Conservancy's executive director Christine Torgrimson and president Bob Weeden enjoy the view from the new centre at Blackburn Lake.



Conservancy member Peter Lamb, left, shakes hands with Martin Williams to finalize the purchase of Mount Erskine's Manzanita Ridge in 2003.

New home fitting environment for conservation goals

For many years the Salt Spring Island Conservancy has done its work from a humble set of offices whose windows offer little more than parking lot views.

That is entirely admirable for a nonprofit organization that must make the best of limited resources — but, at the same time, hardly inspirational.

Conservancy staff, volunteers and visitors will have no trouble finding inspiration at the organization's new Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve digs, where both form and setting pay quiet tribute to lessening human impact on the natural environment.

Community donations helped the Conservancy buy the former golf course's 32.6 acres in 2013. Adjacent landowners have since donated lands to increase the nature reserve. The new building was made possible by an anonymous donor, who will hopefully find time to witness the fantastic results of their generosity during a public opening on June 6.

"What a wonderful 20th anniversary present. It's just amazing timing," said Christine Torgrimson, the Conservancy's executive director.

Located near the Blackburn Road parking area on top of the former 9th green, the new centre was designed to have a low profile, protecting neighbours' views of the lake and adding minimal impact for other viewers. The building consists of a great room, whose tall windows open onto a stunning view to the lake, and two wings devoted to office space and a board room.

Sam FitzZaland of Green City Builders helped

design the energy efficient building that incorporates solar panels and a heat pump, low emissivity argon windows, and above-code requirements for insulation in ceilings and walls. An on-demand hot water heater was installed in the mechanical room since there is no need to keep a tank constantly hot.

"We've just done everything we could do to reduce energy consumption," FitzZaland said. "Every light is LED and on a dimmer."

Separate control panels have been installed for the great room and each of the wings. A tight sealing door isolates the more-in-use office section. Torgrimson said the measures will offset at least two-thirds of the energy used.

"Sam is hoping we can get to zero-net use," she added, noting additional solar panels are planned for the building that once housed the golf course's club house, which has been converted to storage space.

FitzZaland donated his time to install the existing solar arrays, and all subcontractors offered reduced rates for the project. Forty volunteers helped with sanding, painting and other finishing touches.

Visitors are already welcome to walk the nature reserve at any time. The centre will be available for rentals as soon as costs can be worked out, and it will also be used for the Stewards in Training school program and other educational purposes.

Members of the public are invited to tour the new facility and toast the Conservancy at its 20th anniversary party from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

GANGES SEWER

Ganges sewer referendum moves ahead on July 25

Vote to borrow up to \$3.9 million

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island residents whose properties are connected to the Ganges sewer face a July 25 vote on whether to borrow nearly \$4 million for critical infrastructure upgrades to the aging system.

Should the referendum pass, owners of the 419 taxable folios covered by the sewer face annual tax increases of up to \$1,000 for the duration of the loan, based on early cost estimates supplied by the Capital Regional District. The average taxpayer hooked into the system currently pays \$534 annually.

Kevin Bell, a member of the Ganges Sewer Local Sewer

Commission, said projected costs represent a worst case scenario. He said plans to extend the loan's amortization period and potential for federal and provincial infrastructure grants could reduce costs significantly.

Charging ratepayers through a user tax rather than on property taxes, he added, will ensure a more equitable tax burden.

"It'll be less of a monthly nut to crack," Bell said. "There's a few things that we've done. If you're not careful on how this thing gets funded, it makes it too onerous for the residents."

While governments won't announce grant recipients until late summer, Bell said, there's a chance government funds could cover up to two-thirds of the project's cost.

"Unfortunately, we won't

know this until after the referendum," he said Monday.

All resident electors who live within the Ganges sewer service area are eligible to vote in the July referendum.

The decision to hold the vote follows months of discussion, planning and consultation held by the CRD and Ganges Sewer Commission.

Commissioners will host an information meeting

about the project on June 23 between noon and 6 p.m. at the Salt Spring Public Library's program room.

For more information about the project, visit the Ganges Sewer Wastewater System Infrastructure Replacement Project at www.crd.bc.ca or call Salt Spring CRD engineering manager Keith Wahlstrom at 250-537-4448.

ISLANDS TRUST

Squash players near goal

Plus trustees approve RAR bylaw

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Momentum is building towards completion of Salt Spring's first indoor squash court thanks to a group of dedicated players and renewed interest in the game.

Proponents of the plan to build up to two international-standard indoor courts on the land owned by the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club said the facility will be open to the public on a pay-as-you-play basis.

Trustees voted to have staff create a draft bylaw to amend the island's land use bylaw to allow a non-farm use on land within the Agricultural Land Reserve. If approved, the court will be built next to the indoor tennis court facility on the golf course property at 805 Lower Ganges Road.

Construction of up to two courts requires approval from the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

RAR get final approval

A draft bylaw that incited mass protest and a RCMP presence at meetings of the Local Trust Committee was approved with muted applause at a May 14 meeting of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

"Aren't you glad to see this?" said Peter Luckham, LTC chair. "My first meeting that I chaired on Salt Spring was about riparian areas and it was an interesting meeting. That was all of six years ago."

Salt Spring trustees adopted the island's Riparian Areas Regulations after years of study, compromise and public consultation. The legislation brings Salt Spring into compliance with provincially mandated standards designed to protect riparian areas and preserve fish habitat.

Opposition to the original bylaw's regulations over development in riparian areas led to a full-scale rethink of Bylaw 482. Trustees said efforts to reconsider the bylaw offer a model for how local government can successfully engage the public.

TREE CUTTING

Couple adds to trimming tale

Incident reveals importance of communication

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Channel Ridge couple is fighting back over neighbours' allegations that they took it upon themselves to clear a stretch of roadside trees without permission.

"It's nothing like the wild west, in fact, numerous consultations have taken place between neighbours regarding the pruning of trees," said Robert Beringer in an email.

Beringer's comment follows a May 6 Driftwood story in which neighbours take him and his spouse to task for cutting trees in a Ministry of Transportation right-of-way. In the story, neighbourhood residents Toby Fouks and Bill Warriner took exception to the tree topping. They consider it one of the many cases on Salt Spring that demonstrate the need to monitor and regulate tree cutting along roadside rights-of-way.

"For those who may regard such anti-social behaviour as a minor consequence, it may be prudent to reserve opinion before witnessing the environmental and aesthetic damage that has been wrought in some affected neighbourhoods," Warriner wrote in a letter to the editor on April 29.

Although neither he or his partner were identified in the story, Beringer said it's unfortunate they were offered no opportunity to comment on the story.

Beringer denied that he took it upon himself to cut the trees without consulting neighbours. He said the incident with Fouks, which occurred in October 2014, follows similar trimmings in 2012 and 2013. In each case, Beringer's partner obtained a verbal agreement with their neighbour.

He said that in both cases once the neighbours expressed objections to the tree trimming it was immediately halted.

Beringer also stated that trimming simply maintained the view that existed when

they bought the property.

He further added that none of the work has decreased his neighbour's view or privacy.

"This statement would be true if Toby Fouks was incorporating the use of a periscope or sitting upon the apex of her roof," Beringer wrote. "Since the topping of the trees adjacent to Toby's property, in 2012, 2013, and 2014, horizontal limb growth was stimulated and Fouks now has more privacy and less view of our home than she has ever had."

Whereas his critics say the tree limbing is an attack on neighbourliness, Beringer said it is his neighbours who've failed to act appropriately. Mounting a public campaign to disparage his household and threaten his reputation, he said, represents the height of unneighbourly behaviour.

"Bill Warriner made no attempt to talk with us . . . Again, how is it a social norm to ignore talking with your neighbours and launch an attack upon them in the newspaper?" he said.

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OPINION



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

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



EDITORIAL

Off course

It's hard to imagine the scene around the boardroom at BC Ferries' HQ last Wednesday, the morning after the company's doomed #nameaferry campaign.

If executives and marketing managers took time to examine the early entries, they'd have read suggestions like SS Service Cuts, Spirit of Polish Job Creation and SS ShouldveBUILTaBridge.

Thousands of suggestions have flowed forth from a public that's clearly uninterested in the contest's \$500 grand prize. The reaction is predictable to coastal community residents who've grown frustrated, irate and powerless after years of fare increases and service cuts.

The fallout has even generated headlines across the country and around the world. Most news stories focus on the PR fail's epic nature or rider angst but few ask how all this came to pass.

While BC Ferries has provided social media and marketing teachers some choice material for many a semester, British Columbia's provincial government is unfairly getting a relatively clean break.

THE ISSUE:

#nameaferry

WE SAY:

Public anger misdirected

rarely the fault of BC Ferries employees or even upper management for the plight that's befallen coastal residents.

Fare increases, offshore boat-building contracts and sailing cancellations are the ferry corporation's response to years of provincial neglect and underfunding. BC Ferries has morphed from the jewel of provincial Crown corporations to a nebulous anomaly that's neither private enterprise nor public asset. The result is a whipping boy for provincial government misdeeds.

Meanwhile, the province stands unwilling to restore ferry subsidies and ease the unsustainable burden faced by residents of British Columbia's coast.

BC Ferries deserves some credit for giving us a chance to have a say in our ferry system's future. It's hoped some participants will resist temptation and offer suggestions befitting the new vessels. To have your say, visit bcferries.com by June 9.

Now that the fun is over, it's high time for us to get back on course and direct our complaints to the real decision makers in the provincial legislature.



VIEWPOINT by Valdy

Singing the praises of community

Song circles at campfires were rare for me as a kid, and memorable.

Mostly it was some guitarist who knew what she or he was doing, leading all in song. This evolved into hootenannies in town, kitchen parties in the sticks and folk music in the taverns.

Of late, there are song circles wherein each member performs a song, some circles requiring, or preferring, original material, some tributes to particular artists or groups, while others are content related, focusing on events, characters or old shovel handles.

Other contemporary musical varieties support charitable causes, wherein the music is varied in genre and content, but the thrust of the event is to entertain and raise wads of cash, happily proffered.

Music festivals today tend to appeal to a wide range of musical tastes, featuring day, weekend or weeklong scheduling of a variety of local and imported talent.

Thus, culture fosters community.

Whatever the occasion, whoever the impresario, wherever the location, a community of like-minded people of all stripes gather and meld, joined by rhythms and rhymes, preferences and predilections, and the result is a feeling of belonging that lasts at least as long as the music continues, and often for decades to follow.

As a performing artist, I wish to assure all patient readers of

this piece that the highest calling for performers is the creation of community through music, dance, humour, empathy or theatre.

Of the possible scenarios, performing for one's own community is at once the best and the worst of times. Locals are the finest kind, and yet the hardest to win over. Our future is together, as we live close by, so one does not wish, to be indelicate, to pee in the soup.

Preaching to the converted is intoxicating, winning a wider audience is challenging, and creating a moment where magic can alight is uplifting and memorable. We also get paid.

On the weekend of Aug. 7, 8 and 9, on a Fulford Harbour plateau, the Salt Spring Island Garlic and Music Festival will create community, treating locals and off-islanders to the best Salt Spring has to offer, an affordable weekend of musical celebration, Island weirdness, and culinary excellence. I hope many of you can join us.

Tickets are on sale now. There may well be magic. (You think?)

For more information about the 1st Annual Salt Spring Garlic & Music Festival, and where you can purchase tickets, please visit the website, saltspringgarlicfestival.com.

The writer is a Canadian music icon and long-time Salt Spring resident.

The highest calling for performers is the creation of community through music, dance, humour, empathy or theatre.

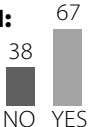
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have you been victimized by online fraud? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you have a family doctor on Salt Spring?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The signs say 'No trespassing,' and no means no."

RON STEPANIUK, GENERAL MANAGER OF NSSWD, ON MAXWELL LAKE

SALT SPRING SAYS

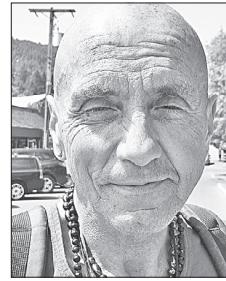
We asked: What would you name BC Ferries' new vessels?



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West Coast Princess.



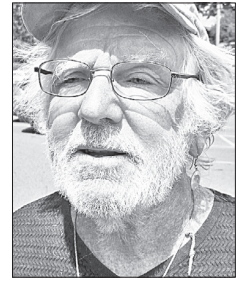
MURIEL HALE
The Queen of Salt Spring.



ACE
I like Serendipity.



TROY MCDONALD
How about The Neptune?



HARRY WARNER
St. Patrick.

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

Weir raising opposed

I am concerned about the proposal to raise the Duck Creek weir by 30 centimetres. Our property at the south end of the lake will be one of the most severely affected by it.

The family has owned the property on Bradbury Road for over 30 years. Thirty years ago the water was fine, the lake was clear. We had beavers, hordes of frogs, otters, large western painted turtles, a family of swans, lots and lots of swallows. It was a vibrant living ecosystem.

Several years ago the weir

was built and the beaver relocated. But what happened to the turtles, frogs and swallows? They weren't relocated. Why did they go? Why is the lake now in trouble?

I'm not implying that there is any direct correlation between the construction of the weir and the loss of habitat. I don't know. But I am concerned that raising the Duck Creek weir 30 more centimetres will flood about one third of our property for six to eight months of the year. So 1,630 square metres of our property (which are NSSWD figures) will now be a swampy wetland, an ideal mosquito breeding

ground.

Just because the lake is 60 metres closer does not mean that we will have better access to it. Our lake-front shed will probably be in the water and the lake will only be accessible by wading through a swamp until the water level drops in the summer. I fail to see how creating a large swamp at the south end of the lake will be beneficial for the health of a sick lake.

It will be interesting, but not necessarily enjoyable, to see the inverse ratio between the rise of the weir and the drop in property values.

ROSS BRAND,
BRADBURY ROAD

E-Plus hearing

British Columbians are already reeling under the impact of price increases by BC Hydro, but one group who bought into Hydro's E-Plus program in the late 1980s will see additional increases of up to 130 per cent on the cost of electricity used to heat their homes.

E-Plus was a program that was heavily promoted by Hydro and was based on increasing sales and profit by selling "surplus" power at a reduced rate for home heating. To qualify, homeowners

spent thousands to meet the very strict requirements of their home's energy efficiency and had to install the backup heating system that was prescribed in case Hydro had outages.

Hydro now has many options for sales of surplus power and claims that E-Plus rates are costing it money, so had advised E-Plus users that it is considering asking the B.C. Utilities Commission for approval to phase out the rate.

Most E-Plus customers are now in their senior years, so if and when the program is eliminated, the added cost of heating

power will hit them hard.

Current identified E-Plus customers would like to work with others who oppose the elimination of the rate by contacting via email at eplusbcgroup@gmail.com or leaving a message at 1-250-723-7621 or in Sidney, 250-655-1079. Time is of the essence as this issue goes to the Utilities Commission on June 30. If you are affected or know someone who might, please provide this information to them.

BRENDA HARFIELD,
SIDNEY

MORE LETTERS continued on 9

Room for more words in English language

At last count, there are over one million, twenty-five thousand words in the English language. At first blush, that seems like more than enough to cover all descriptions and circumstances. Nevertheless, it seems there is room for a few more entries to describe a handful of situations to which we can probably all relate.

There ought to be a word for that feeling you get when you write a word you have seen and used hundreds of times in the past, but suddenly it looks different and you're sure you've spelled it incorrectly. For instance, you look at the word "cat" and it just doesn't seem right. You play around with it, switch the letters around, replace the "c" with a "k," put a circumflex accent above the "a," begin the word with a silent "p," but none of your actions make cat look any more catlike. After much agonizing, you discover that you had it right in the first place. You might call what you have just experienced "spellfunktung."

There ought to be a word for times when you are trying to think of a word and it is right there on the tip of your tongue, but try as you may, it just doesn't come to you. You flip through a variety of tactics to make the word pop into your mind. First, you concentrate as hard as you can and use visualization techniques to make the word appear. When this doesn't work, you decide to drive the dilemma as far out of your mind as possible in the hope that a clear space between your ears will offer an open invitation in which the missing word can re-materialize. When this fails as well, you try to narrow down the parameters to force the word to take on a

shape. You can just about see it in front of you. It starts with a "k" and is definitely only two syllables long. Before you realize it, you start thinking of every two syllable word you've ever known that begins with a "k." All other brain activity ceases while you devote your entire neocortex to hunting down the renegade term. Finally, three days later, the word unexpectedly slides effortlessly into your head. You realize at this point that all your visualizations were useless as the word is actually four syllables long and starts with a "v." For lack of any better name, let's agree to call this condition "dystextia" or perhaps "memorexiter."

Someone should come up with a word for what metal coat hangers do when you try to separate just one of them from a bunch of empty ones clinging to the horizontal bar in your closet. They will interlock with one another and twist themselves around each other to create a tangled mess that makes it virtually impossible to get only one off the rack. Most of them will fall to the floor but not before at least one will bounce up and hit you in the eye. You might say you've been "hangled."

Another word that has long been overdue is the one that describes the sensation you get when you feel that you are about to sneeze and go racing for the nearest box of Kleenex in the hope that you will get there in time. (Personally, I have coined the word "pre-achoo-lation" to describe this behaviour). As soon as you



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

get a wad of tissues in hand and get yourself ready for the big facial explosion, nothing happens. Inevitably, you realize that you only imagined you were about to sneeze and that no such thing is forthcoming. You stuff the Kleenex into your pocket and, just at this moment, your face erupts into a tidal wave of unfettered sinus spray affecting everybody unlucky enough to be trapped in the same room as you. At this point, the situation could be called "post-achoo-lation," with a very wet dose of "snumble" attached.

Someone ought to coin a word for that sheepish feeling you get right after you have chowed down on an excessive pancake breakfast (complete with fresh strawberries, whipped cream, and drowned in maple syrup). You are just about to let go of a satisfied burp when you suddenly remember that today is the day you had arranged to go for your blood test at the lab and you were supposed to have fasted for ten hours before getting poked. You should feel a bit sheepish. You've just been "labrafoodled."

Let's add to the list of "ought to be" words a term for what you feel when you get to the end of a long thriller of a novel and are just working your way through the last chapter where the plot comes to a climax when it occurs to you that the story seems somewhat familiar and you realize that you have actually read the book before (and didn't like the ending the first time). How does "deja-view" or "oh-deja-phooey"

sound?

The world of computers and information technology has given birth to a whole slew of words that have worked their way into our language. Still, there is room for many more, especially one that you can use the instant after you have accidentally clicked on the "format hard drive" option. How about the four-letter word "f.com"?

Have you ever walked towards another person who is walking towards you and both of you decide to step to one side at the same time so you can pass each other but you both step to the same side? The two of you immediately compensate for your last move by stepping to the other side, which once again places you solidly in each other's path. The steps repeat themselves a few times and any neutral observer could easily mistake the two of you for a pair of devoted tango dancers. Well, there ought to be a word for that and I'm suggesting it be called an "impassago."

Nobody asked me, but even with over a million words in the English language, who is it going to hurt if we allow a handful more into the dictionary? As a matter of fact, there ought to be a word for the act of finding (developing) new words that nobody has thought up yet. Nothing springs to mind right away, but I'm sure I'll come up with something as soon as I'm done untangling these wire coat hangers.

RANTS *and* Roses

Blessings on the crew of the Skeena Queen that waited an extra two minutes for the last two cars from Route 1 that was running late on Thursday afternoon. People like you are what make the island feel like home. CE

Roses and thanks for the privilege of walking in the Victoria March for Life on Ascension Day. Ruth Liston

A tsunami of fleurs-de-lys to Paul, Matteo and Country Grocer for their continued generosity and support

toward our fundraising events for the Salt Spring Island Middle School French immersion students. Merci beaucoup! The SIMS French immersion teachers and students

Pink Roses to all the Pink Haus volunteers who made the fundraiser for SSNAP such a success. Thanks for everything. Ronald Crawford

To Maggie and all the incredible GLOSSI volunteers, buckets and buckets of rose petals for being ever

so patient, gracious, and cheerful in hosting a sold-out fundraiser this past Saturday despite running out of water early on during the evening! Even without having water the following morning, your group did an incredible job of leaving the hall neat and tidy. Our cleaners Michael and Helga were so impressed. Another round of applause to Johann for going out on Saturday night to determine the cause of the water loss. Only on Salt Spring would people be so incredibly nice about this type of situation. Ranji

Big bunches of youthful spring roses to Country Grocer for support-

ing youth in SWOVA's Pass It On program this past year. Your help went above and beyond! Much appreciation from the youth and from SWOVA.

A bouquet of 'bright smile' roses to Thrifty Foods for supporting SWOVA's Respectful Relationships Youth Team. Your donations of snacks for our team meetings were greatly appreciated. Thanks, SWOVA

A rainbow of proud roses to all the volunteers and community partners that made our Queer As Funk fundraiser for Pride 2015 an incredible time! Thanks to Country Grocer,

Living Water Media, The Fishbowl Magazine, Barb's Bakery and Bistro, Salt Spring Ales and Click Salt Spring for your generous support. To all the volunteers, the billets that put up our 13 guests from Vancouver in style, Deirdre, Susan, Ranji, Yohann and Brian at Fulford Hall, Loretta/RCMP, the Driftwood, the band and crew and the Birthday Boy: Thank you on behalf of the GLOSSI board

A toast to Dale at Moby's Pub for his thoughtful kindness to the group from extended care and to Leslie and Jenn for their crazy and loving wit. Mary Small

Zen and the Art of Bottle Recycling

BY ROSS KING

My name is Ross King and I instigated SPARCKS (Schooling Poor and Rural Cambodian Kids) a year ago. SPARCKS is a fundraising operation in support of HVTO School in rural Cambodia (www.hvto.org refers, as does www.sparcks.org).

This resulted from a serendipitous stumbling-upon the school, serving 600 elementary children of impoverished, subsistence-style-living families in the jungle of war-torn Cambodia. I was enchanted by what they are trying to do with their own resources and I promised to go back and teach English this last January.

On my way back, it occurred to me to "twin" HVTO School in Phum Sophy group of villages with a school on Salt Spring. And so it came to pass that two lovely teachers at Fernwood got involved, Sharon Lee and Malindi Curtis. They suggested a bottle drive for raising funds for purchasing soccer balls. Ah, bottle drives! Little did they know what they started.

At about that time, I wrote an email to my Brit brother, extolling the work going on at HVTO School in Cambodia, and — long story short — he arranged a U.K. trust to subscribe \$1 for every \$1 SPARCKS raised by bottle collection, up to 7,500 British pounds.

That changed the whole game. We didn't kick off with soccer balls, but we raised our sights to funding one of the ever-expanding needs of the very successful HVTO Elementary School. And that was the establishment of a college prep program and dormitory for kids graduating from the village to the nearest place (the city of Siem Reap) where secondary

education is available, along with certified secondary teachers (in very short supply after the genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge, ending only in the late '90s). We did it, but very narrowly by an awful lot of bottle recycling and arm twisting . . . enough to get the dorm up and running (but with a shortfall for this financial year).

There are far higher and better callings for these kids if they get an education.

The good news is that our U.K. trust colleagues have so bought in to the soul and success of the school and its grassroots, self-help, sustainable ethic that they are shortly to vote on continuing multi-year funding of the CPP dorm program.

The even better news of this consummately heart-warming story is that Ross King can stop grovelling around, picking-up bottles, sorting them and cashing them in, five and 10 cents at a time. I can rest on my laurels as having brought long-term annual funding up to \$50,000 to the CPP dorm project. Yeah! Joy! Back to watching hockey in my recliner!

Well . . . a funny thing happened on the way to the laurel bush! A little voice said, "But Ross, you are looking at a fundraising machine worth \$5,000 on Salt Spring alone. That could go to another of the many 'wants' that HVTO School has; e.g., the current year shortfall for

CPP dormitory, the new van they desperately need, more scholarships for the best and brightest graduands of the elementary school, without which they will be condemned to an agrarian lifestyle, ploughing rice paddies with water buffaloes. There are far higher and better callings for these kids if they get an education. The little voice continued, "Ross, there are far better things for you to do than watch hockey!"

And so, I have chosen to continue the good works for a super cause, even if it's menial, dumper-scavenging work.

Which brings me to dumps and sorting for bottles and cans. It has many little rewards, like getting to meet people whose livelihoods depend on it. Mine doesn't. In my future book, *Zen and the Art of Bottle Recycling*, I'll regale you with some heart-warming stories about people like Reg, our assiduous Ganges street-cleaner who keeps the town spotless — bless him!

I recently discovered the Blackburn Road Transfer Station, where people drop off bags of (supposedly) straight refundables for scavengers like me to ply their trade. I say "supposedly" because some depositors obviously pay no heed to "purity" of the contents of their bags, and I and my ilk are left to sort through stomach-retching and health-challenging kitchen waste to get to the refundables.

I hope they read this well, and — in future — think about who is involved down-stream in today's recycling world before mixing refundables and recyclables with diapers, needles, scraped-off left-over meals, peelings and cigarette butts.

So it happens that my ex is a certified fundraising professional and our daughter spent two years in a senior fundraising position for AIDS Calgary. I am thus lucky enough to have insights into fundraising philosophy, psychology and strategies, and compare and contrast that with my grassroots, bottom-up, bottle-by-bottle efforts at the other end of the spectrum. I am introducing a pledge campaign (as mentioned in my letter in the May 13 Driftwood) whereby my efforts are matched up to each pledge limit. So, for example, if you kindly "buy" a \$250 Silver Pledge, and I collect \$250 of refundables (all audited, of course) against it, then HVTO School gets \$500, \$250 from you and \$250 from my recycling. And it sure makes me feel that my efforts are really worth it . . . doubly worth it.

People have said to me often, "Ross, we have more than enough needs and problems here on Salt Spring for you to go swanning off to Cambodia; why not concentrate your efforts here?"

My response is very simple: "If you visit rural Cambodia and still genuinely think that Salt Spring's needs exceed those of that war-decimated, landmine-infested, gutted country, then I will set up a charity in Cambodia to help the indigents of Salt Spring Island."

This, ladies and gentlemen, says it all. Please give generously to SPARCKS. Please "buy" a pledge.

I can be reached at 250-537-0666 or kingross1st@gmail.com.

The writer is the founder of SPARCKS (Schooling Poor and Rural Cambodian Kids).



ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

- Proposed Bylaw No. 250 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2015"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **12:30 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2015, at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC.**

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

Proposed Bylaw No. 250 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2015"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 250 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999 to clarify Section 2.14 of the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw pertaining to the setback to the sea.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing May 20, 2015 and up to and including May 29, 2015.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing **May 20, 2015.** The proposed bylaw can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and by selecting the Galiano Island LTC Projects & Initiatives webpage: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/projects-initiatives.aspx>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 prior to **4:30 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2015**
- By email to vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca.
- After **4:30 p.m., May 29, 2015**, to the Local Trust Committee at the Community Information Meeting & Public Hearing at **12:30 pm, Monday, June 1, 2015.**

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

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

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

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

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CHORAL WORKSHOP

Renowned conductor to lead Salt Spring workshops

Order of Canada recipient visits
June 5 & 6

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring choristers and choral conductors will have a rare opportunity to improve their skills under the guidance of a master when the legendary Iwan Edwards visits ArtSpring for two days of intensive workshops on June 5 and 6.

Edwards has specialized in choral conducting for nearly five decades, building an international reputation as a conductor, adjudicator, clinician and teacher. Among his achievements, he directed the chorus of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for 21 years, earning a Grammy award and two Juno awards for its recordings. He was also an associate professor and chair of the choral department at McGill University. Honours received for his work include the Order of Canada for outstanding achievements in the arts in 1995 and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002.

Though he's now only a couple of years short of 80 and officially retired last November, Edwards is not

the type of person to slow down. His profound knowledge and passion for choral singing is achieving a wider reach than ever with his direct work in community settings.

As Edwards notes, an "amateur" is by definition a "lover of" something, and although he has worked with some of the nation's top professionals, he has an abiding fondness for those who just love to sing.

"They come with an enormous amount of energy, an enormous amount of commitment, and an enormous amount of love for the art that they love to share with each other. And if I'm lucky enough, they share it with me too," Edwards said during a call from his home in Montreal.

If interest in choral singing and community choirs seems to be enjoying an all-time high, Edwards believes that only happens when it's needed. For example, music programs are disappearing from the school system in his home province, but community groups are rising up to fill the gap.

"I suspect Canada has more choirs per capita than anywhere else — and they're all meeting different needs," Edwards said. "Singing for me is a natu-



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Choral master Iwan Edwards will give two days of workshops at ArtSpring for choral singers and conductors on June 5 and 6.

ral activity — it's as natural as speaking is. I think people see it that way or feel it that way, and form groups where they can do it together."

Though credited for founding as well as directing prestigious groups

such as the St. Lawrence Choir, the F.A.C.E. Treble Choir and the Canadian Chamber Choir, Edwards said he never initiated any of the ideas himself, only responded to others' requests for help. Similarly, he joined the MSO

and McGill's teaching staff at the invitation of those organizations because they wanted his expertise, not because he was applying for a job.

"That's the story of my life. If anyone comes to me and asks me to create a choir, I can't say no," Edwards said. It turns out he also can't say no to teaching community workshops.

"They feel that with the experience that I've had — over 60 years by this time — that I can help them in some way," Edwards explained, with considerable modesty. "I'm also anxious to share my experience with young conductors who are starting out."

Edwards' reputation for bringing out the best from community groups is based on his practice of assessing needs and then trying his best to respond to them, without bringing any personal agenda into the mix. He also spends a lot of time preparing the music and the text, making the music come to life for singers by bringing it off the page.

"Everyone has an imagination and I think that's a very important part of performance, especially where singers are concerned," he said. "That's the type of music I am really interested

in and have advocated for several years now. I try to make sure the singers are emotionally and spiritually and physically involved in what they're doing and not just going through the motions."

As for his work with choir conductors, Edwards said, "I feel they should always challenge their choir, but do it on a realistic level — never try to do something that is beyond their ability in that point in time. The conductor should have an idea of where he would like to take them eventually, but has to find their pace."

The ArtSpring sessions have been arranged to start with conductors' workshops with space for six participants from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The conductors will then receive coaching while working with choral participants from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Then from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., the singers will work with Edwards on selected repertoire.

Friday, June 5 is open to soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers, while Saturday, June 6 will be reserved for female voices. Enrollment for both days is encouraged when possible. Visit the ArtSpring box office or tickets/artspring.ca to register.

SUMMER FESTIVALS

Music and Garlic Fest promo begins

Aug. 8-9 at
Musgrave's
Paradise Farm

Plans are solidifying for the 1st Annual Salt Spring Garlic & Music Festival, set for Aug. 8-9 at Paradise Farm on the south end of the island.

Music acts range from headliner Chilliwack to Vancouver favourites The Boom Booms to Juno award-winning Shari Ulrich, Rick Scott, Roy Forbes, Joel Fafard and more.

Genres include rock 'n' roll, jazz, indie rock, funk, rhythm and blues, folk, African beat, Motown, bluegrass and gospel.

Festival founder Neale Smith says with great music, an array of

food vendors and support from local farmers and growers, two days of incredible entertainment and "garlicky good fun" has been put together.

"Festival planning has been in the works for over a year, so we've attracted amazing talent and booked a wonderful line-up. We think we've struck the right balance for music and food lovers looking for a rural, island experience that includes good vibes, great tastes and the opportunity to enjoy a spectacular setting during this daytime, family-fun event."

More than two dozen farm vendors will be on site selling organic produce, including several varieties of locally produced Salt Spring garlic. Local garlic guru



PHOTO COURTESY THE BOOM BOOMS

Vancouver act The Boom Booms will be on stage at the 1st Annual Salt Spring Garlic & Music Festival in August.

Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds is one of them.

"Garlic has a persona that's potent for a lot of people," he said. "It's one of those things that you love or hate; it's the most amazing combo of food and medicine that enlivens any meal.

We're looking forward to a great experience at the festival."

Paradise Farm is located at 255 Musgrave Rd. Information and festival tickets are available through www.saltspringgarlicfestival.com.

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MULTIMEDIA ARTS

Art and music combine forces in slide show evening

David Wisdom fundraiser supports arts council

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A unique form of multimedia art that has won over sold-out audiences in Vancouver over the past five years will find its own island flavour during a special event supporting the Salt Spring Arts Council this weekend at Mahon Hall.

On Saturday, May 30, David Wisdom presents *Get the Picture, Name that Tune*, featuring two activities the long-time CBC radio host used to enjoy as a young man: showing slides of art and photographs set to music, and quizzing friends on their musical knowledge with help from his record player.

"I've been doing roughly the same thing since the '60s," Wisdom said about his abiding love of slide shows, which has transferred into acclaimed and popular events at the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Simon Fraser University Gallery and the PuSh Festival in recent years.

"I got waylaid by the radio business and having kids, so I gave it up for around 30 years. Then

when I parted ways with the CBC I wanted to do it again, but with a higher profile," he explained.

Wisdom retired from radio in 2007 and he and his wife, the artist Connie Kuhns, have now lived on Salt Spring for two and a half years. Though he's widely known as the host of innovative music shows such as *Nightlines* and *RadioSonic*, Wisdom was a photographer first, and belonged to the circle of friends and artists who have been dubbed the Vancouver School outside that city. Its members include some of Canada's most famous artists today such as Jeff Wall, Rodney Graham and Ian Wallace.

Wisdom's pictures of Vancouver in the 1970s were exhibited at the Teck Gallery and he currently has an exhibition showing at The Equinox Gallery in Vancouver, but he doesn't identify as a traditional photographer. At the same time, his "slide shows," — the sets of images he collects and sets to music — are more deeply considered than that casual term suggests.

"They are projected images, not on paper," he noted. "They make sense in the sequencing — the body of work is greater than the individual image. They're supposed to have



David Wisdom's 1971 photograph Craven A Store - Marpole is an example from his huge body of work, images from which will appear in a May 30 slide show fundraiser for the Salt Spring Arts Council.

a context, or a theme, and they do. And some of the pieces have had great success."

Shows Wisdom has created in the past include one very popular piece on 45 years of history of the P.N.E. — an exhibition, he said, where strippers and two-headed babies used to be more prevalent than hot tub salesman. Another

show has centered on public art in Vancouver and elsewhere. Wisdom will use the template for a Salt Spring-specific set.

Other images that will probably appear are a series on Canada's "biggest" things that Wisdom took on a road trip with his son Nick just a few weeks ago, with items like Sudbury's giant nickel on

the list. And Salt Springers might even find themselves on the screen: Wisdom has been taking lots of photos around town.

Wisdom's events usually culminate in some type of musical performance, but this time the audience will be under the spotlight as they compete for some choice prizes. After an hour or so of slides, including

shows by Kuhns and other local artists, the evening will culminate in a round of skill-testing music trivia of late 20th century tunes.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7). Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books and the Salt Spring Arts Council office at the back of Mahon Hall. A cash bar and nibbles will be available.

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Wed. May 27 **Thur. May 28** **Fri. May 29** **Sat. May 30** **Sat. May 30** **Sun. May 31** **Tues. June 2**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Edwin Coppard. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
GISS Dance Show. New choreography from GISS dancers at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Free Hearing Screening Day. Free tests courtesy of NexGen Hearing at Country Grocer. Phone 1-778-353-3012 to schedule a time. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Alzheimer's Program. Alzheimer Society community education program with Marg Monro. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 2 p.m.

Screening Mammography Mobile Program. In the back lot of Lady Minto Hospital. 1-800-663-9203 for appointments for women aged 40 or older.
Sanford Osler Book Launch. Join BC author and paddler Sanford Osler for a reading from his book, *Canoe Crossings: Understanding the Craft That Helped Shape British Columbia*. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 5:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Garden Club. Linda Gilkeson presents Resilient Gardens for a Changing Climate. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.
Classic Rock BingoJam. Wednesdays at Moby's Pub through June 17. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Chamigos. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
GISS Dance Show. See Thursday's listing. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Mic with Ross and Dave. Everyone welcome. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Monthly Book Club At The Library. This month's pick is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.
National Theatre Live: Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life in a thrilling new stage adaptation. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows.

Screening Mammography Mobile Program. See Wednesday's listing.

ACTIVITIES
Local Art Apparel Line Launch Reception. Join artist Claire Robertson and others involved with new Salt Spring designed and produced apparel at Mout's Clothing. 5 to 7 p.m.
Games Night. At the Salt Spring Library beginning at 6 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Costners. Live music, plus free apples 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 at Fernwood Road Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Carolyn Mark, Geoff Berner and Kris Demeanor. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Ange Hehr. Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Screening Mammography Mobile Program. See Wednesday's listing.
Salt Spring Water Council AGM & POLIS Presentation. Annual general meeting and a POLIS presentation on the Future of B.C.'s Water: Ensuring the Province Gets its Water Laws Right. The Fritz Theatre. 10:30 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 of Salt Spring Vineyards. Sit out, sip and listen to local musicians. 4 to 7 p.m.
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Barley Bros. Every Saturday at The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Brothers - Unplugged. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Crikey Mor. Traditional Celtic music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Saturday Market. Famous market event with all items made, baked or grown by Salt Spring residents. Centennial Park. 8 to 4 p.m.
Ruckle Park 11K Race. A Salt Spring Trail Runners event at Ruckle Provincial Park. Race registration begins at 10 a.m., the kids' race launches at 10:30, and the main event kicks off at 11.

Farm Dinner Series: Golden Tree Farm. Vegetarian dinner benefits the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance. 5 p.m. Advance ticket only from Anne Macey at 250-537-5511 or annemacey@shaw.ca.
Legion Trivia Night. Lots of great prizes. Free to members and their guests. Royal Canadian Legion. 7 p.m.
Clean Energy: From Alternative to Mainstream. Ross Beaty, Executive Chairman of Alterra Power Corp, joins the Salt Spring Forum to discuss clean energy. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
David Wisdom Presents: Get the Picture, Name That Tune. An art slide show and music quiz fundraiser for the Salt Spring Arts Council. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Shake it for the Quake Fundraiser. Help victims of the Nepal earthquake with dance music, snacks, a visual light show and photography presentation. Family-friendly alcohol-free event at Fulford Hall. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ACTIVITIES
JJ and Donovan Fox. Live music at Salt Spring Inn. 6 to 9 p.m.
Vaughn Fulford. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Unitarian Fellowship. Potluck Sunday. Visitors, children, all are welcome. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 10:30 a.m.
Appeal for Bells, Bodies Hearts and Minds. Event to mark the closing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Ottawa. Salt Spring Island United Church. 11:30 a.m.
Writing Alone Together Retreat. An afternoon of creative sustenance and self-care at The Centre for Loving Inquiry with Ahava Shira, ideal for mothers and daughters. Butterstone Farm. 12 to 5 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Pre-race Triathlon Clinic. Marcia Jansen leads session on the ins and outs of the Father's Day triathlon. Rainbow Road Pool. 9:30 a.m. Bring questions, bike and running shoes. Info: 250-537-1402.

ACTIVITIES
Open Stage with David Jacquest. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

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Midsummer Pleasures Music & Munch Recital. Soprano Manya Sadouski and pianist Jane Edler-Davis perform at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
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EXHIBITIONS

- The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Road re-opens this month with two distinct bodies of work in black and white. The upper gallery features prints by **George Wallace**, titled *Relation*, while the lower space will exhibit drawings in a show called *CRUDE* by **Gillian McConnell**. A reception is set for Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. Open by appointment most days.
- Pegasus Gallery** presents historic **Sampson-Matthews** prints and gallery owner lan Sigvaldason's related book called *Art for War and Peace*.

- Coast to Coast** — an exhibition featuring work by **Jade Boyd, Robert Potter** and **Janis Woode** — runs at **Gallery 8** through June 8.
- Shera Street** is a guest exhibitor at **Salt Spring Gallery** with **For the Love of Colour**, running until June 11.
- 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.
- Looking Up** is an exhibit of photography by **Bill Underwood** & artwork by **Suzanne Prendergast** showing in the ArtSpring lobby in the month of May.
- 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 Imppe's** oil paintings are on display at **Island Savings**.

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FINE ART

The Point Gallery reopens its doors



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Artist Mark Wallace with some of his prints.

Mark Wallace and Gillian McConnell at first exhibit

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The upper gallery is featuring prints by George Wallace, titled *Relation*, while the lower space will exhibit drawings in a show called *CRUDE* by Gillian McConnell.

A reception is set for Sun-

day, May 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is at the corner of South Ridge and Beaver Point roads, with the entrance on South Ridge.

Wallace's exhibit consists of 40 prints from a lifetime of work.

"In 1954, Wallace began exploring and drawing the strange tortured landscape of the St. Austell clay pits in Cornwall," explains a release from The Point Gallery's Margaret Day. "The memory of this place, the washed-out land, exposed boulders and

contorted horizon would continue to resonate through his imagery for the next 50 years as he established himself as an artist and academic in Canada. Over time the landscape imagery, absorbed and modified, became an active creative force, which provided the groundwork for an exploration of relationships that would carry him through to the end of his life in 2009. He never went back to St. Austell.

"In 2011 the National Gallery in Ottawa purchased 14 etchings from the St. Austell Revisited series for their permanent collection. This year his son, Salt Spring shipwright Mark Wallace, goes to Cornwall and the Tate St. Ives to see the director and discuss just how his father's work fits into the extraordinary creative surge that happened in Cornwall in the 1950s, producing some of Britain's foremost artists of the 20th century and leading to the establishment of this satellite of the Tate Gallery in 1993."

It is the fourth time the gallery has been privileged to show George Wallace's work. McConnell exhibits 60 drawings from a series of 100 subtitled *Carbon Credits*. Because she is so busy

this year with the Salt Spring National Art Prize event of the Salt Spring Arts Council, to keep up her art practice the decision was made to keep the approach simple.

"Colour would be eliminated, size would remain the same and the approach would be purely intuitive, the imagery abstract. The result is a powerful series of sequentially numbered paintings on paper documenting a five-month journey in black, white and grey — a sometimes bumpy, sometimes smooth ride, with a few rest stops — a road trip of discovery and release. The discipline of resolving each 'journal entry' before moving on to the next reveals the many roads taken, with all the details of a route traced on a topographical map."

The title references the pigment used and is a commentary on the artist's belief that carbon credits are in fact a licence to pollute, packaged as a corporate commodity, traded on the global market and promoted as progress.

The Point Gallery is a privately funded alternate gallery open most days by appointment. Phone 250-653-0089 or email pointgallery@telus.net.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Midsummer airs at soprano recital

Manya Sadouski performs with Jane Edler-Davis



MANYA SADOUSKI

The fragrance of roses; the call of larks; the caress of soft breezes and the ardor of lovers: Soprano Manya Sadouski and pianist Jane Edler-Davis will evoke the season's spirit of abundance, enchantment and sensuality with a program called *Midsummer Pleasures at Music and Munch* on Wednesday, June 3.

Music from the folk, opera, art song and musical theatre genres will make up the program that begins at All Saints By-the-Sea church beginning at 12:10 p.m.

Sadouski is a soprano living on Salt Spring who is also a family

physician with a practice on the island. She studied piano, violin and choral singing until the demands of her profession pushed these into the background.

She has resumed her musical pursuits in the last few years, studying singing with local teachers and at workshops. Salt Spring audiences may recognize her from soloist roles with the Salt Spring Chamber Choir and Orchestra, Salt Spring Singers and as an ensemble member

with the Winter Light recitals at Music and Munch.

Edler-Davis is a Victoria-based freelance accompanist who graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree (organ) from UVic, and a teaching diploma (in organ) from the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. She was a coach and accompanist for instrumentalists at the Brucknerkonservatorium in Linz until her return to Victoria.

Her passion has always been for

accompanying. She currently plays for Capriccio Vocal Ensemble, the Linden Singers and choral programs at St. Michael's University School. She also regularly performs with Wendy Stofer in the piano duo Klavierhands.

While music is free, an optional light lunch is provided by the Anglican Caterers immediately following the concert. Lunch tickets are purchased before the concert begins.

FUNDRAISER

School group holds fun evening for adults

ArtSpring's the spot for June 5 gala

The Centre School's 2015 Gala and Auction aims to be a fun and lively fundraiser, highlighting the strong support and talents of local artisans and business owners.

"Local chefs will astound your taste-buds with a four-course menu of small bites,

infused with locally grown delicacies," states a press release from Salt Spring Centre School. "Top it off with your choice from an array of lovingly donated decadent desserts, and also from a selection of fine regional wine and beer."

A generous community has ensured ample live and silent auction offerings ranging from homemade socks to luxury B&B packages. A fun photo

booth, specialty baked goods raffle and a ring toss game with fine wine winnings will also be set up.

During and after the auction and games, attendees will be enticed to dance the night away with José Sanchez and his Cuban Party.

The for-adults event runs on Friday, June 5 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Tickets are available at Salt

Spring Books, Mistaken Identity, Auntie Pesto's, Stuff n' Nonsense and the Centre School.

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GIRL GUIDES

Island girls flex their wings with Guiding ceremony



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Salt Spring Guiding members pose during a Fly Up ceremony held on May 21. From left are former Ranger Anna Rithaler and Pathfinders Kachina Small Wolf, Maddison Wesley-Plambeck, Hope Caldwell and Sophia Fava.

New members welcome

BY GAIL TEMMEL
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Thursday, May 21 was the date of this year's Fly Up ceremony for the Salt Spring Island Girl Guides. The event took place under the spreading branches of the coronation oak tree at Salt Spring Elementary — a fitting setting as our current queen was a Brownie and a Guide and the patron of Girl Guides for many years.

Our audience of parents and special guests watched as five Sparks, six Brownies, and four Guides received awards and advanced to the next level of guiding. Older readers may remember that as Brownies, girls

had to earn their “wings” to “fly up” to Guides—which is where the term “fly up” comes from.

The event marked a very special presentation for Sophia Fava, Kachina Small Wolf and Maddison Wesley-Plambeck, three young ladies who had achieved the highest level in their Pathfinder unit in earning their Canada Cord. This award comprises multiple components. Along with completing all the program work, the girls earned their citizenship certificate and their service pin. They were awarded with their Canada Cord pin, a special certificate signed by the provincial guiding commissioner and a letter of commendation from Prime Minister Ste-

phen Harper.

Previous Salt Spring Ranger Anna Rithaler was back to visit after completing her first year at Vancouver Island University, with the help of two scholarships from Girl Guides.

We thank all the parents for their continued support, Salt Spring Elementary School for giving us meeting space, and our girls and Guiders who make it so worth while. We are lacking leaders for Sparks for September so please give us a call at 250-653-4613 if you would like to become a member of our Guiding family.

The author is deputy commissioner of the Girl Guides of Canada's Water Edge District.

AUTHOR VISIT

Canoe Crossings writer Sanford Osler reads at library

Illustrated talk tonight (May 27)

B.C. author and paddler Sanford Osler visits Salt Spring tonight (Wednesday, May 27) to provide an illustrated talk and

reading from his recent book, *Canoe Crossings: Understanding the Craft That Helped Shape British Columbia*.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Salt Spring library program room, the Deep Cove author will share

his passion for the canoe in our province's history, which began at a young age.

“This interest led him to obtain an MA from the University of British Columbia and collect information over several

years, recently becoming the book *Canoe Crossings*,” states a press release from the library.

Canoe Crossings traces the evolution of the various types of canoes (broadly defined to include kayaks and drag-

on boats) found in B.C. from their first appearance to the present, and looks at the impact they have had on the province and its people.

Osler's illustrated talk will appeal to anyone who has ever sought adven-

ture, found solace, or seen beauty in a canoe.

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CHARITY

SSI Foundation awards announced

Spring grants support a wide range of projects

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is pleased to announce over \$100,000 in grants to 13 island charitable organizations. The projects funded this spring address many important community priorities, including services for children, youth and seniors, mental health, housing, the environment and the preservation of Salt Spring's history and cultural heritage.

As part of its Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative, the foundation has established funds to target critical needs and help grow philanthropy on Salt Spring. This spring, our Smart & Caring funds have been granted to projects that support affordable housing, mental health and volunteerism.

Fulford Community Hall Association

• For overall maintenance and to refresh the curbside look of this important heritage building, which hosts a broad range of community activities.

Greenwoods Eldercare Society

• To fund a family liaison pilot project to explore and share new ways to bring efficiency and effectiveness to the way families are supported as they navigate the world of a complex-care facility for seniors.

Island Pathways

• For two sections of the Ganges Village Pathway Net-

work, which promotes safe, non-motorized transportation on Salt Spring Island: a new pathway from Rainbow Road to Atkins Road, and two pathways on Upper Ganges Road.

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

• For updating the 2009 Housing Survey. This is in accordance with IWAV's new strategic goal of demonstrating leadership in the provision of affordable housing and in encouraging collaboration and partnerships among housing providers. This grant is funded through the Foundation's Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative.

Japanese Garden Society of SSI

• Toward the restoration of two pit kilns in Mout Regional Park, built in the 1920s to make charcoal that was sold to canneries for the process of soldering cans. The pit kilns will become a heritage site of educational value to tourists and residents.

Salt Spring Arts Council

• Toward the repair of the stairs and front entrance of Mahon Hall, unused for many years due to wood rot. The repairs will benefit hall visibility and accessibility and make it more attractive to visitors.

Salt Spring Farmers' Heritage Foundation

• To improve the safety and accessibility of the historically significant Bittan-court Agricultural Museum. Improvements will include

a new path to the entrance, an extension of the existing ramp for easier wheelchair accessibility, and fencing to separate the pedestrian area from the parking area.

Salt Spring Island Community Services

• For Core Inn programming for youth in grades 6 to 12. The centre is the only such facility on the island and serves a critical need.

• To provide support for a final hard-copy edition of the SSICS Community Directory.

• For the Yellow Submarine/New Beginnings programs, which support people with mental illness and/or addiction issues, providing vocational rehabilitation, employment mentorships and work opportunities. This is the third year of a multi-year grant.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy

• For expansion of the solar voltaic system on the roof of the multi-use facility at Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. With the addition of the new panels, 43 per cent of the building's energy use will be offset. This grant is partially funded by the Jacqueline Booth Memorial Fund.

Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society

• Toward a citizen-science field study to monitor and evaluate water quality in Blackburn Lake, which is a critical part of the Cusheon Lake watershed. This grant is funded through the Foundation's Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative.

Salt Spring Literacy Society

• To support the One-to-One Reading pilot project in four island schools. Run by volunteers, this program aims to provide early intervention for children with reading difficulties.

Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association

• For the purchase of three new saddles. The association assists physically, mentally or emotionally challenged children, youth and adults. This grant is funded through the Foundation's Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative.

School District #64

• For matching funds toward the replacement of the 21-year-old GISS gymnasium scoreboard. A high-calibre scoreboard is vital for competitive sports, which involve close to 200 student athletes, and for hosting league tournaments that attract off-island teams.

• To support district library resources for a new K-12 sexual health education program.

Are you a Salt Spring registered charity working to make life on the island better for someone, somewhere? Got a great project but short of funds? Our next grants will be given this fall, so if you'd like to know more about how we can help you as we've helped dozens of local charities since 1984, please go to our website at www.saltspringislandfoundation.org or call 250-537-8305.

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FUNDRAISER

GISS students raise funds for Vanuatu

Education for five students

BY JENNA ASTON
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Gulf Islands Secondary School students are reaching out to their peers across the Pacific Ocean with a fundraising campaign to aid students on the island of Tanna, Vanuatu.

On March 14, Vanuatu was hit by a devastating cyclone. The country has a population of around 250,000 people scattered over 83 islands. Winds of up to 270 kilometres per hour flattened much of the country. The damage is devastating, and people are left without shelter, water and food.

The GISS Global Initiatives Club has a special connection to the hard-hit island of Tanna, in South Vanuatu. As a club, we have fundraised to support the education of five secondary school students. Full sponsorship (including tuition, food and board) costs around \$550 per student per year.

These children all have excellent

We believe that education is a long-term and sustainable solution for the country, and will result in the progress of the nation.

academic records and were in the unfortunate circumstances of not being able to afford school on their own. With a little help from the Global Initiatives Club (and the generous donors), they are now able to attend secondary school. Most notably, a student sponsored by the club named Victor Willy has recently graduated high school.

With the recent natural disaster, people are in dire circumstances on the island of Tanna. The majority of

the population of Tanna Island — around 30,000 people — make their living as gardeners and by selling their produce at local markets. With crops, houses and most of their already limited infrastructure flattened by the cyclone, most of the population will be focused on picking themselves up and rebuilding their lives. Education will likely take a back seat to the more pressing issues. This fact is driving our efforts. We believe that education is a long-term and sustainable solution for the country, and will result in the progress of the nation.

If everyone on Salt Spring Island donated just \$1 to the education of Tannese children, this would be enough money to fully sponsor the education of a student for twenty years. Donate today in the GISS office, or stop by the Global Initiatives bulletin board to see what we've been up to!

Contact Jenna Aston at jennaonssi@gmail.com for more information.

THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF SALT SPRING ISLAND will be conducting repairs and upgrades to the boat ramp at Centennial Park commencing 15 May, with work expected to be completed by 21 June. Throughout this time frame there will be periods that the boat ramp will be unavailable for use. Specific periods of closure will be available at the Harbour Office (250-537-5711) when they are provided by the contractor.



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CYCLING

Island celebrates 4th Bike to Work Week



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A celebration station thank you list outside the islands Trust office.

Bike to Work Week participants and supporters, including Islands Trust trustee Peter Grove and CRD director Wayne McIntyre join Island Pathways volunteers at a Tuesday morning "celebration station" hosted by the Islands Trust.

PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Local politicians voice support

BY JAN SLAKOV
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

For the first time on Salt Spring the Islands Trust hosted a "Celebration Station" as part of its involvement in Bike to Work

Week events, held annually in many communities across the province.

Trustee Peter Grove is "very pleased that the local Islands Trust office is supporting Bike to Work Week. Planner Seth Wright has taken the initiative and we are proud of him."

CRD Director Wayne McIntyre likewise congratulates "all

involved in the Bike to Work Week. A tip of the helmet to Trust staff for their exemplary participation. Watch the CRD roll next year..."

As in previous years, the Islands Trust has had teams in a few locations participating in Bike to Work Week. The Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola Trust offices have a friendly competi-

tion going to try to outdo each other in their participation rates. Other workplaces with different sites or branches challenge each other during Bike to Work Week, but the Trust has taken this competition one step further.

They have a cup which the winning office hosts until it loses that right and the winner is determined by taking into account factors such as numbers of employees and different forms of sensible, low impact transportation. For instance, those who cycle to and from work earn three points for their team, while those who carpool earn one. Right now the cup is on display in the Salt Spring office. The big question is, will the cup remain on Salt Spring after Bike to Work Week is over on May 31?

CELEBRATION

Musicians throw party for Elizabeth May

Everyone welcome on June 6

Salt Spring Islanders are showing their Member of Parliament some love with a birthday party set for Saturday, June 6 at Fulford Hall.

Sue Sheane, one of the organizers, said the event will be a finger-food potluck beginning at 4 p.m., along with a cash bar.

Musicians so far set to honour Elizabeth May are Wesley Hardisty, Bill Henderson, Valdy, Sue Newman and

Phoenix Lazarre. May will also conduct a fundraising Dutch auction and a donation jar will be at the door to cover the party costs.

"But most of all, this is a celebratory event for Elizabeth, and an opportunity for Salt Spring Islanders to meet

and speak with her as well as to socialize with each other," said Sheane. While May has to catch the 7:50 p.m. ferry from Fulford, guests may choose to stay longer at the party.

For more information, call Tom Mitchell at 250-653-4353 or Sheane at 778-354-4247.

COMMUNITY

SWOVA welcomes new face

Lynda Laushway retires

Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) is pleased to welcome Angela McIntyre to the team as executive director.

McIntyre recently returned to Canada after having lived and worked in Africa since 1993. According to a press release, she comes with over 20 years' experience in international development, including program development, project management and research for policy and advocacy.

Her work spans a broad range of themes, including international peacekeeping, children in armed conflict, public health and food security. She has worked directly

with communities as well as governments and international organizations in helping to create political space and give voices to some of the world's most vulnerable and marginalized people.

McIntyre's achievements include leading the Interact-Children in Armed Conflict research project at South Africa's Institute for Security Studies, creating oral history projects on the Angolan civil war and South Africa's devastating HIV epidemic and raising substantial funds for the establishment of care centres for survivors of sexual violence in South Africa.

Currently, she is finishing a PhD focusing on food justice, based on community-level research in South Africa's former homelands (native reservations).

McIntyre says about her work, "The roots of social injustice run deep and connect us all, whether we live in the north or the south and structural violence dehumanizes us all, whether we are rich or poor."

"She brings a rich variety of experiences and insights to the organization and we are excited about working with Angela and moving SWOVA forward in new and interesting ways," said SWOVA's administrator and librarian Megan Manning.

Lynda Laushway, founding member and executive director of SWOVA for the last 20 years, retired at the end of March. The SWOVA board has requested that Laushway return to assist McIntyre in learning about all of the organization's programs, the community and how to support its members.



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EDUCATION

Tips to prepare for kindergarten

Checklist prepared by principal

BY CAROL BREMNER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

All of us want our children to have the very best possible experience in kindergarten. This is the time of year that parents are asking "How can I help my child be ready for kindergarten?" After talking with several kindergarten teachers, I have compiled this small but mighty practical checklist that can help you prepare your child (and yourself) for kindergarten.

Social/Emotional Development

Encourage your child not to give up when trying something new. Help her to think of ways to problem solve an unfamiliar task and allow time to experiment with possible solutions. When your child needs help, teach her to ask by "using her words" and help her to ask before she is frustrated or upset. Play simple board games or card games to develop the understanding of taking turns. Use play dates to help develop sharing skills. Encourage your child to stay with a trusted adult for a few hours once or twice a week.

Physical Readiness

Help develop your child's independence in the area of bathroom needs. This includes not waiting too long before going, learning how to wipe, closing the door and being able to pull clothing up and down. Teach your boy either to lift the seat, pee sitting down or how to wipe off a soiled toilet seat. Beyond bathroom independence, encourage your child to dress himself and work buttons and zippers.

Literacy and Numeracy Development

Read daily with your child, then allow him to retell the story using words like beginning, middle and end. Encourage your child to formulate questions about the story, make predictions, and make connections between the story and his own world. If your child is interested in printing teach him lower-case letters.

Use informal reading and counting activities in everyday life to develop an interest and understanding of these skills. Offer many opportunities for your child to draw, use paints, crayons and markers. Encourage him to draw things in his surroundings and in his imagination.

Enrol Early

Decide before summer where you want to enrol your child for kindergarten. Look for a school that ensures small class size. You want your child to be seen and heard, not lost in the hustle and bustle of a big group. Ask about a personalized education plan for your child. Not all schools are able to provide this. We are fortunate at the Centre School to have a kindergarten teacher who is gifted in meeting your child's individual needs.

Once you have enrolled your child ask if you can visit the school often. We have weekly Wednesday morning walks on our 70 acres of woodland where potential students and families can join in, making friendships and connections. Talk about kindergarten often, with excitement.

Develop routines around bedtime, waking up, and meal times. These routines will help your child be mentally ready to navigate the new world of school, playground and friends. Routines also help with self regulation. Your child is learning what her body needs and how she can help herself when she is tired, hungry or frustrated.

The writer is the principal at Salt Spring Centre School.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CELEBRATE: Queer as Funk percussionist Sally Zori steps up with singer Jocelyn Macdougall to offer supporting vocals and funky moves at a sold-out fundraiser for Pride 2015 held at Fulford Hall on Saturday.

PERSONAL GROWTH

Women invited to writing retreat

Workshop with Ahava Shira of Centre for Loving Inquiry



Ahava Shira

For women seeking inspiration and support to put words to the page, Ahava Shira is offering an afternoon of creative sustenance and self-care in celebration of mothers and daughters.

The writing retreat runs this Sunday, May 31 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Butterstone Farm.

Co-author of *Writing Alone Together: Journaling in a Circle of*

Women for Creativity, Compassion and Connection (with island writers Wendy Judith Cutler and Lynda Monk), Shira has been writing in a journal for 28 years. She has lived by this practice and sees it as one of the most nourishing and supportive things people can do in this time when they are so tied to their laptops and iPhones.

"Anyone can learn to quiet the noise, turn inward and take care of ourselves with words," Shira said.

"And more, we can learn how to find joy, and a deep reverence for life. Writing allows us to honour and celebrate all of it, the joy and the sorrow, the struggle and the happy times."

During the upcoming afternoon retreat, participants are invited to listen within, open to their authentic voices on the page, value their personal stories and engage in the telling or shaping of their life's journey. Using the four practices of "Writing Freely, Reading Aloud, Listening Deeply and Bearing Witness," Shira says she leads the group with tender and supportive energy while inspiring participants to learn new ways of connecting to themselves and each other through journaling.

"It is a safe and nurturing space in which participants also learn to use writing as a tool to recognize what is most important to them, cope better with life's pressures and challenges, and claim the power of their creativity," Shira said.

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For information or to register, visit www.lovinginquiry.com or call Shira at 250-537-8767.

Two other retreats are scheduled for June 28 and Sept. 20 this year.

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Born in England and raised on the West Coast, Robin is an internationally recognized visual/performance artist and teacher active in Canada, England, France and Germany.

After retiring as Professor of Art in Munich, Robin and his late wife Carol returned to Canada. He spent his last 9 years on Salt Spring with daughter Rachel and son in-law Thomas.

His prolific artistic output, comic spirit and influential legacy can be fully appreciated by a visit to his website. www.bluebeardvenue.com

Robin is deeply missed and survived by Rachel & Thomas, brothers Dan & Jonathan, sister Rosemary and their families.

We are forever grateful to Dr. Shane Barclay and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their excellent care and compassion. Many thanks to our neighbours Dave & Laurie, Bill & Helen, Chris & Brenda for their support, and to the SSI community for many kindnesses to Robin and our family over the years.

No service by request, an online memorial will be held on his website this weekend May 30-31.

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It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt, Vanda Winstone. She was always the life of the party and treasured very much by her friends Anne, Janet and Tina.

She was born in Gloucester on April 10th 1931 and left us May 13 2015. At the age of 4, she was placed in an orphanage until her teens. She later married and had a son, Stephan.

She tenaciously studied to become a hairdresser and eventually owned her own salon in Winchester. She emigrated to Canada in 1981 with her late second husband Reg where she lived until her passing on Salt Spring.

She will always be remembered for her elegance and class.

A warm thank you to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and at Greenwoods for their love and caring. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary would be welcomed.

A celebration of life will be held at Croftonbrook Hall on June 6th, from 1pm to 3pm.

William Richard (Dick) Pattinson
November 20, 1915 - May 21, 2015

We are saddened to announce the passing of Dick Pattinson on May 21, 2015. Dick was born in Burnaby, B.C on November 20, 1915. He was raised in Burnaby and trained as a radio technician. In 1940 he married Christina Royal in Ottawa. After the war, the couple moved to Alert Bay where he worked as a radio technician on fishing boats and in logging camps for the next 30+ years. During that time he learned to fly and bought his own float plane in order to serve his customers better, as well as his sense of adventure.

In 1977, Dick and Chris chose Salt Spring Island as their retirement home. Here, Dick continued to follow his interest in radios, enjoying the activities and friendships in the local ham radio club. Here too, he started sailing. In 1983 he began his annual adventure-sailing around Vancouver Island. He had so much fun that he did it again, and again. Fourteen times in total, usually leaving in June and returning about 30 days later.

He will be sorely missed by family, radio and sailing club members and the many friends, acquaintances and people he touched over almost 100 years along the B.C. Coast. Dick was a sailor, adventurer, businessman, radio communication expert, innovator, seaplane pilot, explorer and a gentleman. He was truly one of a kind and led a long, healthy, vibrant life that set an outstanding example for all of us.

He was a loving husband and father. Predeceased by Christina, his wife of 68 years and survived by his children Jane, Howard and Alan and four grandsons.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, May 31, 2015. Donations to Lady Minto Hospital in lieu of flowers.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday June 6
12:30 pm, 265 Blackburn Road
Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve

Members will be asked to vote on the following resolution, to amend section 46 of the bylaws to add the following to comply with Environment Canada requirements:

(3) Where the Society holds one or more interests in land that are certified as ecological gifts under the Canadian Ecological Gifts Program, the Society, consistent with the constitution,

(a) may dispose of such interests in land only to eligible Ecological Gifts Program recipients that are also qualified donees as defined by the Income Tax Act at the time of gift; and

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Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island

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DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Ideally, you have 2 years leadership experience in a similar role plus Master's Degree in Social Work or Counselling and maintain registration with the related professional association such as the Canadian Association of Social Workers CASW or the BC Association of Clinical Counsellors BCACC.

Questions? Please contact Echo Kulpas, Coordinator, Access & Crisis Services, MHSU - Email: Echo.Kulpas@viha.ca or call: phone: 250-370-8111 ext 32451

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY:

Visit our website: www.viha.ca/careers - Select Public Job Postings and do Quick Search by Category: **Social Work, Counseling & Psychology** - Job Title: Salt Spring Island Integrated Mental Health & Substance Use Services Team Lead (#32007)



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This Week's Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

Communications, education, disseminating information, neighbors, siblings and short distance travel are all themes and characteristics linked to Gemini. In the deeper respects of the sign, Gemini is symbolically linked to perceptions. Woven within our perceptions is intrinsic levels of subjectivity. In fact, pure objectivity is actually not possible. It has even been proven that our very perceptions change what we are observing. It has also been clearly proven that all people are biased in some way and that all perceptions, even when involved in closely controlled scientific experiments, is selective even if only in small degrees. It may even be said that in an absolute sense objective reality is a subjective illusion we share. The perceptual/experiential reality of planets in retrograde reveals that our perceptions are not limited to our conscious mind. Our subconscious mind which comprises the bulk of our consciousness, as in the submerged portion of an iceberg, contributes to our perceptions as well; in fact the influences are very strong. When interpreting a Natal Chart which hosts retrograde planets, we learn that they produce a pervasive tendency in our personality. Currently, Mercury is retrograde. This natural phenomenon occurs three times per year and for about 3 weeks each time. How any planetary activity 'influences' people, is relative. While we all share the same planet, we each experience life from a significantly subjective perspective. While the interpretation of any factor is not pat and the chart must ever be interpreted as a whole to gain the most accurate insights, the fact remains. Our unique perceptions define us as the individuals that we each are. Is it any wonder people cannot completely understand one another? Coming to a fuller appreciation of your own unique individual character, destiny and timing is what Astrology is all about.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) A steady stream of thoughts, ideas, communications and information exchanges are keeping you busy. A reconsideration of various perceptions and interpretations is featured. Beyond mere curiosity, circumstances close to home are prompting your focus. You yearn for greater harmony and to create a supportive environment. Change your own mind and leave the rest as it is.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) You have entered new territory. The situation calls for a multi-task approach. The challenge is to overcome narrow thinking. Your ambition levels are high. Yet to succeed you must dig deeper than usual. As well, the changes that are required are as much within you as linked to outer realities. Fortunately your confidence levels continue to rise. **Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** You are experiencing a growing urge to explore your options. Your focus is sharp and your resolve is firm. The main challenge is to decide which direction to take. A variety of options are available. Yet, more information, education, or training may be required to pursue the best ones. Financial considerations are emphasized.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Tending to matters behind the scenes continues. In some respects, this will require extra effort and perhaps more courage. As well, you may feel more challenged than usual to concentrate. Yet, the urge to express yourself, especially your feelings is extra strong. Taking risks to increase your overall exposure and to develop your talents feels important.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) Dreams of what might be vie with realities of what is. This classic tale may last for several weeks as well. Reaching out to communicate your visions and ideals may prove helpful. Yet, you must also be willing to take a leap of faith, or two. While there may be a lot of surface activity, the deeper realities of your current situation will take longer to change. Yet the process is already underway.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Gaining the attention and recognition you want and feel you deserve continues. Highlighting past performances, achievements and successes will help. Overcoming fears is implied and includes directing your imagination to work for you, not against. Acknowledge and nurture important friendships for added inspiration.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Travel and adventure are in the forecast for you now. If it does not occur in fact, you may at least be inspired by movies and books that emphasize it. Gathering various tools, techniques and strategies is featured. Like a secret agent, you may be required to assume a different identity for a while. If you can manage not getting lost in it, your mission will be a success.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) You remain at an important point of decision. It is basically between taking the path of least resistance and accepting a higher path. The latter will likely prove more challenging especially in the short term; yet will yield greater returns over time. Either way, arts and cultural activities with an alternative twist are featured. Think deeply, speak less and go big.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Your social life should be getting busier. Preferring more harmony than usual, you may be less inclined to speak your truth so casually. In fact, you may be inclined to sugar coat your communications. This phase will not last but may see you through a few gates that could remain closed otherwise. All in keeping with the game aim to win hearts to gain favors.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You are in an extra practical cycle. You are determined to get a lot done. Your faculties of critical analysis are on full volume. Yet, you are not inclined to be abrasive in any way to achieve your goals now. You prefer to exercise grace and diplomacy. In fact, this has emerged as your new strategy for life. Whether it will last is uncertain, but for now it feels right.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) You are in the mood for some fun and frolic. You may have to give a bit more than usual, but you are willing. With your public life expanding, opportunities to do just that are increasingly available. These are the result of returns for past efforts. The intensity will rise and you will feel more sober again in a few weeks so get in some extra playtime now.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A good deal of sifting and sorting close to home is keeping you busy. This could prove very productive supporting you to get extra organized. Yet, you are also open to splicing some fun into the mix. Sharing quality time with someone you love is featured. Yet, focus to give more than usual for best results. Focus to manage your time well to have it all.

sports & recreation

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

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RECREATION

Berries highlight club finale

Trail and Nature
June activities

Strawberry Festival: The 2014-2015 hiking season ends June 16 with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon.

Hikers

June 2: Sue and Al Lehmann lead us up the open meadows of Mount Tuam on a moderate hike from Mountain Road, stopping to rest and enjoy the view along the way. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign.

June 9: Jean Attorp will lead the hikers up and down Reginald Hill and around the Tsawout Indian Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at

the boardwalk at the start of South Ridge Drive at 10 a.m.

June 16: There will be a short hike in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

June 2: Yvonne Gibbon and Doreen Fenton will lead a walk through Burgoyne Bay Park and back to tour Ted Baker's beautiful iris garden.

Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or meet at 185 Furness Road (across from farm field) at 10:20. Bring a lunch and camera if you wish to take photos of the Iris garden.

June 9: Andrea Rankin will lead us on a walk. Details will be announced later. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

June 16: There will be a short walk before the Strawberry Festival for those who are not helping prepare the treats. Meet to carpool from

ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the lower parking lot at 10:20 a.m.

Ramblers

June 2: Join Kathy for a Surprise Ramble. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 9: Frauke leads a Mystery Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 16: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park. We will ramble in the park before the Strawberry Festival.

New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership director) at 250-537-2332 or Nieke Visser (president) at 250-537-5443, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

More information can be found at our website at www.saltspringtmc.ca.



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ISLAND PRIDE: Salt Spring's Spirit Point dragon boaters returned content from the inaugural race of the 2015 season on the weekend.

Sneakers storm Oak Bay runs

Team lands two top-five results

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Susan Gordon started strong and didn't look back on the road to victory in a five-kilometre race held Sunday morning in Oak Bay.

Gordon completed the course in 20:36 to not only dominate her F50-59 age category but also finish first among the run's 59 participants.

Cynthia Gillis wasn't too far behind, finishing the event in 23:56. Her time

gave her top honours in the F30-39 age group and a fifth-place overall ranking.

"Great day for the Sneakers. Everyone in the top three in their categories."

LYNN THOMPSON
Salt Spring Sneakers

Rene Widmer placed third in the M50-59 and finished 12th overall with a finishing time of

28:01. Lynn Thompson, 28:04, topped the M75-79 group and nabbed 13th spot overall. Donna Cloete, 28:21, won her F60-69 group and placed 15th overall.

Keith Cloete was the lone Sneaker to compete in the day's 10-kilometre event. His 54:36 finishing time was quick enough to earn him second place in the competitive F60-69 age group.

"Great day for the Sneakers," Thompson wrote in a post-race email. "Everyone in the top three in their categories. Amazing day."

TRIATHLON

Free pre-race clinic on offer

Preparation for June 21 triathlon event

The annual Father's Day triathlon at Rainbow Road Pool is fast approaching.

But there is still time to prepare for the June 21 mini and sprint triathlon.

For everyone who still hesitates, or has already decided to take the challenge, there is a free pre-race clinic for adults and kids on Sunday, May 31.

Marcia Jansen, a finisher in the Ironman Whistler triathlon in 2014, will talk about the ins and outs of the Father's Day triathlon. Topics include the transitions between the swim, bike and run, what to wear on race day and what to eat before and during the race.

The clinic starts at 9:30 a.m. at Rainbow Road Pool and a pre-ride/and or run on the triathlon course will follow. A special program is offered for kids.

People are encouraged to bring their questions, bike and running shoes.

The Father's Day event distances are as



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Salt Spring's annual triathlon takes place at the Rainbow Road Pool on Sunday, June 21.

follows: For kids, a 200-metre swim, 5 kilometre bike ride and 1.25-km run. Adults undertake a 500-m swim, 20-km bike and a 5-km run.

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