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A salute to the members and support staff of the Salt Spring Island detachment of the RCMP



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Salt Spring emergency services respond to a collision between a van and Salt Spring Transit bus on Fulford-Ganges Road on Friday morning.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT Salt Spring on brink of 'golden opportunity'

Kraft Project Play voting starts Monday morning

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Carol Bremner has good reason to get excited about Kraft Project Play and the chance to win \$250,000 for upgrades to Salt Spring's Portlock Park; she's been here before and knows winning is nothing less than game changing.

Bremner lived in Salmon River, N.S. when her hometown hockey rink beat out 450 competitors across Canada to win the inaugural Kraft Hockeyville competition in 2006. The victory won the town of 12,000 residents \$50,000 in arena upgrades, an NHL pre-season game and a sense of pride that remains to this day.

"We were proud that a small town won," she said. "We all thought this was something big cities usually win and we don't even get in the running, so when we got into the final four we were like: 'Really? We can really do this.'"

Nearly a decade later, Bremner is the principal of Salt Spring Centre School, living in yet another final-four community. Again, she's confident that Salt Springers "can do this."

"This is a golden opportunity," she said. Beginning next week, people from across Canada will have the chance to cast online votes to decide who will become the first Kraft Project Play champion. Voters can participate as many times as they want during a 36-hour voting period that

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MVI Transit crash snarls traffic

Van driver flown to Victoria hospital

BY SEAN MCINTYRE AND ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The driver of a minivan that collided with a Salt Spring Island Transit bus continues to recover from injuries sustained in a dramatic Friday morning crash.

Salt Spring RCMP said the 33-year-old Salt Spring woman was conscious when emergency crews arrived on scene in the 1100-block

of Fulford-Ganges Road south of Horel Road at 9:30 a.m., but airlifted to a Victoria hospital with serious but non life-threatening injuries.

A Salt Spring Transit bus driver and three passengers bound for Fulford Harbour exited through the vehicle's passenger door without assistance. The passengers were unharmed, but the bus driver was taken to Lady Minto Hospital, treated for minor injuries and released.

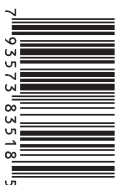
Traffic in both directions along Fulford-

Ganges Road was diverted along Cusheon Lake, Stewart and Beaver Point roads until nearly 1 p.m. as Salt Spring Fire-Rescue, BC Ambulance and RCMP personnel cleared the scene.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said 15 fire-rescue members with three vehicles responded to the accident along with two paramedic teams and RCMP.

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Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Lt. Dom Gaudet uses Jaws of Life to free van passenger.

New transit bus joining fleet

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Those who arrived on the road met a chaotic scene. The crash left debris from the vehicles strewn across the road as the bus came to a rest perpendicular to the roadway in a ditch at a nearly 45-degree angle.

Rescue crews used the Jaws of Life to reach the driver of the minivan. The front of the vehicle had sustained serious damage.

Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Martin Beardsmore said police continue to piece together how the collision occurred and have yet to lay any charges.

A spokesperson for BC Transit said bus service on the island was back to normal

on Saturday after some disruptions to the Friday schedule. A new bus was delivered and should join the Salt Spring fleet within the week.

Ineke de Jong, Salt Spring Transit operator, said she and her staff are grateful to the community for all its well wishes.

"We're grateful for all the community support for both our system and the driver that was injured," she said Tuesday afternoon.

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CONSERVATION McFadden open house set

Public forum to discuss former heronry site

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff with the Islands Trust Fund hope a new management plan for a north-end nature sanctuary can curtail the spread of invasive species, deter unauthorized tree cutters and bring back the great blue herons that once nested at the site.

"We need to get a good base to know what's on the ground," said Nuala Murphy, a property management specialist with the ITF. "Once we know what's there, we can deal with the threats."

The herons haven't been seen in the McFadden Creek Nature Sanctuary since soon after the ITF partnered with Wild Bird Trust of B.C. and the Waterbird Watch Collective to buy the property in 2002, but the species has been known to revisit former rookeries after lengthy absences.

The 12.5-acre North Beach Road property was once home to more than 55 breeding pairs of great blue herons. Coastal cutthroat trout

and stickleback still swim in a creek that runs through the property, surrounded by trembling aspen, large cottonwoods, Douglas firs and Pacific crab apple trees.

"The main reason it was protected was a large great blue heron colony," Murphy said.

Having taken possession of the property in late 2014, ITF staff began work on a management plan to encourage the birds' return.

ITF staff will continue that process with a Friday, Aug. 14 open house at the Salt Spring Conservancy's new Blackburn Nature Reserve headquarters (265 Blackburn Rd.). The event will give participants a chance to learn about and offer suggestions about the property's future. The session runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

"It's our policy to put in place a management plan as soon as we can and to redo that every 10 years," Murphy said. "It's basically putting objectives in place to preserve the property."

Invasive species like holly and English ivy have proliferated in recent years. Reports of illegal tree cutting are also commonplace, she said.

The Islands Trust Fund has

sent mail-outs to neighbours about the event and requested participation from First Nations groups.

The management plan, undertaken by Salt Spring biologist Carrina Maslovat, will provide more information about species on the property, outline permitted uses for the site and identify conservation goals. This will include removal of invasive species, and cataloguing plant and animal life.

There are no active trails on the property, and the ITF has no plans to offer public access to the nature sanctuary. The ITF board campaigned alongside the Wild Bird Trust of B.C. and the Waterbird Watch Collective to buy the property in 2002. The land was transferred to the ITF in November.

Murphy said she hopes many people involved with the property's purchase will mark the milestone.

"We're hoping it will be a little bit of a celebration with some of the people who've worked on this for the past 15 years," she said.

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WATER NSSWD gets breathing room

Province approves licence amendment for St. Mary Lake

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North Salt Spring Waterworks District staff can breathe a little easier thanks to the provincial government's decision to approve a short-term water use expansion request.

"This is not to do any works, just to continue drawing water when the lake is below 40 [metres above sea level]," said Meghan McKee, the NSSWD's water quality specialist.

Dry conditions and record-low water levels in St. Mary Lake prompted the district to amend its water licence in July. The district's regular water licence prohibits the utility from drawing water in St. Mary Lake below 40 metres above sea level.

As of Monday afternoon, the lake's water level was at 40.24 metres.

McKee said the short-term permit takes effect

on Sept. 1 and will stay active until the lake is fully recharged at approximately 40.7 metres.

The amended licence requires close monitoring of water levels, water quality and riparian areas by staff in conjunction with an independent environmental professional. McKee said water flow from St. Mary Lake into Duck Creek shouldn't be affected.

"Conservation measures have been successful."

MEGHAN MCKEE
 Water quality specialist
 NSSWD

Drawing the lake below 40 metres will only be undertaken as a necessity. The district continues to encourage people to conserve water whenever possible. Despite a slow uptake, water conservation efforts promoted by NSSWD staff are paying off.

"[The lake] is drawing down slower than

we would have thought," McKee said. "Conservation measures have been successful."

The amount of water withdrawn out of St. Mary Lake by NSSWD ratepayers on Aug. 1, traditionally the day with the highest water use, was 34 per cent below 2014 levels. Likewise, water use from Maxwell Lake is reported to have been 32 per cent below last year's B.C. Day long-weekend level.

"Those are significant reductions," McKee said. "It's definitely a good sign."

Ratepayers within the NSSWD area continue to face Level 4 watering restrictions. Recent precipitation on the island is nowhere near enough to mitigate the island's ongoing drought conditions.

For more details about water conservation tips and restriction details visit www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca.

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NEWSBEAT

Heads up!
Kraft Project Play:
 Community Party at Portlock Park
 Friday, Aug. 14, 12 to 3 p.m.

GRACE ISLET

Grace Islet deconstruction and restoration underway

Work anticipated to take up to eight weeks

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The clatter and clang from Grace Islet resounded over Ganges Harbour Monday morning as workers began to dismantle the ruins of a half-built luxury home on the sacred First Nations burial site.

"That's music to my ears," said Ben Isitt, a Victoria city councillor who participated in the 2014 campaign to stop the home's construction.

Isitt was among a crowd of Salt Springers, First Nations representatives and media who gathered in Centennial Park Monday to mark the start of deconstruction.

The sound of workers disassembling the partially built home comes nearly eight months after the provincial government announced a plan to buy the islet for nearly \$5.5 million. The property was transferred to the Nature Conservancy of Canada in February.

we will partner with First Nations to develop a management plan for Grace Islet that addresses restoration objectives and permanent protection of the islet's ecological and cultural heritage," said Linda Hannah, the NCC's regional vice-president for B.C.

Elders and other First Nations groups from the region will attend the site as restoration continues with oversight from the Capital Regional District over the coming two months to ensure proper ritual and protocol are observed. Deconstruction work is being undertaken by Brod Demolition, a Shawnigan Lake company known for its commitment to green demolition practices.

"To hear the sounds of the building begin to come down is long overdue," Isitt said. "Just to know that the desecration of the islet has stopped and restoration has begun is really heartening."

With work to dismantle the home underway, Isitt said he hopes the Grace Islet experience can promote better understanding between First Nations and non-indigenous residents.

"I think today is a really important day in terms of building the relationship between indigenous people and settlers like me and all the islanders who've helped out on this issue," he said.

Arvid Charlie, who is also known by his Hul'qumi'num name Luschiim, was among a delegation of First Nations representatives who visited the site earlier in the day.

"Not happy," he said when asked about what he witnessed during the trip. "I'm not happy with what I see."

Construction on the home continued through much of 2014 as protesters rallied to stop the development. By the time construction was halted in December, the home's foundation and framing was already in place. Several grave sites



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

A half-built Grace Islet residence photographed in December. Work to dismantle the structure got underway Monday morning, nearly eight months after the provincial government announced plans to buy the site of a First Nations cemetery for \$5.45 million.

"This is one of the many journeys we've been travelling since early contact."

ARVID CHARLIE (LUSCHIIM)
 Elder, Cowichan First Nation

NCC staff have worked with eight First Nations chiefs, the Capital Regional District and provincial government to develop the restoration plan.

"Once deconstruction is complete,

within the building's footprint had also been encased in concrete. At least 16 burial cairns have been recorded on the islet.

Luschiim said he hopes removal of the concrete foundation and wooden framing will coincide with the dismantling of popular attitudes that relegate First Nations sites to the sidelines of history.

"This is one of the many journeys we've been travelling since early contact," he said.

"It's not only Grace Islet, it's several other places people have to become more sensitive and aware of the sacredness of our ancestors and the places they've been put to rest."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dock closure announced

The Fernwood Dock will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 15 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for an engineering review and facility assessment.

Moored boats may need

to be relocated during this period to allow inspections, according to Capital Regional District staff.

The study is part of an overall assessment of southern Gulf Islands harbour service facilities that will help the CRD develop a long-term plan to operate and maintain the

facilities.

CRD staff apologize for any inconveniences the work may cause.

For further details and updates, visit www.crd.bc.ca/service/docks-moorage or call Karla Campbell, senior CRD manager for Salt Spring, at 250-537-4448.

Otter Bay renewal

Upgrades to the BC Ferries terminal that serves Pender Island at Otter Bay will create some noise in the coming weeks.

Construction crews began

work Aug. 11 to remediate deck ramping, resurface the dock area, replace counterweights and cabling, and give the terminal a fresh coat of paint.

BC Ferries staff say work will be especially noisy overnight between Aug. 25 and 28 and between Aug. 31 and Sept. 3.

"Noise will not be excessive and limited to the sounds created from welding machines and lift trucks during the counterweight cable replacement," according to BC Ferries.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Fire protection insurance savings can't be pinned down

Ratepayers urged to look at risk assessment instead

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring taxpayers looking for the bottom line when it comes to the home insurance savings produced by fire protection services found no clear answer during a presentation from the Fire Underwriters Survey group on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Robert McGuinness, author of the 2015 FUS report, gave the presentation at the request of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees, who sought to get a clearer handle on how underwriters use the grades published by FUS to determine home insurance policy rates.

Though a previous version of the report estimated the current level of fire protection on Salt Spring collectively saves ratepayers over \$1,000,000 in insurance per year, McGuinness said there is no way to actually know the figure considering the variables in discounts, risk variables and other factors affecting individual policies.

"Do rates change as fire insurance grades go up and down? Yes. Is the insurance industry connected to the grades? Yes, they are. And I think that's probably the best thing to take away from this," McGuinness said near the conclusion of community discussion.

The Fire Underwriters Survey grades communities on their ability to meet fire risk using four different categories, with a number of different variables under fire department, water

supply, fire safety control and communications. Salt Spring's grades had improved since the last FUS report in 2010 due to receiving Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation, which added credit in the area of water supply.

"I want you to understand your risk ranking."

ROBERT MCGUINNESS
Author, 2015 Fire Underwriters' Survey report for the Salt Spring Fire Protection District

To calculate how much insurance savings might be gleaned from the current grades, McGuinness contacted three insurance underwriters that issue policies on Salt Spring and asked them to provide typical

quotes for unprotected, semi-protected and fully protected rates for his original report.

Two insurance policies subsequently provided by Salt Spring resident Reg Jefferd showed different information from what McGuinness was quoted, including the deductibles. McGuinness conceded the information first published was misleading or confusing, but suggested the only way to truly know how much is saved would be to publish Salt Spring's grades as if the island was wholly unprotected and then see how much policies went up over the next period.

"Theoretically, I think, only then would you truly see where you would sit. That would be my opinion on it," McGuinness said, after observing that it was an impractical suggestion and would be "a terrible thing to do."

McGuinness suggested residents should think about things to improve grades such as prevention, community planning, bylaws and guidelines. Having a North Salt Spring Waterworks water flow model completed is also recommended to achieve more credit under water supply, currently the worst risk category by far in Salt Spring's grading system.

"I want you to understand your risk ranking. I want you to understand how you're responding to risk in your community. I want you to understand this idea, not focus on these rates because you could beat a dead horse, honestly."

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RCMP

Defence staff defuse grenade found at Brinkworthy

Detonation heard on island's west side

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents of the Vesuvius area and beyond may have been startled by a massive boom sound on the evening of Aug. 4 as members of the Department of National Defence's explosive disposal unit detonated a grenade on the banks of Booth Bay.

The DND team was called in from Victoria earlier in the day after a realtor discovered the relic of the Second World War in a newly listed home.

A surprised Phyllis Wakelyn called Salt Spring RCMP after she discovered the grenade among items she was preparing to clear out of the Brinkworthy neighbourhood home.

Police sent the information to the DND office in Victoria, which dispatched a team to Salt Spring on the next available ferry.

"It was considered military ordinance," said Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Martin Beardsmore.

Cpl. Beardsmore said he doesn't know how the grenade came to be at the home but suspects it belonged to the home's former owner.

"It was intact, and you have to treat it as if it's been compromised and could be a risk,"

he said.

The device was removed from the home and detonated.

"It definitely had to be disposed of on the island, because it couldn't be taken off on a ferry," he added.

The detonation at the beach produced a very large blast that startled several residents near Bader's Beach and Vesuvius.

"The officer wasn't aware the blast would make such a loud sound," he added.

RCMP issue scam warning

Salt Spring's RCMP detachment wants to spread word about a telephone scam after reports from more than a dozen Salt Spring

residents in recent weeks.

Beardsmore said islanders should not be fooled by callers who claim to represent the Canada Revenue Agency requesting personal information like social insurance numbers, dates of birth and financial records.

He said the scammers are reported to have threatened many potential victims by suggesting that police officers will attend their residence if the personal information is not provided.

"We are considering this a scam," he said.

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SEARCH & RESCUE

Hikers discover human remains on Mount Maxwell

Coroner's office yet to confirm victim's identity

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP await word from the provincial coroner's office to confirm the identity of human remains discovered by a pair of hikers on Mount Maxwell Saturday.

The discovery prompted the Sunday morning deployment of 15 Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue volunteers who used a rope team to retrieve the remains from a rocky ledge among the bluffs along the mountain's steep southern slope.

"Parts of it were extremely steep and treacherous," said GSAR manager Chuck Hamilton on Monday. "It was very dry and slippery."

Searchers were on site from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

RCMP have yet to confirm the victim's identity, but they have not ruled out the possibility the remains may belong to a Salt Spring resident reported missing in July 2012.

The search for 56-year-old John Carter was called off that summer after an extensive scan of the island, including trails and bluffs in and

around Mount Maxwell Provincial Park.

"We are looking at this in connection with a missing person file, but we're awaiting confirmation," said RCMP Cpl. Martin Beardsmore.

He said the provincial coroner's office is involved in the case.

Sunday's call-out was the second task for Salt Spring's GSAR group in as many weeks. Earlier this month,

volunteers were among more than 50 searchers called to look for a missing 19-year-old woman on Penelakut Island, north of Salt Spring.

The search for Delores "Deedee" Brown was called off on Saturday, Aug. 1, but RCMP have since requested assistance from the Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit to assist the ongoing investigation.

FIRE

Oystercatcher struck by kitchen fire

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a Ganges restaurant is thankful an early morning call from Salt Spring Fire-Rescue didn't end in disaster.

"It could have been a disaster, but it wasn't," said Barry Kazakoff, owner of the Oystercatcher Restaurant. "I'm definitely on the positive side of this one."

Kazakoff arrived at the scene at 5 a.m. Sunday to discover a kitchen grill had malfunctioned and overheated.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said 26 firefighters responded to the scene. Though fire suppression equipment in the building kept the flames at bay, firefighters doused a fire beneath and behind the unit with 20 litres of water, he said.

"If the suppression wouldn't have deployed, the fire could have been worse," Bremner said.

The second-storey restaurant and kitchen sustained significant smoke damage, but cleaning crews are on track to get the business back up and running for Thursday.

"We were lucky," Kazakoff said.

FEDERAL ELECTION

May makes inaugural election stop

NDPers prepare for candidate's acclamation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Elizabeth May used her first election campaign trip to Salt Spring Sunday to enlist islanders in the fight against voter apathy.

"The most diabolical strategies will be undone by getting more people to vote," May told a crowd of more than 50 people crammed into the basement of the United Church in Ganges Sunday evening.

May joined a panel discussion about the nation's future called Rebuilding Canada After Harper. Her appearance concluded a busy afternoon that included stops at the Salt Spring Garlic and Music Festival and for the official launch of the Green party's Salt Spring campaign office next to Country Grocer.

Vote splitting emerged as a major theme during the two-hour evening discussion, with May urging voters to cast a ballot based on conscience rather than fear.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Musician and Salt Spring resident Bill Henderson with Saanich-Gulf Islands Green party candidate and incumbent MP Elizabeth May at the music festival at Paradise Farm on Sunday. Henderson has written an election song called Take Back This Land.

who didn't vote in 2011, particularly young people, particularly First Nations, turn out to vote, it changes the whole dynamic."

May added that efforts to vote strategically have been shown to backfire, as voters overwhelmed by the sheer number of variables sometimes find it easier to abstain from casting a ballot altogether.

With allusions to the efforts of U.S. civil rights workers in the Deep South, May encouraged audience members to convince someone in their family, social circle or neighbourhood who didn't vote in 2011 to cast a ballot. Developing a country-wide voter buddy system, she added, is the number one thing Canadians can do to ensure a fair election.

"We need to reach out," she said.

NDP candidate steps forward
New Democratic Party supporters in Saanich-Gulf Islands

are expected to welcome candidate Alicia Cormier during an acclamation ceremony on Saturday.

Cormier has been a Central Saanich councillor since she was elected in a May 2013 local government by-election.

Irene Wright, a Salt Spring-based campaign organizer for the Saanich-Gulf Islands NDP, said she anticipates many islanders will attend this weekend's ceremony at the Tsawout First Nation's Saanich Peninsula band office.

Wright said the party will open a Salt Spring campaign office in early September.

"A campaign this long is ridiculous," Wright said. "We'll be doing bigger things once the office is open after Labour Day."

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from Dr. Richard Hayden

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EDITORIAL

Game on

The chance to win a quarter of a million dollars doesn't come around every day, so Salt Springers can be excused if we choose to forsake the sunny summer weather to spend quality time with our computers later this week.

Islanders are encouraged to get online and stay online for 36 hours next week as voting to crown the first Kraft Project Play winner starts Monday at 9 a.m. Once the keyboard clatter subsides on Tuesday evening, Salt Spring could very well be \$250,000 richer.

Should we win, the money will be used to rebuild the decrepit tennis courts at Portlock Park, but the implications of victory extend far beyond the tennis set.

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission is engaged in a constant struggle to allocate funds to competing requests from active islanders.

THE ISSUE:

Kraft Project Play

WE SAY:

Vote early, vote often

Soccer players need more fields, dog walkers want open fields and baseball players need level fields. We are an active island, and the wide range of recreation opportunities means many groups are left to wait on the sidelines. Winning the Kraft Project Play \$250,000 grand prize will mean more money for other groups and benefit all islanders.

A Salt Spring victory would also launch the island into the national spotlight to an unprecedented degree. The winning community will be announced on TSN as well as French counterpart RDS on Aug. 22. The stream of promotional footage that will follow will be an unparalleled opportunity to highlight the island as an active community that celebrates arts and culture with ample sights for visitors of all ages to explore year round. It's hard to buy publicity that good.

Salt Spring faces stiff competition from upstarts in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Though each of these communities may be worthy of a final four designation, it's time to show who deserves to be crowned champ.

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VIEWPOINT by Gary Holman

NDP formalizes KM opposition

The NDP Caucus has formally requested the National Energy Board to reject Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline proposal.

The Official Opposition has long advocated for withdrawal from the Liberal government's "equivalency agreement" with the federal government, and to undertake a made-in-B.C. assessment process.

Instead of standing up for its citizens, Christy Clark's Liberals have handed off decision-making authority to a federal Conservative government that has already given the Trans Mountain project unequivocal support. Stephen Harper made it very clear, by the legislative and procedural changes he rammed through, that the public interest would not be allowed to stand in the way of corporate and political interests.

We have observed the NEB review for the Trans Mountain pipeline for many months now and concluded that this assessment process is irrevocably broken. Quoting from the letter jointly signed by John Horgan, Leader of the Opposition, and Spencer Chandra Herbert, our environment spokesperson: "Because the risks of the project are so great, and the process has failed to proceed in an unbiased and procedurally fair manner, we do not believe that the NEB can approve the project in good faith. There is simply insufficient evidence that the benefits of the project outweigh the risks, and the public has lost confidence in the process used to evaluate it."

Concerns about the Kinder Morgan project extend beyond the lack of public confidence in the review process. The scope of the NEB assessment process was also limited, for example excluding climate change as a consideration. In addition, the

project proponent has refused to answer important questions from provincial and municipal governments and other intervenors. Therefore, the evidence being evaluated for the project is incomplete, made worse by the federal Conservatives' elimination of oral cross-examination by intervenors.

The NEB has allowed Kinder Morgan to hide their plan to deal with the very real risk of damaging land-based and marine spills, leaving us with no confidence that these risks are being properly considered or mitigated. This is particularly troubling since the current limitations on liability for the project proponents mean that taxpayers and affected industries like fisheries, could ultimately have to bear billions in costs as a result of a major bitumen spill.

Finally, the NEB has failed to ensure that First Nations were consulted and accommodated according to the standards set out in law. A number of directly affected First Nations - including but not limited to the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam First Nations - have serious and unresolved concerns about the project.

The stakes for British Columbians, and particularly for the residents of this constituency and its precious environment, could not be higher. The New Democrat opposition cannot in good conscience support such a risky project for which the federal review process is so flawed, where the B.C. role has been reduced to asking questions no one bothers to answer, and for which an unrelenting, cheerleading federal government has the final say.

The writer is the MLA for Saanich North and the Islands.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

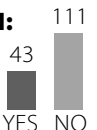
Should Elizabeth May be asked to future debates?

 Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is big-game hunting still acceptable in Canada?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I didn't expect to be alive this long, but I'm here so I might as well get on with it."

JOAN MCCONNELL, 89-YEAR-OLD SALT SPRING RESIDENT

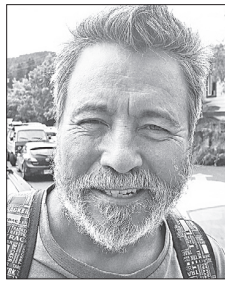
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How can Salt Springers spread the word about the Kraft Project Play competition?

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LYNN VANDERWEKKEN
Just do it. Spread the word in person and online.



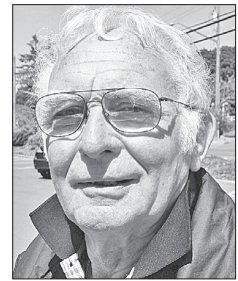
PEDRO MORA
Let people know that this is free money. Participation is the essence of direct democracy.



AMANDA PASKA
I don't think [the voting system] is fair, but good luck to everyone who gets clicking.



CHRISTINA SURBEY
Having a stand at the market, and telling people to spread the news through word of mouth.



KEN LEE
I think we need to encourage people with kids to get out and vote. We've made the final four, so let's go for the full \$250,000.

Letters to the editor

Big picture

Watching the leaders' debate last week was an exercise in frustration.

Everyone was so busy being civil, respectful and politically correct, the reality of what is going down probably didn't dawn on most viewers. Where was the discussion of omnibus bills, election fraud and the horrors of Lac Mégantic? And what about the demise of the CBC, the privatization of health care, and the secret sell-out of our sovereignty?

Yes, some important issues were discussed, but, according to more than one analyst, Prime Minister Stephen Harper "held his own" because he "remained calm" and "appeared prime-ministerial." Am I the only one

who noticed he got off way too easy?

Since entering politics in 1993, Harper has been on a single-minded mission to re-engineer Canadian society by reducing our expectations of a living wage, relaxing safety regulations, removing protection for the environment, eroding social programs, and, above all, disempowering the electorate.

In short, his not-so-hidden agenda has been to maximize corporate profit by siphoning billions from the public purse and bringing our standards down to those of developing nations. This big picture is what should have been front and centre at the debate, not the bloody Clarity Act!

In 2008, Harper tried to sway voters by wearing a

warm, fuzzy sweater. This time, his approach is similar: adopt a gentler, more relaxed demeanor, appear confident and always have an argument prepared, no matter how specious.

Let's keep in mind that nothing this man says can be trusted and that his perfect hairdo and pretend smile give little indication of the scheming taking place behind the steel-rimmed glasses. It's time to stop listening to what he says and take a long, hard look at what he has actually done since taking office.

Forget the words, forget the fancy suit and focus on the only thing that matters — his record.

FRANT'S ATTORP,
MEADOW DRIVE

New normal

We've lived on Salt Spring for almost two years, and without really noticing it happening I have absorbed the "Salt Spring way." That is to say, I am happy to pass a neighbour or stranger when I'm walking on our road, and will at the minimum make eye contact and say hello, or stop for a chat, the more likely scenario.

I spent the last week of July in Vancouver on business, and rented a condo in the West End. When I first arrived, still freshly Salt Spring-ish, I parked in the underground parking lot, and upon returning to the car for the last load of bags I saw that another

car had just pulled into the space next to me. I thought, "Oh look, a neighbour!"

As she was getting out of her car, I gave her a hearty "hello!" She looked confused and kind of annoyed. She seemed to be thinking, "Why are you talking to me when I don't know you?" She did not return my hello.

I had to re-learn city ways. When I was walking around the neighbourhood, I could see that it was better if I averted my glance when I passed people. When someone did catch my eye and nod a hello, it felt a bit awkward. I remembered that in the city you have to be suspicious of strangers; whereas on Salt Spring that

corny old line "a stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet" seems to be more the approach.

This week away made me see very clearly what my "new normal" has become since moving here from Vancouver, and I am so grateful to live in a more trusting, open community.

Oh, I did have one "new normal" kind of encounter when I was in Vancouver. It was with a young Lush store salesgirl who was open and friendly. She was born and raised on Salt Spring Island. She longed to go back.

PATRICIA ROBITAILLE,
SALT SPRING

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More work beyond restoration of Grace Islet

BY PHIL VERNON, DONNA MARTIN, JEAN WILKINSON, JOE AKERMAN AND MAUREEN MILBURN

This week the deconstruction begins on the partially built residence on Grace Islet, another chapter in a saga stretching back many years.

Since February, First Nations chiefs have been working in partnership with the provincial government and the Nature Conservancy of Canada — now title-holder — to plan for the removal of the house and for the site restoration, and to select a demolition contractor. First Nations workers were encouraged to apply for jobs, and trained First Nations cultural monitors will be on site each day. Staff from the Capital Regional District are managing the restoration, which is estimated to last eight weeks. All costs are being covered by the province.

The question remains why a permit was ever issued for building a house on a registered archaeological site — particularly after ancient human remains were found — or how the islet was ever zoned for residential use. We can thank First Nations leaders and elders and their supporters for perseverance in calling on the province to understand the importance of the site. We can appreciate that the government finally stopped the desecration of a Coast Salish burial ground, and we recognize how difficult it can be to resolve land-use conflicts

arising from greatly divergent legal and cultural world views.

In 1859, Governor James Douglas gave approval for this island to be settled by a group of black American émigrés from California, without even attempting a treaty with the people who lived here. It was expedient, in those days, to limit the legal definition of a cemetery as a place containing human burials dated after contact, that is, 1846. It's been convenient for some to keep that definition until this century, but now settler society and governments have slowly begun learning to accommodate diverse histories and to admit that First Peoples are not going to disappear. We have to find a way to live together with respect, and if we can rewrite laws like the Cemeteries Act, perhaps find justice.

For how can there be justice, when the man responsible for scraping the centre out of a graveyard, for pouring tons of concrete over and around ancient burial cairns, and for ignoring First Nations and community concerns has walked away with millions of dollars in his pocket? We don't know how this pay-out was negotiated, but we imagine a less costly settlement could have been reached had the government stepped up much earlier. The situation could have been resolved in 2006, when Grace Islet was recognized as a

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burial ground, in 2012 when the owner first breached the conditions of his alteration permit, or last summer when many community members and all locally elected officials called for the islet to be protected.

And what of the cost to the descendants of this region's original inhabitants, survivors of the Indian Act and residential schools, the concerted effort to destroy their cultures, economies, languages and spiritual values? The land dispute emerging over a tiny piece of real estate in Ganges Harbour would seem of little significance until one listens to First Nation chiefs and elders speak of the battles they face, month after month, year after year, to protect their sacred sites from destruction.

Where do we go from here? Since it was enacted in 1996, not one contravention of the BC Heritage Conservation Act has ever been prosecuted. Last January, when announcing the agreement to purchase Grace Islet, Minister Steve Thomson promised to review the act, its implementation and policies. This review is long overdue and must have meaningful involvement of First Nations.

NDP MLA Maurine Karagianis has repeatedly introduced a private member's bill that would amend the Heritage Act to allow for temporary protection orders

when aboriginal sites, objects or remains are found, and would create a funding program for local governments to protect First Nation sacred sites. These and other initiatives need to be discussed and implemented.

What is needed is a paradigm shift in the value our governments and our society attribute to pre-European-contact heritage and archaeological sites. At the community and landowner level, Canadians can begin to understand that indigenous history and traditions can be part of a shared heritage. This needs to be supported by a corresponding shift in the financial burden away from the individual landowner when ancient First Nations sites, objects and human remains are uncovered.

All of this is possible, and the movement toward these changes has begun. The resolution of the conflict at Grace Islet, and its restoration as a sacred site and protected ecosystem is a big step in the right direction.

The writers are members of the Protect Grace Islet Group.

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What prompted incorporation study?

BY SSI GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

This is the first of a series of Driftwood columns designed to keep Salt Spring residents both informed about and involved in the current incorporation study.

It sets the stage for what will follow by familiarizing readers with the results of the predecessor Salt Spring Island Governance Study completed in late fall of 2013. The consultant's full governance study report is available online in its entirety at the <http://www.ssiincorporationstudy.com/>.

That 200-page report obviously contains far more information than can be presented in this article. However, the major findings of the governance study were clearly summarized in the letter of transmission the governance committee's chair sent to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:

"The committee endorses

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the report together with its conclusions and agrees by consensus to the following: The Salt Spring Island Governance Study Committee recommends to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development that there is sufficient public support to proceed to a formal incorporation study.

"The report's conclusions lend support to this recommendation: 'While mixed, input provided by the community survey findings, public forums, interviews and other engagement opportunities indicates that a clear majority of respondents favour proceeding to a full municipal incorporation study.'

"Although study surveys showed considerable minority support for staying with the status quo, the surveys

also indicate, by a factor of two-to-one, that a clear majority favour moving to the next step — a full incorporation study that would provide the community with detailed cost and operating information."

"Study findings also indicate community preferences as to enhancing local representation, addressing coordination of services currently provided by multiple governments, providing a body to establish community priorities and having broader local representation in land use decisions."

"Other key challenges identified include: lack of strategic planning, lack of a process to prioritize capital projects, lack of authority in water management, concerns for environmental protection, for economic development and for affordable housing."

The above, in short, is the foundation upon which the current incorporation study builds.

Subsequent articles in this series will first discuss the terms of reference of the current incorporation study with an emphasis on the scope of the data-gathering process. Then, the nature of the public engagement process, and the opportunities it provides residents for providing meaningful feedback, will be discussed in some detail. From that point on, future columns in the series will focus on familiarizing readers with the specifics of the consultant's preliminary report, a document which will, of course, be the basis of the entire public engagement process.

For more information, refer to the newly released committee website, <http://www.ssiincorporationstudy.com/>

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Fooled three times?

In response to Robin Williams' Aug. 5 "No crisis in Canada" letter, if you voted for Harper in the last two elections you have indeed been fooled twice.

What would you call someone who is about to be fooled a third time? I have little regard for a U.S. survey of other countries' opinions of Canada. We Canadian citizens are here at ground zero and have seen our most valued laws and institutions dismantled (think wheat board, coast guard, national library, environmental protection of lakes and rivers and too many more) and disrespected (native rights, pro-guino, omnibus bills, in and out scandals, robocalls, renegeing of the Kyoto agreement, the appointment of senators who abused their position of trust under his watch, and on and on).

And where is the \$3.1 billion? That's right, 3.1 billion of our tax dollars that Harper won't account for.

Is that what you and other countries call an effective, non-corrupt government?

What of the \$26 million spent on the Cohen Commission that investigated the decline in wild salmon and made 75 recommendations, few of which have been acted on? That to me is total disrespect and ineffective government and one could easily write a book about all of the Conservative wrong-doings.

MARCELLE ROY,
SALT SPRING

May deserves better

It's been a long time between letters, but of course the federal election will bring a lot of us out of the woodwork.

One of these, like the leader of the Conservative party, who has already been campaigning well ahead of the official start, has been Robin Williams. The Driftwood has unfortunately published several letters of his over the past months. This is my response to them all.

Does the Driftwood really need to continue publishing Robin Williams' vitriolic rants against Elizabeth May? They offer no intelligent, perceptive analysis, no accurate information and no civility of debate. They are attack ads in text form. He is emulating the leader of the Conservative party, who, in the recent

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leaders' debate, could not utter two consecutive sentences without dodging issues and twisting facts.

Elizabeth May, in her time as a member of parliament and in the debate, has proven herself to be one of the best parliamentarians in decades, won accolades from other members, emphasized respectful and constructive cooperation in government and promoted restoration of and improvements to Canadian democracy and society. She deserves rational, civil debate, not off-the-wall, poison-pen ranting.

ANDREW OKULITCH,
SALT SPRING

Travel ban trouble

Stephen Harper announced a new plan to restrict travel by Canadians this weekend.

As quoted in the Aug. 9 Globe and Mail, he stated that, "There is absolutely no right in this country to travel to an area that is under the governance of terrorists."

It is obvious that with this statement he is still trying to get even for this riding turfing the Conservative MP in the last election by specifically targeting tourist travel to the Gulf Islands. In February of 2012, two federal cabinet ministers implied that environmentalists could be defined as "terrorists" for opposing pipelines. As the Member of Parliament for our islands is part of the governance of this area and she is of the Green (environmentalist) party — just connect the dots. Are we in trouble or what?

HAROLD SWIERENGA,
SALT SPRING

Dialogue encouraged

Mary Toynbee gave me her article to read before she sent it as an "open letter" to the Driftwood ("Israel poses greater danger," July 29).

I did wonder why a letter to Mr. Netanyahu via the Driftwood would prompt a reply from him to bring peace to his world, our world, but on second

thought said, "Go ahead and publish it and hopefully it will encourage dialogue and awareness that this is a process we have seen before."

I asked her if she has had a response from Mr. Netanyahu and she quipped, "I will never hear from Mr. Netanyahu, but perhaps others."

And yes, responders Hannah Brown and Michael Friedman (Aug. 5 Driftwood) with stated authority know a whole lot about it all and approach Mary's open letter with attitudes that might close off dialogue unless one such as Mary, who is an esteemed member of our community, oversteps those boundaries they set for her and discussion proceeds without informative understanding and without prejudice.

KIT LEWIS,
SALT SPRING

Interpretive centre

I noticed a group of people, including First Nations, out on Grace Islet the other day, apparently evaluating it for future use, and it occurred to me that it will be a shame to tear down the existing building.

Instead, why not consider completing it and opening it as an interpretive centre showcasing the history of indigenous peoples on Salt Spring?

As it now stands, the unfinished building looks fairly substantial and a dock is also in place on the islet, making it readily available to tours from nearby Ganges.

The cost of de-constructing the building might not be much more than completing it and such an interpretive centre would certainly be a valuable addition to our island.

MARK PERRY,
SALT SPRING

Blind support

Support for Stephen Harper, with his ho-hum concern about climate change, seems as blind as being a sun-worshipper in a drought.

How can you have an economy without a healthy environment?

ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,
BRINKWORTHY

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Painful dilemma

Before the writ was even dropped for the 2015 federal election, the media began insisting on what a unique campaign we were in for: the longest, the most expensive, probably the nastiest. All true; and all irrelevant.

This election is unique in only one way that matters: it's our very last chance to elect a federal government with even the slightest chance of taking effective action to mitigate climate change's most disastrous effects. Listen to the campaign rhetoric, though, and you would never know it.

It's our last chance because carbon dioxide emissions set a new record in 2014. It's our last chance because the CO2 we release in the atmosphere today stays there for over a hundred years: today's trip to Ganges will still help warm the planet a century from now. Because for even a 66 per cent chance of keeping average global warming under 2°C since pre-industrial times (the threshold between dangerous and extremely dangerous climate change), greenhouse gas emissions will have to fall by 1.3 per cent to 3.1 per cent every year for the next four decades.

After the 2008 financial crisis, during a brutal recession when factories and buildings around the world were idling, global emissions declined by just one per cent for a single year — we'd have to triple that pace of cuts starting now, and sustain it for decades. It's our last chance because long-term gradual reductions won't get us there; the longer we put it off, the more drastic our eventual cuts will have to be. It's our last chance because we need urgent, radical reductions now.

This is the painful dilemma we're stuck with:

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holding to even an outside chance of 2°C, with all the climate disruption, chaos and misery even that entails, cannot be reconciled with economic growth. It's a dilemma neither Tom Mulcair, Justin Trudeau nor Stephen Harper want to acknowledge, which means that by the time we are finally forced to face it, no matter which of them becomes our next prime minister, it will be too late.

That is because economic growth is what all the parties promise. It's what they have to promise to get elected. The only difference between them is how they plan to achieve that growth and distribute its rewards.

It's a difference that matters, at least for the next term of office, but in a decade or two, as far as the planet and all its inhabitants are concerned, it will be a difference that will have made no difference at all to our continued survival.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

Constructive solution sought

The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (Salt Spring Harbours) recently pleaded to the CRD's Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission that public land should not be privatized.

It's all about safety. The harbour is the lifeline for our community; access to it cannot be blocked or sold. The coast guard, search and rescue, police and ambulance depend on it.

A recent report to the CRD stated that an option for a parcel of land leading to Kanaka Dock at Ganges Harbour should be sold or leased. The report addresses Manson

Road, which is the only vehicle access to the dock. The space provides critical access to the dock for islanders, tourists and Salt Spring Harbours' maintenance team.

Salt Spring Harbours, which is a non-profit organization that has been managing the dock for the past 25 years, is chartered to maintaining its public access.

Salt Spring Harbours asked that the Capital Regional District encourage all parties to continue to work together to develop a long-term solution for the access space. There is a current proposal that recognizes the popularity of the Tree House Cafe and ensures dock access for everyone.

The process that started over a year ago has developed a concept that would increase the functionality for all of the community.

We have already devoted a lot of time and energy to this issue and we won't stop bringing parties together until we find a constructive solution.

KATHY SCARFO,
CHAIR,
SALT SPRING HARBOURS

Vote splitting revisited

I suppose we shouldn't have been surprised that the United Church basement was packed on Sunday night to hear Elizabeth May, Tony Hall and Jorge Lopehandia speak. The federal election is on and people are eager, sometimes, desperate, to free ourselves of the Harper regime.

When she was out-vassing, Elizabeth heard from one constituent who said they had supported her before and were sorry that this time they would be voting for someone else, in their effort to prevent Harper from continuing on as prime minister. This misunderstanding of how our system works is quite

widespread; Elizabeth has been asked if she thinks Mulcair will win. Yes, she says, she's quite sure he'll be re-elected in his riding of Outremont. Whether or not he becomes the next prime minister is quite a different question.

Although our event was billed as being about "Rebuilding Canada After Harper," much of the focus was on how best citizens can work to ensure we will indeed have a post-Harper government after Oct. 19. I think people left our event convinced that the best antidote to the era of hyper-corporatized Harper-led governance, where cheating and contempt for parliament and democracy have become par for the course — the best antidote is the opposite of that — real grassroots engagement, radical respect, focussing on what we want rather than what we fear.

What if the "vote-splitting" problem was turned on its head? Instead of fearing how the non-Harper parties are competing for votes with each other, here in coastal B.C. we can vote for a truly grassroots party, and elect Green MPs who will take the time to read and consider legislation they are voting on because there is no party whip telling them how to vote. They have even signed an oath committing to put the well-being of their constituents and the nation ahead of the party. The non-grassroots parties can "split" the rest of the vote.

Our region could take its turn as a driving force for change at the national level.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

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Roses to Chelsa (or Chelse, sorry,

I'm deaf) for helping a decrepit old guy dispose of his recycling material on one of the hottest days of the year, in fact doing most of the work involved. It is that sort of generous action that makes me appreciate Salt Spring Island so much. Thanks again, Chelsa/e.

A midden of roses to Lynn and Drew Thorburn for the annual Isabella Point neighbourhood barbecue on their magnificent beach. It was the best one ever! Elissa Poole and Tim Pickstone

Ball diamonds full of roses to Paul and Country Grocer for their continued support of Pee Wee boys base-

ball. This year because of your help we were able to feed many hungry ball players and participate in several tournaments. A home-run thank you to Ron and Andrea for always having a big cooler full of drinks and ice ready for the kids during every game!

The library would like to give a bouquet of delicious, sugary roses to Aletha and Café Talia for the donation of muffins, scones and other goodies. For the past several weeks, Café Talia staff have brought over boxes of baked goods for the library volunteers towards the end of the day. As a non-profit, volunteer-run organization, we are so grateful for this generosity!

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What's on this week

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music and Munch. Concert by local ensemble Reeds and Wires, followed by an optional light lunch. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.
Cheryl Cohen and Jenica Rayne - Seeing Double Tour. Two poetic singer-songwriters perform at the Tree House Cafe as part of a CD release tour. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Catch a Falling Star. Watch the Perseid meteor showers at a special event with music by Wesley Hardisty, poetry by Ahava Shira and book readings by Patrick Taylor, Brian Brett and Ronald Wright. Greg Klassen will explain the night sky and point out the meteors and stars. If it's cloudy on Aug. 12, the event will move to Aug. 13. Booth Canal location stated on tickets. 8 p.m.
SSNAP Volunteer Recruitment Meet & Greet. Learn about volunteering opportunities with the Sept. 25-Oct. 26 Salt Spring National Art Prize event. SS Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m.
Community Theatre Auditions. For Neil Simon's Rumours. Call Suzanna at 250-931-3288 for an appointment.
Computer Help Drop-in. Get free help with your phone, tablet or computer challenges every Wednesday at Salt Spring Literacy. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Poker Night at the Local. See last Wednesday's listing.
SongJam. See last Wednesday's listing.

Thur. Aug 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brothers. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Marianne Grittani. Live music at The Local pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Open Mic with Ross & Dave. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Author Reading. Bestselling writer Caitlin Rother will discuss three of her most recent books: Naked Addiction, I'll Take Care of You and Then no One Can Have Her at the Salt Spring Public Library. 4 p.m.

Fri. Aug 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fin de Fiesta Flamenco. Performance by an ensemble of Canadian and American flamenco artists. Fulford Hall. 8 p.m.
Friday WineDown TGIF at Salt Spring Vineyards. Suzy Gay is the performer from 4 to 6 p.m.
Coastal Giant. With guests Highnoon to Midnight at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Jazz Cafe at Fernwood Road Cafe. With Lloyd English and Myles English, every Friday. Fernwood Road Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.
Tara MacLean + Friends. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Fundraiser for Seven Ravens projects.
The Costners. Live music at The Local pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Fri. Aug 14

ACTIVITIES

Kraft Project Play Community Celebration. Games of all kinds, demos, prizes, BBQ and free food and refreshments for all as part of Salt Spring Island being one of four finalists in the Kraft Project Play nation-wide competition to win \$250,000 to repair the Portlock Park tennis courts. 12 to 3 p.m. at Portlock Park. Segment filmed by TSN.
Conjuring Club. Every Friday at 3:30 p.m., join magician Shaun Luttin at the Salt Spring Library for a 90-minute lesson in conjuring and sleight-of-hand. Register by emailing Shaun at shaun@bigfont.ca.
Games Night. Free, open to all ages without registration! Games Night is a safe, fun way to meet new people and immerse yourself in the world of imagination and games. Every Friday at 6 p.m. in the Library Program Room until the end of the year. Facilitated by Bryan Dubien.
McFadden Creek Nature Sanctuary Management Plan Open House. Public consultation and celebration at SSI Conservancy office on Blackburn Road. 2 p.m. with celebration at 3:30 p.m.

Sat. Aug 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Bros. Live music at The Local pub every Saturday afternoon. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Interchill Records. Fresh back from performing at B.C.'s famous Shambhala Music Festival, Interchill Records head Andrew Ross Collins and DJ Boomtown will be joined by local roots and dub reggae veteran Sean 'Sirbassa' Hill at Moby's Pub. 9:30 p.m.
Julia Beattie. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Ruby & Smith Ukulele Concert. At Duck Creek Gallery. 7:30 p.m. Reserve a spot at duckcreekgallery@gmail.com or 250-538-1866.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market. Famous market event with all items made, baked or grown by Salt Spring residents. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dutch POW Talk. Bob Oudenaarden and other survivors discuss their time in Japanese concentration camps in Indonesia during WWII. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 12 noon.
Tech Tutoring with John. Saturdays at 10 and 11 a.m., 12, 2, 3, 4 p.m. All topics, including Macs. Please sign up for the appropriate date and time, complete with contact information and tutoring topic. Salt Spring Public Library. 250-537-4666
Theatre Lighting Workshop with Marv Coulthard. First of a two-day lighting course with ArtSpring's technical director Marv Coulthard. To register call 250-537-2102 or visit www.tickets.artspring.ca.

Sat. Aug 15

ACTIVITIES

Ruby's Uk'es Beginner's Workshop. At Duck Creek Gallery on Broadwell Road. There are 12 ukuleles to borrow so people who have never tried to play can step into ukulele fun instantly. 2 to 3:15 p.m. Register at 250-538-1866 or email duckcreekgallery@gmail.com.
Opening Reception for Duthie Gallery Exhibit. Work by Nicola Wheston, Helen Ormiston Smith and Susan Benson in a new show at Duthie Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sun. Aug 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday Afternoon Music in the Vines at SS Vineyards. Simone and Mike Lamers are this Sunday's performers from 2 to 4 p.m.
Peter Prince. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Mon. Aug 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Afternoon Concert of Song and Opera. Barbara Cole Walton (soprano) and Jonathon Swinard (piano) will perform at All Saints By-the-Sea at 2 p.m.
Phoenix Lazare. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Kraft Project Play Online Voting. Go online at www.kraftproject-play.com and vote for Portlock Park on Salt Spring Island to win \$250,000 for tennis court upgrades. Unlimited voting runs from 9 a.m. on Aug. 17 through 9 p.m. on Aug. 18. Anywhere on Salt Spring Island with online access!

Mon. Aug 17

ACTIVITIES

Tech Tutoring With Conrad. iPad, tablet and e-reader tutoring with Conrad Koke at the Salt Spring Public Library. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.
SSIFPD Board Meeting. Public welcome to attend regular business meeting. Salt Spring Island United Church. 7 p.m.

Tues. Aug 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Hosted by David Jacquest at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Kraft Project Play Voting Time. See Monday's listing.
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every Tuesday through October at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.
Paddle & Play. Bring a snack and come play at Vesuvius Beach every Tuesday through August. For families with kids aged 0 to 6. Sponsored by Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wed. Aug 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Fling. Annual multi-performer event at Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea church. Free music followed by optional lunch for \$5.50.

ACTIVITIES

Poker Night at the Local. See last Wednesday's listing.
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EXHIBITIONS

- **Duthie Gallery** presents an exhibit of work by Nicola Wheston, Helen Ormiston Smith and Susan Benson with an opening reception on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also at Duthie Gallery, the Summer Lights illuminated sculpture garden is open nightly from dusk to midnight through mid-September.
- Found, with paintings by Rolando Lampitoc and jewellery by Nathalie Carles, is the ArtCraft Showcase exhibit running daily until Aug. 19 at Mahon Hall.
- **Lloyd Nicholson** presents Timelapse, a show about his art practice evolution, at Salt Spring Gallery ends on Thursday, Aug. 13.
- **When Art Rocked**, an exhibit of psychedelic poster art, runs at Steffich Fine Art in Grace Point Square.
- **Textile and Surface Design Group** members hold a show called "If you have

- once slept on an island" in the ArtSpring lobby until Aug. 29.
- Paintings by Ian Thomas are on display at KizMit Cafe and Galeria through August. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.ish.
- **Susan Haigh** exhibits larger than life paintings of flowers in the lobby and restaurant at the Harbour House Hotel for the month of August.
- **Stefanie Denz** exhibits work in the Library Program Room through August.
- **Beulah Gordon** shows mixed-media and glass work at Island Savings until the end of August.
- She Said . . . new work by Anna Gustafson is on display at MacDonald Realty in Ganges.
- **Landart@ArtCraft** — three outdoor installations — can be seen around Mahon Hall in Ganges, along with an online component at www.ssiwayfindingproject.com.
- **ArtCraft** — the 48th-annual SS Arts Council show and sale — runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Pegasus Gallery** presents historic Sampson-Matthews prints and gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason's related book called Art for War and Peace.
- Abstract watercolor and black ink paintings created by Petra Otten of Bird's Eye Productions are on display at Country Grocer's Cafe for the month of August.
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SALUTE TO RCMP

Constable earns experience with ideal first posting

Community integration an important goal

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Military and policing careers can be tough fields to enter for many women, but with a father and two big sisters who became Mounties before her, entering service was a natural step for RCMP Constable Cynthia Gillis.

Gillis, age 32, grew up "all over the Maritimes," including quite a bit of time spent in Moncton and 11 years in Halifax, where she attended university. Halifax is also the base she served out of as a member of the Canadian Army's 3 Intelligence Company for six years. Part of her service took place in Afghanistan, where she managed detainees in 2010. Policing was never far from her plans, though.

"I actually always wanted to do the RCMP and the military was just sort of an interim thing," Gillis said. "And that sort of tempo can be maintained for only so long, so it was nice to come to my forever job."

Gillis didn't plan her policing career with the direct intention of following in her family's footsteps, but being aware of their work and looking up to them had some influence. She also felt a deeper motivation:

"Anybody can be in a bad situation or a stressful situation. We can't take their pain away, but we can help them manage it, and that's a really rewarding job," Gillis said. "I'm



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Const. Cynthia Gillis, left, with four of her Salt Spring detachment colleagues, Const. Chuck Persson, Const. Stephen Casey, Sgt. George Jenkins and Const. Brandon Smith at the Ganges cenotaph to pay respects to three fallen officers from New Brunswick in June of 2014. Gillis is the fourth member of her family to serve as an RCMP officer.

really happy to put on my uniform every day and go to work."

Although she acknowledges being a woman can pose challenges both in the military and within the RCMP, Gillis has not found that to be the case personally.

"I've had very positive experiences all

around," she said. "I think you set the bar as to how you'll be treated — if you command respect, you'll receive it."

"They're like the big brothers I never wanted," she joked about her fellow officers. "We all get along very well."

Military and police work are both physi-

cally demanding, and Gillis was well prepared for those demands by having an active upbringing with lots of exposure to athletics. This has also given her an outlet that helps her cope with the other demands of the job.

"We have very high level training at our academy, but rather than dreading it, like some people, I actually looked forward to it, and it was a way of relieving stress for me. The stress relief part is important, and being active is something you can take with you everywhere you go, which is especially important in a high stress job," Gillis observed.

Coming to Salt Spring three years ago for her first posting has in some ways helped to reduce the stress. New graduates have no choice about where they'll be heading until after their first job is completed.

"I pretty much won the posting lottery," Gillis said. "It was a huge deal because no one gets such a good posting right out of the academy, normally."

However, even in a community that's small and peaceful, there are challenges to the job. One major difference is the learning curve that new officers face without the benefit of a large team of superiors to manage their every move, such as they'd find in a larger setting.

CONST. GILLIS continued on 14

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Report to the Salt Spring community on local police

Driving and boating safety, and Ganges crime reduction

BY SGT. GEORGE JENKINS
SALT SPRING RCMP DETACHMENT COMMANDER

Salt Spring's RCMP Detachment has eight uniformed police officers and two public servants. In any given year the detachment responds to 2,800 to 3,200 calls for service. This year we are on pace to be in the middle of that range.

Earlier this year, in consultation with our community partners, we developed an Annual Performance Plan to address specific community issues. This year we're focusing on distracted driving, impaired driving, marine safety and targeted crime reduction in downtown areas (Ganges).

Traffic Safety

One of this year's traffic safety initiatives is focused on reducing the amount of distracted driving activities such as illegal cell phone use while driving. Our officers will be conducting enforcement operations to catch those who are still engaging in this dangerous practice. Distracted driving is now the second leading cause of injury-related collisions,

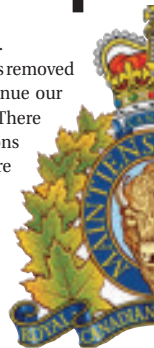
which is surpassed only by impaired driving.

Due to the high number of impaired drivers removed from our local roads last year we will continue our impaired driving initiative this year as well. There were 70 impaired driving enforcement actions last year, and this year, starting in April, there are already 30.

We will continue to work hard toward making local roads safer.

Crime Reduction

We have continued our focus on addressing the anti-social behaviour



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DETACHMENT COMMANDER
Service: 23 years
On Salt Spring: 4.5 years
Interests: boating, fishing, hiking



CPL. MARTIN BEARDSMORE
Service: 20 years
On Salt Spring: 11 years, 2 postings
Interests: travel, outdoors, spending time with family



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Service: 7.5 yrs
On Salt Spring: 7.5 yrs
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Service: 3 years
On Salt Spring: 3 years
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occurring in the downtown Ganges area. This has been an ongoing issue with disturbances, drinking and drug activity occurring in the local parks and waterfront areas.

We have increased the amount of foot patrols through these areas and have adopted an assertive prosecution strategy to target offenders who continue to behave badly.

Since April we've spent 240 hours conducting 140 foot patrols through the target areas in downtown Ganges.

Marine Safety

We're building on the work started last year to enhance marine safety through education and enforcement. We will be checking boats on the water to ensure operators have all the required safety equipment and legal

documents on board. We will also be checking to ensure operators are not under the influence of alcohol, which carries the same penalties in criminal court as operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

For more information about the Salt Spring RCMP's annual performance plan, contact the local detachment at 250-537-5555 or drop by the station during regular business hours.

Leadership Change

Sgt. George Jenkins will be leaving Salt Spring Island this fall after serving as detachment commander since early 2011. His next posting is at Ucluelet.

Thank you, Sgt. Jenkins, for your years of service to the Salt Spring community, and enjoy your time on the real west coast.



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KATIE WATTERS
VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR
Service: 4 years
Interests: Outdoor activities, spending time with family



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N GRAY
Service: 6 years
On Salt Spring: 1 year
Interests: Time, Classic Cars



CST. STEPHEN CASEY
Service: 3.5 years
On Salt Spring: 3.5 years
Interests: Outdoor activities, family time



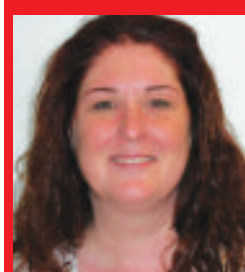
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CST. GERARD KOPPERUD
Service: 10 years
On Salt Spring: 3 years
Interests: Outdoor activities and farming



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CST. ALEX UPSHALL
Service: 8.5 years
On Salt Spring: 1 year
Interests: Boating, recycling



JOSIE RIPLEY
DETACHMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT
Service: 11 years
On Salt Spring: 3.5 years
Interests: Enjoying family & Salt Spring



LORETTA RITHALER
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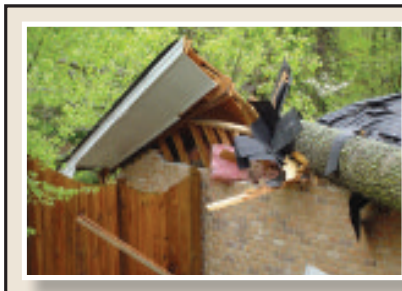
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SALUTE TO RCMP

Gillis embraces extra-curricular community activities

CONST. GILLIS "Here you have to manage all sorts of files on your own and you might not have the resources. So you have to be very capable. That was a huge challenge at first," Gillis said. "Living in a small town can be a challenge as well, for all of us, because you're always the mountie and you have to conduct yourself accordingly."

"But that's something I've enjoyed, being part of a small community, especially because I'm at the complete opposite end of the country from my family," she added. "That's been a really good experience."

One of the biggest policing concerns in the community Gillis has found relates to impaired driving. She and fellow constable Steven Casey were recently named to Alexa's Team, an honorary team of officers throughout the RCMP who have made a difference by stopping impaired driving. The two officers were responsible for removing 42 impaired drivers from the road in 2014. Gillis hopes the message spreads throughout the island that the practice is no longer socially acceptable and that it puts others at risk.

While on Salt Spring Gillis has joined two lined initiatives that help agencies share information and work together to help the victims of domestic violence. These are the Southern Gulf Islands Integrated Case

Assessment Team (ICAT) and the Violence Against Women in Relationships committee (VAWIR). She also joined the SWOVA board as the local police representative at their invitation, which she was happy to accept.

"I think it's important for RCMP to be really integrated into the community, not just as police," she said, "so any opportunity, I take it." Other examples of community work include guest talks and other programs with local schools and track coaching at Salt Spring Middle School.

Looking ahead to her future career, Gillis said it's difficult to predict just what that will hold since much of her work will be dictated by where she's posted. During her first few years she's concentrated on learning all the basics of policing, from investigations of all sorts including collisions, break and enter, theft, sexual assaults, honing interview and interrogation skills and more.

Interviews and child exploitation are two areas where she can see herself focussing on if given the opportunity, because despite the truly awful things one hears and sees on the job, the work is necessary and rewarding.

"Child exploitation is one of the most difficult fields and most people only do it for a few years. I've done a few files and I know I can investigate them and be okay. I feel like it's something I should do," she said.



PHOTO COURTESY SS SNEAKERS

Cynthia Gillis (fifth from left in green shirt) with Salt Spring Sneakers running club members at a Sooke race earlier this year.

Though it doesn't sound like she has a lot of down-time, Gillis likes to spend what she does have with the Salt Spring Sneakers running club when she can.

"They've been instrumental to my stress relief and they're a great bunch of people,"

she said.

"I feel lucky to live on such a beautiful island with such great people. It's been a fantastic opportunity to live here for three years, and it's going to be hard to leave in a year."

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ROOTS MUSIC

San Juan Island folk stars shine on Grooveyard stage



JENN REPPS PHOTOGRAPHY

Mandy Fer and Dave McGraw perform at the Southend Grooveyard on Saturday, Aug. 22. Watch the Driftwood's Facebook page on Wednesday, Aug. 12 for a concert ticket giveaway made possible by a Grooveyard/Driftwood partnership.

Andrew Youngson dinner precedes music

Internationally acclaimed songwriters Dave McGraw and Mandy Fer are the next act to perform at the Southend Grooveyard, with a concert set for Saturday, Aug. 22.

Unlike many Grooveyard visitors, the cosy farmhouse setting won't be much of a journey for the musical couple. Though they've topped the charts at home and in Europe, they live on nearby San Juan Island. Their latest album, *Maritime*, was recorded live on the island, capturing a special moment in time and place.

"Instead of travelling far from their natural solitude to record an album in a bustling city, McGraw and Fer called on their cohort of kindred musicians and producer to come together from across the country to make what they were

calling their 'island record,'" their press material explains. "Recorded live in a home, at the end of a dirt road, amidst towering evergreens, a story of a patient island is told."

Maritime charted at number one on the EuroAmericana Chart for two consecutive months upon early release in Europe, and was ranked among the Best Albums of 2014 by *The Telegraph*, which praised it for "soulful songs, intuitive musicianship and fine singing."

McGraw and Fer met in Flagstaff, Ariz. in 2010 before relocating to the Pacific Northwest in 2012. McGraw spent a decade as a wildlife biologist, studying endangered birds in remote locales from the deserts of Mexico and the Grand Canyon to the mountainous rain forests of Washington state. Fer's musical pulse led her to Spain, where she studied music, language and local culture, after years of playing electric

lead guitar with U.S. bands. "Together, their exceptional vocal harmonies coupled with Fer's pioneering electric guitar work have become a vehicle to carry them around the world," a press release states. "The pair has honed their skills touring extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe, sharing stages with fellow troubadours, including Iron & Wine, Glen Hansard, Gregory Alan Isakov, Kelly Joe Phelps, Birds of Chicago and many others."

Music starts at 7:30 p.m. A special pre-show dinner is offered by Andrew Youngson of the *Farmer's Apprentice* at 6 p.m.

Tickets are at Salt Spring Books, Fever Tree and Stuff & Nonsense, and www.southendgrooveyard.com.

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Soprano and opera pianist visit All Saints

Talented duo offer afternoon concert

All Saints By-the-Sea will be the place to enjoy an afternoon of song and opera with coloratura soprano Barbara Cole Walton and collaborative pianist Jonathon Swinard on Monday, Aug. 17 in a concert beginning at 2 p.m.

A Chemainus-raised musician, Cole Walton recently graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a Masters in Music in Opera with Distinction and a Masters in Music in Vocal Performance in 2013.

Local audiences may remember her performing lead roles in musicals at Queen Margaret's School, singing at the Chemainus Theatre dining room and performing at the Cowichan Music Festival.

Cole Walton is a 2014 recipient of the prestigious Sylva Gelber Music Foundation Award.

"Her amazing, flexible voice, combined with Swi-



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Coloratura soprano Barbara Cole Walton and pianist Jonathon Swinard are ready to treat a Salt Spring audience.

nard's passion for the keyboard, will provide an exciting performance of songs by Strauss, Fauré, Debussy, and Gilbert and Sullivan and opera by Massenet, Mozart and Bernstein, as well as lesser-known works," explains a press release.

Swinard is a visiting art-

ist from England who studied music at St. Catherine's College, Oxford and completed a Masters in Répétiteur Studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

He has played nearly 30 fully staged opera productions and has served as head of music preparation for the

opera department at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and chorus master of Edinburgh Grand Opera.

Swinard currently works as conductor, solorepetitor and kappelmeister at the Staatstheater (the opera house) in Nuremberg, Germany.

Audiences can listen to a sample of what they can expect to hear at www.barbaracolewalton.com.

Admission to the Aug. 17 concert is by donation.

The concert is on during the Kraft Project Play voting period where Salt Spring's Portlock Park improvement project is eligible to win \$250,000 if it garners the most votes among four national finalists.

See www.kraftprojectplay.com and vote from 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 through 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

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ART REVIEW

'Found' objects form source material for original works

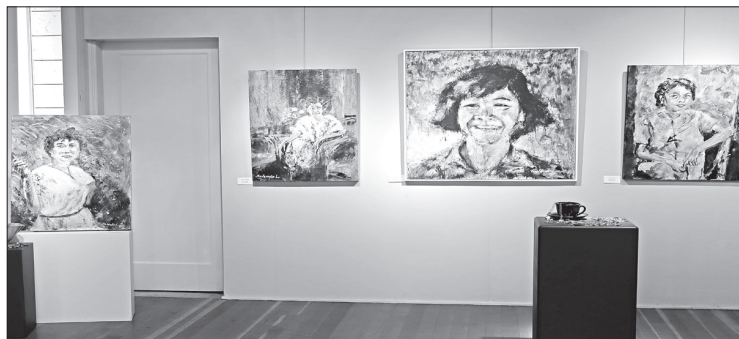
Paintings and jewellery at ArtCraft showcase

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Reclaimed objects and images are transformed into fascinating new expressions in the current ArtCraft Showcase exhibit, with paintings by Galiano artist Rolando Lampitoc and jewellery by Natalie Carles forming the Found exhibit.

Lampitoc, a former graphic artist who now pursues fine art full time, shows his series My Father's Negatives. These loose, flowing paintings in encaustic are based on the extensive negative archive Lampitoc's father kept related to his work as a renowned portrait artist.

The Philippine Reporter outlined after his death in 2010 that Rolando Lampitoc, Sr. was a master who excelled as a painter, portraitist, photographer, serigrapher, pastel and watercolourist. According to the article, he won the most coveted award in the Philippine National Art Exhibit and was asked to



Paintings by Rolando Lampitoc on exhibit at ArtCraft until Aug. 19.

PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

represent the Philippines at the International Salon Sud in Paris before moving to the Toronto area in 1972.

Lampitoc was clearly taking on a huge presence when he decided to dive into the forbidden treasure trove after his father's death, using the same images his father used as a portraitist to create his own unique expressions. To do that he chose an intentionally loose brush stroke that severs the connection to photographic realism and emphasizes the past's shadowy influence.

Painting in encaustic on

board, Lampitoc's mostly mellow tones in pigment mixed with wax suggest a distant time and place, with warm browns and yellows predominant additions to black and white tones. The feeling is suggested further by the subject material, elegant dark-haired women who sometimes carry classic Asian touches in their clothing or ornamentation.

Lampitoc's large, overtly broad brushstrokes meanwhile emphasize the artist's hand and the fact that these works are very much the creation of an individual. Though his goal was to "let go" while doing

this series, the paintings that work best are those that combine the expressive style with a little more control — such as in the pensive *By the Window* and the impressively powerful *Mother*. With the latter framed as if the viewer is looking up at the woman's face from a shorter stature, the mystery of her female strength as if experienced by a child is readily felt.

Carles' jewellery is a fun addition and lightens up the uncertain atmosphere that Lampitoc's mysterious portraits produce, with collections of beads and charms from myriad



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Necklace made from eclectic pieces by Natalie Carles.

sources brought together in exuberant new "narratives." One necklace, for example, contains a Mexican painted wooden fish, blobs of jewel-toned Venetian glass, a miniature kimono in plasticized paper and various vintage beads and baubles. The overwhelming impression is a celebration of all things bright and glittery, with excessiveness elevat-

ing individual beads from kitsch to life-affirming collections.

Found continues on the Mahon Hall stage to Aug. 19 during ArtCraft's regular hours, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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Music Makers present seasonal recital

Summer Fling at
All Saints Aug. 19

Music Makers and friends are celebrating summer in their annual program of music, song and dance this month, with Summer Fling to be presented at the Wednesday, Aug. 19 edition of Music and Munch.

With the usual verve and wit, the cast will offer an eclectic selection from their repertoire, with some new lyrical pieces as well as some

old favourites. Al Roberson and Betty Rothwell, always a pleasure to listen to as soloists as well as in signature duets, have some fun up their sleeves.

Anke Smelee, Connie Holmes and David Storm will form a trio that moves from the serious music of Handel and Purcell to the hilarity of Purcell's Duet for Two Cats and the satire of political shenanigans. Soprano Jean McClure, with her sweet voice and presence, will bring both thoughtful and uplifting songs.

Carole Scott and Charles Hings-

ton add more than a hint of humour to the day, while dancers Sue Newman, Gale Hingston and Lottie Devindisch offer their love of song and dance in a fun piece called *Summertime Rap*, which is a romp by the seaside.

Versatile and talented pianist and All Saints music director David Storm will be at the piano.

Although the performers will all appear in future musical events the parish will be offering, Summer Fling will be the final full-scale summer recital in the Music and

Munch series, which will end with a 20th-anniversary celebration in June 2016.

Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. in All Saints By-the-Sea, followed by an optional light lunch. Audiences are advised this is a popular event, so people should arrive in good time.

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FABRIC ART

Diversity of styles soars in ArtSpring lobby

Textile and Surface Design
Group shares special
collection of work

The ArtSpring lobby is currently brightened with an exciting new show by the Textile and Surface Design group of Salt Spring Island.

Group members are interested in exploring the many aspects of textiles, art and design to express their own diversity and to push their limits of working with fabrics.

"Many started with the quilting and

sewing craft but have experimented with new techniques, products and processes that have moved their art to a 'different' level," explains a press release.

"Their new show titled 'If once you have slept on an island' shows the great diversity of the group. There are many individual pieces and an inspiring group rendering of Fulford Harbour that will take your breath away and will show how inspiration, passion for the medium and a fearless breaking of the 'rules' can create truly wonderful art."

Participating artists are Linda Coussell, Elna Gravelle, Bobbi Janowiak, Gillian Kidd, Daniele Manners, Joanie Paterson,

Susan Paynter, Karen Selk, Gillian Smith, Karen Tottman and Ineke van Hasselt. The show runs until Aug. 29.



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MUSIC FESTIVAL

First-time music and garlic festival gets rave reviews



Chilliwack's Bill Henderson and Doug Edwards take the stage as the final act of the festival on Sunday evening. Although Henderson has long lived on Salt Spring Island, it was the first time his band had performed on the island.



Dancers go for it at the front of the main stage Saturday. Crowd numbers were not yet available.

Photos by
JEN MACLELLAN



Kids enjoy Angela Brown's Nylon Zoo costumes and activities. See more photos from the festival on the Driftwood's Facebook page.



Festival directors, from left, Neale Smith, Bill Pié and Mike Stefancsik.



Katie Burke sings as part of the SALT band on Sunday afternoon.

All aspects of show praised

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The sun may not have literally shone on both days of Salt Spring's first Garlic and Music Festival, but organizers and participants couldn't have been happier with the way things unfolded at Paradise Farm on Musgrave Road.

Festival music director Mike Stefancsik said his expectations were "more than exceeded" in terms of the performances, crowd and artist engagement, and sound quality.

The event saw 30 acts from both Salt Spring Island and far beyond perform on two stages on Saturday and Sunday, with dozens of food, farm and merchandise vendors also on site, plus activities especially for kids.

"Festival coordinator Jessica Harkema worked tirelessly to sew a huge amount of the template together for us," Stefancsik said, and also praised the event's massive volunteer crew.

Islander Anthony Matthews was helping out at a food booth and enjoying the festival in general.

"The thing that impressed me the most was how many people came out for it that I hadn't seen for so long," said Matthews.

Whether farmers, vendors of food or other products, musicians or festival-goers, the diversity was impressive, he said.

He was also happy to look around the grounds after Chilliwack performed its last song and the thank yous were complete to observe the site's cleanliness, after hearing about the unfortunate state of other festival spots.

Sandy Harkema volunteered as a ticket dispenser in the beer garden.

"The festival itself was an amazing first event," she said. "The venue is beautiful, the mix of music was perfect, and the whole event came off without a major hitch."

Arthur Farrow, age 86, told the Driftwood he thought everything about the festival was "A-plus," except the music, because there were no genres for his age group to enjoy. He also missed seeing Valdy perform because he was not aware of the second performers' stage.

Stefancsik said he and the other festival directors welcome feedback of any kind, which can be sent to him at mike@windsorssi.com.

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That is the case for several reasons. Older adults do not adjust as well to sudden changes in temperature. They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat. They are more likely to take prescription medicines that impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature or that inhibit perspiration.

Signs and Symptoms of Heat-Related Stress:

- Cramps or muscle tightening, usually in the legs and abdomen, but they can be in other parts of the body
- Headache
- Nausea
- Dizziness, weakness, and feeling faint
- Skin that is redder or paler than usual, or moist skin
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Irritable, bizarre, or aggressive behaviour

What to do for Someone with Heat Stress:

- Move the person to a cooler location
- Give the person cool water to drink in sips
- Have the person loosen any tight clothing
- Fan the person • Put cool water on the person's skin
- If the person's condition is severe, put covered ice packs in each armpit and on the back of the person's neck • Call 9-1-1 for help

How to Protect Yourself:

- Dress for the weather: wear loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing made from breathable fabric.
- Stay hydrated: drink plenty of cool liquids, especially water before you feel thirsty. This will decrease your risk of dehydration. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, either can cause dehydration. (If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink when the weather is hot. Also, avoid extremely cold liquids because they can cause cramps.)
- Avoid sun exposure: wear a wide-brimmed, breathable hat or use an umbrella.
- Wear sunglasses. Make sure they provide protection against UVA and UVB rays.
- Limit your time in the sun, especially between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of at least 15. The sunscreen should also say "broad-spectrum" on the label, to screen out most of the UVA and UVB rays. Remember, sunscreen will protect against the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays, but not from the heat.
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NATURE

The hunt for food: wild, tame, bought

Foraging and hunting pleasures recalled

BY BOB WEEDEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Hungry? First, find the food.

You can let nature grow it, then forage for it. You can plant seeds or keep livestock — both once wild, now tamed — and tend them nearby. Or you can trade talent for money and go shopping.

Our ancestors foraged for 200,000 years or so, for quite a while in the same countryside as Neanderthals. They both were good at it. We city folks still inherit the right brain pathways, but get little practice. It takes a Nova or National Geographic TV special to remind us that even yet, hunting and gathering are the mainstays of community survival for several million people.

Farming was invented independently in many places over many thousands of years. The earliest and most famous centre of agriculture, in the Tigris/Euphrates valleys, was waning long before crops were raised by New World Mayan gardeners, who in turn were a thousand years ahead of the first growers of flint corn in New England. In this 5000-year span of pre-modern agriculture, the hills just beyond the furrows and the tended goats were homelands for foraging people.

In most places hunting, fishing and gathering can



support only tiny communities of 50 to 200 people or so. There is no way to build up a lasting surplus of food energy. Farming can. Before industrialized agriculture one person raising crops could feed 10 or 20 people until the next planting. Doing what comes naturally, people made babies and settlements grew. Work became so specialized, and fossil fuels energized machinery to such an extent, that in industrialized nations today one or two people can feed 100. The rest work and take their debit card to the food store.

Ordinary folks happily ignore the neat generalizations and live life in all its true variety.

My Dad and Mom, with five youngsters to rear in the Great Depression, brought food to the table any way they could. Dad, a car mechanic when cars were mechanical, brought wages to Mom, our home manager and shopper. He also grew enough vegetables for Mom to put on the table fresh or to can or freeze for the rest of the year. But we foraged, too, in odd corners of our busy lives.

The big annual celebra-

tion of food and family was our late-summer clambake on a friend's pasture snug against the high tide mark. Foraging brought clams, scallops and fish ashore, and wild blueberries for pie. From gardens came corn, summer squash, onions, carrots and potatoes. Red tomatoes were for salads and chin dribbling. Money bought savoury bread, butter, seasonings, watermelons and milk.

I wish I could describe how the cold beer tasted, but our clan was too tee-totally close to Puritan ancestors for that.

A morning bonfire heated stones. The men raked them for best spacing, and forked fresh rockweed onto them. A grand and salty steam billowed up. Seafood and veggies went on top. Everyone grabbed an edge of a heavy canvas tarp and hauled it over the hot pile. Swimming and gossip and games of horseshoe pitch made the waiting bearable.

Central Alaska, where Judy and I set up housekeeping, was a perfect place for a roll-your-own lifestyle. We both had jobs. A Foodland in town had groceries. Good soil surrounded our home. So did sunlight, from May through August. A rich harvest of vegetables came out of our garden.

We hunted. Our kids hardly knew what beef and pork tasted like, because moose and caribou were daily fare. Long-handled nets dipped in the swift, roily Copper River and gill nets set in Kachemak Bay put so many salmon in the freezer that our children

begged us to take them to potluck suppers. Mushrooms and wild berries were plentiful.

Like almost everyone I've known, most of my food has come from trading a small talent for sufficient money. Shopping? Sure. Couldn't live without it. And there's scarcely a year out of the last 75 when I haven't gardened. My special love, though, is foraging. It's a joy to get to know the nature of my home place from close watching as seasons come and go.

When I hunted moose I smelled the bruised leaves and rutting musk, saw the sun sparkle on scarlet berries and glow on tawny mushrooms, and heard the message in the ravens' calls and red squirrel's sudden chatter. I felt icy brook water in belly and boot.

Now we have smaller adventures on Salt Spring Island. Chanterelles hide in salal patches, oysters wait out low tides and blackberries snag pickers in the fencerows. No matter the place or the prey, gathering wild food is deeply satisfying.

It's an obsolete romanticism, some say, an atavism, a dopamine rush, meaningless in our times. I wonder, though, if it isn't made exquisitely meaningful by that very modernity? And when our postmodern "real life" gives way to something else, as surely it will, we'll be glad we hung onto it.

I don't boast about being a monkey's uncle, but I'm OK with being a Neanderthal's cousin.



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IN A FLAP: A great blue heron gets set to fly from a rock at Fernwood Beach. The majestic bird has a wing span of 5.5 to 6.6 feet (1.7 to 2 meters).

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BOOKS

True crime author visits library

Three recent books featured in Thursday discussion

The Salt Spring Island Public Library is excited to host New York Times bestselling author Caitlin Rother for an afternoon book talk on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Rother will discuss three of her most recent books: *Naked Addiction*, *I'll Take Care of You* and *Then No One Can Have Her* at the event that begins at 4 p.m. in the program room.

According to press material, Rother dabbled in journalism in high school and college before going on to become an investigative journalist, later turning to fiction and writing her first book called *Poisoned Love* in 2005.

"As an investigative journalist Rother kept an eye out for the more complex and dramatic stories — the most bizarre or tragic deaths and the public figures whose questionable actions evoked her investigative curiosity," the press release states.

"Over time," she says, "a symbiotic relationship formed between my fiction



CAITLIN ROTHER

and non-fiction writing skills and the topics fed into each other."

Rother has now written and co-authored 10 books, all drawing from decades of experience reporting on a wide range of topics, from addiction, suicide, mental illness and murder,

to politics and corruption at city hall and in Congress.

Bestselling author Michael Connelly calls Rother "a keen architect of the most important part of storytelling: character."

Thursday's reading is free, although donations are always welcomed.

For more information on book talks and other events at the Salt Spring Public Library, visit saltspring.bc.libraries.coop or the library's Facebook page.

While born in Canada, Rother now lives in San Diego, Calif.

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This Week's Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

On August 11th at 4:13 am PDT, thus August 10th for most of the world, Jupiter entered the 'sign' of Virgo in the Tropical Zodiac. It will remain there for just over a year. Since Jupiter is in one of its most challenging sign positions when in Virgo, we will all be challenged during this period. At worst, the economy could suffer but at best it could produce a good deal of poignant journalism that gains global attention. Virgo is the sign of health, lifestyle, routine and habit and how these are activated in one's life to achieve optimum results. Virgo is also linked to humility and our ever changing state of health reminds us that in order to maintain good health we must humbly submit to lifestyle rhythms that reveal our willingness to adapt to changes occurring within and without. Virgo is also linked to ecology. Keeping the environment clean has been and continues to be a major challenge for our technological, materialistic and consumer oriented times. So far, our technological advances have outdistanced the wisdom factor which asks: Just because we can, should we? Of course, the politics of this increasingly urgent issue holds global implications. The natural world does not yield to our nationalistic borders. That we 'all live down steam' is not simply a clever metaphor. This week's Horoscope will bring emphasis to Jupiter in Virgo for the 12 Signs.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Jupiter in Virgo from the perspective of Aries will push you to make some very real improvements in your life. Call them adjustments, refinements or outright changes, either way they will invite you to make the extra effort. If you ignore or resist this push you could live to regret it. Positively, you will be much healthier by this time next year.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21) Jupiter in Virgo will synchronize with the impulse to make some needed improvements in your relationships. Not only the relationships in your personal life will be affected, but also those linked to your profession. In both cases, you will take leads to increase returns. While money is very likely involved, your focus will include job satisfaction.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Although Jupiter in Virgo can often prove challenging in terms of feeling confident, it so happens that this effect will be neutralized. In fact, you may even be able to tilt the scales in your favor and experience a steady growth in confidence. Your lifestyle in general and your relationships in particular will undergo the results of this cycle.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) Jupiter in Virgo will usher in a busier pace over the coming year for you. At worst you could feel overwhelmed at times so get ready for that and pace yourself. At best you could get a lot done. As well, you may find extra reason and opportunity to travel. If you have been waiting for your window to write a book or some other intellectual project, this cycle is it.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23) You will be paying closer attention to the health of your wealth over the coming year. Your focus will sharpen as you endeavor to increase your lot. This could include learning about investments. Taking calculated risks is also featured. The biggest danger is that you could reactively produce an attitude and belief pattern or lack. Exercise gratitude for all you have as a key to create more.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Jupiter in your sign will lead you to expand your overall scope of self-expression. At worst you will be more susceptible to weight gain. Positively, you will feel inspired to be healthier than ever. You will take a philosophical and scientific or systematic approach to becoming the best you can be. Be careful not to lapse into unnecessary criticism and cynicism. Cultivate a more conscious lifestyle.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22) If ever there was a time to deepen your faith, this is it. Circumstances may push you to access deeper reserves of spiritual conviction and trust in yourself and the world. Positively, you could emerge from this cycle with a deepened confidence in yourself, others and life in general. Be careful not to allow dogmatic attitudes to take hold. Deepen your definition of what the word spirituality means to you.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21) Focusing to both increase and improve the scope and quality of your friendships will be a central theme for you with Jupiter in Virgo. This will likely include learning to be a better friend with you yourself. This can include exercising self: love, like, acceptance, acknowledgement and respect. If necessary, liberate yourself from guilt or shame by exercising the power of forgiveness.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21) Your public and professional life will undergo a boost with this Jupiter cycle. The twist is that you have to contract to expand. This can literally include obtaining contracts, but it also means exercising more discipline and time management to get more done in a day. Build within and widen your reach outwardly to increase your overall scope of influence and recognition.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19) You should notice yourself becoming more philosophical over the coming year starting now. Digging deeper to access what you deem your truth will become important. This process may also include refining your definition of personal ethics. Letting go of prior commitments may require that you see yourself and the world and you in the world in new ways.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19) Returns for past efforts will begin to roll in with this cycle. All being well you have been diligent where it really counts. Inheritances and/or insurance claims and investments too will take on added importance. Increasing your overall sense of security will be a core motivator. Thoughts and contemplations upon life and death themes will also become more prominent.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Jupiter in Virgo will inspire you to expand the scope and quality of your relationships. Both your personal and your professional life stand to be affected. You could become more social and therefore popular, but your main focus may be professional. Avoid an excessively serious and sober emphasis on business. Increase your fun, play and entertainment quotients for balance and success.

MUSIC

Ukulele masters share talents



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Daphne Roubini (Ruby) and Andrew Smith bring ukulele magic to Duck Creek Gallery on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Workshop and concert on Saturday

Salt Spring will host some special guests this weekend as Vancouver's First Lady and Duke of Uke visit and offer a workshop and concert.

Daphne Roubini and Andrew Smith are known across Canada and beyond as the founders of Ruby's Ukes, the world's largest ukulele school outside Hawaii. As the stars of vintage jazz band Black Gardenia, they've won countless fans with a sound described as "the musical equivalent

of taking a bath in a barrel of finely aged bourbon."

They're also known as Ruby and Smith, and as a duo recently released their first CD called A Ukulele Album.

"There's so much music hidden in those four strings," explains Roubini. "When we first started performing as a ukulele duo, it seemed like we would face certain limitations. But once we started exploring what we were capable of with two ukuleles we realized that the scope for creativity was endless."

A Ruby's Ukes Beginner's Workshop takes place on Saturday,

Aug. 15 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at Duck Creek Gallery on Broadwell Road, with 12 instruments available for people to use.

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COMMENTARY

Pip pip for an extraordinary pope

I am not Roman Catholic. I'm not even religious. For me the essence of religious ideology is summed up in a headline that appeared in The Times of London last year: NEPAL SEEKS NEW CHILD GODDESS; MUST HAVE VOICE LIKE A DUCK.

That said, I have nothing against people who find solace in a coda of beliefs that rejects logic and common sense. As H.L. Mencken wrote: "We must respect the other fellow's religion . . . to the extent that we respect his belief that his wife is beautiful."

Besides, as Mencken also said, there's a chance he may be right.

As a non-religious person I don't follow the ups and downs of the Catholic church, but there's one Catholic that keeps catching my eye.

He's an older fella, the son of Italian immigrants. He once worked as a nightclub bouncer, likes tango, soccer, riding the buses and walking the streets. He lives in a modest two-bedroom apart-



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ment in Rome. His name is George (Jorge) Bergoglio. You probably know him better as Pope Francis. He is not your average pope.

And that's a good thing. There have been 266 popes in history and some of them have been a little sketchy. Back in the 9th-century AD, Pope Stephen VII put a predecessor on trial for blasphemy. Tricky. His predecessor had died years earlier. Pope Stephen had his corpse dug up, dressed in papal robes and cross-examined in court.

Other popes, oaths of celibacy notwithstanding, had wives, mistresses and in some cases, illegitimate children. Indeed, a bastard son of Pope Sergius III became Pope John XI.

Most popes, it goes

without saying, hew to a much higher code of conduct, but even the best of them tend to be on the conservative, don't-rock-the-boat side, not to mention somewhat magisterial in bearing. Francis has already shed a good deal of the ornamental vestments that go with the position. He was expected like his predecessors to live in the lavish Apostolic Palace in the Vatican. He chose instead to live in a Roman guesthouse. Other popes travelled about in the famous "Popemobile," a fancy bulletproof limousine. Francis gets around in a Ford Focus. The man believes in modesty and he practises what he preaches.

And that's not all he preaches. In his latest Papal Encyclical called *Laudato si* (Praise be), Pope Francis asks "What is happening to our common home?" Then he unloads on rampant consumerism, depletion of fresh water, biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and the lunacy of blind adherence to profit-

driven economic ideologies.

He doesn't sound like a pope; he sounds like David Suzuki.

He can make headlines but will he make a difference? Hard to say. No doubt the pope is a glittering beacon to the 1.2 billion Catholic faithful who consider him their spiritual father, but when all is said and done, the pope proposes, the Vatican disposes. Pope Francis is a shiny pearl buried in the encrusted oyster-shell of Vatican bureaucracy. But he is no fool. Old friends describe him as "a chess player" who thinks out every move before he makes it.

He's certainly got our attention. As I once overheard someone say: "That guy sure knows how to pope!"

As Christians say: Amen to that.

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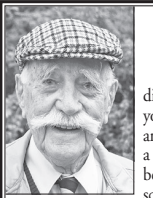
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Laurie Martin-Poulsen

Passed away peacefully on August 10, 2015 in the Palliative Care Unit at Lady Minto Hospital. Laurie, originally from Ontario, came to live on Salt Spring Island in 2003. A friend of Laurie's recently wrote to her: "Your unselfishness, compassion and willingness to serve others are some of the qualities that make you shine so brightly." Laurie will be sorely missed by all of her friends. On the day before her passing, Laurie wrote these words: "My very best and heartfelt wishes to everyone who has passed my way and continue to do so. You've offered me as much as any life could have received and more. Thank you."

Rest in peace, dear sweet Laurie.



Ronald S. Holcroft
Nov. 15, 1916 - Aug. 4, 2015

Salt Spring has lost one of its most distinguished gentlemen. Rarely would you see him without his tweed jacket, tie and flat cap, in summer substituted by a panama hat adorned with a hat band bearing the colours of his old boarding school, St. Edward's (Oxford).

Ron passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital after suffering heart complications and finally a stroke. He will be missed by his loving and attentive wife, Nancy (married 59 years), his son Tom (Charlotte) of Victoria, daughter Anne (Bryne Weerstra) of Cochrane, Alberta, and sister Janet Mill of Shiptonhorpe, Yorkshire, England, as well as several nieces and nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, and sister Margaret Magnus.

Born in Wolverhampton, England, Ron's plans of becoming a solicitor were abandoned when he joined the Territorial Army and entered the Second World War as a military policeman in 1939, followed by 5 years in POW camps. After the war, Ron studied agriculture and operated a market garden. He emigrated to Canada in 1952, settling in Brampton, Ontario. There he met Nancy, who had emigrated from England in 1954, when they were both acting in an amateur theatre production. His first job was at a greenhouse, followed by a job at a reformatory where he eventually began teaching. That led to his career as a high school teacher of horticulture and environmental science. In addition to teaching, he joined the Lorne Scots militia in Brampton, kept himself busy on a hobby farm near Barrie, Ontario and became the lay preacher at Hawkestone Anglican Church for several years. He took up wood-carving and became well known for his walking sticks, even selling them for a time in Lake Louise.

In 1986, Ron decided to make Salt Spring Island his home, thinking the climate might reduce allergy symptoms, and no doubt wanting to leave behind the shovelling of snow. He and Nancy immediately became involved in the community which continued until only 5 months ago. Activities started with Sea Capers, but soon included the Anglican Church, Masons, Shriners, Canadian Legion particularly on Remembrance Day, Trail and Nature Club, Scottish Country Dance Club, Boy Scouts, Seniors Services Society, Meals on Wheels, volunteering at Fernwood School, Salt Spring Literacy Society ... the list goes on.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their tender care, along with his long-term doctor, Dr. David Woodley, and more recently Dr. Barcan and Dr. White. Funeral: 2:00 p.m. Eucharist Thursday, August 13th at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Salt Spring Island, followed by a reception at All Saints Anglican Church, Ganges.

Donations in Ron's memory may be made to The Cancer Car Charity by sending a cheque directed to the Cancer Car Charity, care of:

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Island woman inspires others as she gets back on track



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Salt Spring Sneakers members Phyllis Wakelyn, left, and Joan McConnell at the Portlock Park track.

Joan McConnell eyes five-kilometre race

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Joan McConnell is hard to track down. If she isn't working her way around the track at Portlock Park, the 89-year-old Gan-

ges area resident is busy with meetings to discuss the Salt Spring National Art Prize or any number of other community initiatives.

"I'll have to call you back in the morning," she said, thwarting a recent attempt to sneak in an interview.

McConnell has come far since she was encouraged to

join her daughter Gillian's local running group every Thursday morning.

Having broken a leg in 2006 and subsequently injured several ribs, McConnell had begun to succumb to the all-too-familiar storyline that can see elderly people experience a tragic loss of mobility. Everything changed soon after Gillian suggested her mother pack the walker in the car and join the Sneakers, a running group whose membership includes tweens to 80-somethings.

"It's inspired her," Gillian said. "It means a lot to her. Getting out and walking is the best thing."

Sedentary lifestyles fuelled by the fear of getting hurt, Gillian said, mean many seniors aren't getting enough daily exercise. As muscles weaken and balance gradually decreases, however, seniors stand a higher risk of injuring themselves in a fall.

"One of the reasons elderly people tend to get off balance is because a lot of them don't exercise very much, and their muscles get weak," Gillian said.

It was after one of those falls that McConnell took action.

"When you're old you need to be out, and I'd much rather be out with younger people," McConnell said. "I didn't expect to be alive this long, but I'm here so I might as well get on with it."

McConnell began with her walker but soon graduated to walking around the track with support from two trusty walking sticks. Every passing week sees McConnell get a little stronger.

"I do feel different," McConnell said. "Before, I was frightened to even get out of bed without the walker."

The club also offers McConnell a new social circle of running friends who meet for coffee after each practice session.

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JOAN MCCONNELL
Training for 5-K race

Having made her way around the track, McConnell is headed toward a five-kilometre race in Sidney in early 2016, a few months after her 90th birthday.

"Basically there hasn't been anyone in that 90-plus running category," Gillian said.

"That's a great goal."

McConnell has drawn much inspiration from Phyllis Wakelyn, an octogenarian who has competed in several races on Salt Spring and Vancouver Island since joining the Sneakers.

The club, she said, offers people of all ages an added incentive to keep active and have fun while they're at it.

"[Joan] is a great old soul, full of vim and vitality. She's an excellent example of what can be accomplished," Wakelyn said. "We've all celebrated with her every step of the way."

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GOLF

Gibson earns Jensen Cup victory

Men's group busy this summer

BY MARCIE HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Men's Day at the Salt Spring Golf Club continues the tradition of competitive or cup play. Earlier this summer, Bob Gibson took home the Jensen Cup and Tom Brown was runner up.

Rick Weatherall was low net winner for two recent Men's Day outings, with Thornton Cass and Don McMahon runners up. Doug Mitchell also notched a low net honour this month.

The Parsons Cup Qualifier low net win-

ner was Mike Winter with Doug Fraser close behind. New hole handicap ratings have been implemented. We welcome feedback from players.

The North South Tournament runs Sept. 5 and includes a live auction at 1 p.m., which is open to the public. If you have an auction item for donation, please contact the pro shop.

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Community party Friday; online voting begins Monday

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Jolene Curran holds a Kraft Project Play handbill with details for online voting at the Salt Spring Garlic and Music Festival on the weekend, as booth volunteer Fernando dos Santos walks behind.



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starts on Monday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. (Pacific Daylight Time). The community with the most votes when polls close on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 8:59 p.m. PDT wins \$250,000 for community recreation facilities.

Erica Ross, the former president of the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association, nominated Salt Spring earlier this summer. She said the money will be used to rebuild and upgrade the aging tennis courts at Portlock Park, a project that's been on the Parks and Recreation Commission's to-do list for years.

Since winning the money for tennis upgrades would free up PARC money for other sports and recreation groups on the island, organizers want to rouse support from everyone on the island.

"What this would allow us to do, because we've been allocating money to tennis for years, is to free up that money and allocate it to other activities," said Dan Ovington, PARC manager.

Everyone in the community is invited to a free pre-vote barbecue party on Friday afternoon at Portlock Park between noon and 3 p.m. The event will feature TSN Sportscentre host Kara Wagland, and Oded Jacob, head of the National Tennis Training Centre.

Organizers encourage islanders to spread word of the event, be prepared to show off Salt Spring's spirit to the rest of the country, and find or plan to host a voting party with friends on Monday and Tuesday.

"If people are having fun, they'll vote," Ross said. "We're trying to get as many people as possible and hope that will be enough."

Kraft representatives will present Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre with a \$25,000 cheque for Salt Spring's qualification for the final four on Friday. The money will be set aside to fix Portlock's tennis courts if the big prize is not won.

Though she's already been busy courting votes around the community, Ross hopes Friday's celebration will spur further awareness about the prize and prompt people to begin spreading word about the need to vote multiple times on Mon-

day and Tuesday. She said wristbands and stickers will be available throughout the island before the end of the week.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for this island to get a quarter million dollars," Ross said. "It's available to us on a platter if we are willing to reach out and grab it."

Bremner said she believes widespread community participation is critical if Salt Spring stands any chance against competitors from groups in London, Ont., New Glasgow, N.S. and St. John's, N.L.

"It's all about getting people to vote and having fun with it, about really trying to build that excitement and pride of community."

CAROL BREMNER
*Former resident of Salmon River, N.S.
Kraft's Hockeyville 2006*

All but New Glasgow have significantly larger populations than Salt Spring Island, but campaigners are hopeful that Salt Spring will pull off the win as the lone representative from Western Canada.

In Salmon River, campaign organizers decorated the street in front of the old arena with hockey gear. There were banners spread around town, neighbouring communities were invited to get on board, and everyone was encouraged to wear their favourite hockey jerseys, said Bremner.

If people didn't have a jersey, she said, organizers went door to door to hand them out.

Salmon River had become Hockeyville.

"It's all about getting people to vote and having fun with it, about really trying to build that excitement and pride of community," she said.

More information about the vote is available at kraftprojectplay.com. The \$250,000 grand prize winner will be announced on TSN and RDS on Aug. 21. Further details about how to get involved are available from Ross at 250-537-5422 or through the Kraft Project Play Salt Spring Tennis 2015 Facebook page.

From Final Four to #1

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