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COULD THESE TWO BE RELATED?: StageCoach student Maia Cassie and her mother Aidan Cassie after winning a best costume award during the theatre school's annual March of Fools fundraiser at Salt Spring Elementary on Saturday.

EMERGENCY

Toxic gas shuts hotel complex

Eight people sent to hospital on Thursday

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue evacuated and closed the Harbour House Hotel for nearly three hours Thursday to investigate a chemical spill that sent eight people to hospital.

"We sent in a crew of firefighters in breathing apparatus with our gas detector and the sensors went off the chart," said Jamie Holmes, assistant chief with

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue. "The sensors maxed out 10 times beyond the danger level."

Five fire-rescue vehicles and two ambulances arrived at the Harbour House's rear parking lot soon after receiving reports of a "chemical smell" at 11:10 a.m.

Firefighters said the smell was caused by the accidental mixture of drain cleaner containing sulfuric acid with a bleach-based cleaning agent. The mixture pro-

duced a chemical reaction that sent a lethal cloud of potentially explosive and corrosive gas through parts of the building, Holmes added.

The eight people sent to Lady Minto Hospital as a precaution were treated and released later that same day, said Sarah Plank, a spokesperson for Island Health.

HARBOUR HOUSE continued on 2

ENVIRONMENT

CRD group recommends support for recycling

Solution in sight to depots' funding shortfall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District's environmental services committee has voted to recommend the CRD continue to aid rural recycling depots by covering \$450,000 per year until 2019.

"If endorsed, it would be a four-year bridging project and an opportunity to look at overall waste management and how we handle it on the island," said Salt Spring area director Wayne McIntyre.

"We have to make it somewhat convenient for people to do the right thing for the community by processing our waste."

As a staff report presented at the committee's Feb. 25 meeting records, new provincial regulations that made producers responsible for recycling packaging and printed paper (PPP) as of May 2014 have in fact made things more difficult in communities where curbside collection isn't available.

Multi Material BC, the company established to take on the responsibility, pays rural depots a set fee per tonnage. Figures for the past year show this amount covered only 12 per cent of total recycling costs of depots located on Salt Spring, Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna islands and in Port Renfrew. Although the depots collect other materials, PPP is estimated to make up at least 80 per cent of the total.

Recycling at the depots was previously funded through Hartland landfill tipping fees.

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Recycling depots' fates in CRD hands

RECYCLING continued from 1

Since the CRD agreed to continue the arrangement until April 30, 2015, the staff report listed three options for future action. These included extending the funding agreements until Dec. 31, 2015 while consulting with the public further about service levels, or to turn over recycling responsibility completely to MMBC as of May 1.

Following delegations from the Coalition of Southern Gulf Islands Recycling Depots and presentations by McIntyre and Juan de Fuca area director Mike

Hicks, the committee voted against those ideas in favour of the four-year funding option.

Each option also included the additional recommendation that the CRD board chair write to the provincial environment minister "to request full compliance by producers and MMBC with the B.C. Recycling Regulation to ensure reasonable access for the collection of residential packaging and printed paper."

As the staff report observes, "None of the proposed alternatives appear to meet the intent of the recycling regulation. If the CRD funds all or some of MMBC's shortfall . . . residents will

in effect pay twice, once through their product purchases and the second time through tipping fees/taxes.

"If the program is handed over to MMBC, residents using the current electoral area depots may lose reasonable access and/or experience reduced service."

The staff report states four of the six affected depots have adjusted their cost estimates for the next year by more than \$55,000 in order to decrease the shortfall.

The committee's recommendation must be approved by the CRD board of directors and is scheduled to appear on the March 11 meeting agenda.

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for trustee (4 positions) will be received between:

**9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday March 3rd, 2015
Friday March 13th, 2015**

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Thomas Moore at (250) 472 0059.

Three (3) Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 20th, 2015 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2018 and one Trustee position is for a one year term commencing at the end of the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 20th, 2015 and terminating at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2016..

The Election to be held on Saturday, **April 18th, 2015** at the **Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue** from **11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** An **Advance Voting** opportunity will be held at the **Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue** on **Wednesday, April 15th 2015** between the hours of **11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250)472 0059.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to this election
4. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.
6. If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Ganges, B.C.
this 2nd day of March 2015

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

FISH FARM

Noise remedies promised

Sable Fish team
visits the island

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The new executive team in charge of a controversial fish farm on Walker Hook was on Salt Spring last week to deal with long-standing neighbourhood noise complaints.

Terry Brooks, who is Aquilini Investment Group's new president of aquaculture, and new hatchery manager Meghan Sorbie, listened to concerns during a Feb. 26 meeting arranged by CRD director Wayne McIntyre. MLA Gary Holman's constituency assistant Debra Hartung and local resident Cindy Clark also attended.

"Basically it was a very positive session, and these people have a lot of experience in community engagement," McIntyre said.

"I think the manager wants the success of the enterprise, and having the support of the community will be an important part of that success."

Residents of nearby Grantville Street have complained of constant noise stemming from fish farm operations since they began around eight years ago, experiencing an aggravating increase in noise levels and discomfort during the past year.

"We maintain that 'all reasonable measures' to abate the noise emitted by the sable fish hatchery have not been taken," wrote Larry Nelson in an email before the proposed meeting. "We also maintain that 'all reasonable measures' will result in complete noise abatement. It would not be reasonable to expend the effort to solve this problem and leave disturbing noise in the aftermath of that effort."

McIntyre reported that some rough timelines for noise remediation were achieved at the meeting. Three reverse osmosis machines have been identified as part of the problem. One has been shut down already and the other two will be shut down within six months. New direct-drive fans are on the

site with a target to have them installed within the month.

Brooks and Sorbie have agreed to contract an independent noise mitigation specialist who can prepare an overall assessment in writing and prioritize actions. They have also invited neighbours to call or visit the plant any time they need to.

Clark, who gave the group a tour of the neighbourhood on behalf of its residents, is hopeful about the meeting results.

"What we have now are two new people who seem very willing, and with the means, to support the changes that need to happen to make us sound-free," she said in an email.

McIntyre agreed the news sounded good.

"But basically the proof is in the pudding, isn't it?" he said. "They know the best thing they can do is to do something quickly that's highly visible to show they're taking action."

Golden Eagle Sable Fish is the name of the company under new ownership that was formerly known as Sable Fish Canada.

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"The safety message here is don't mix cleaning products. Read the instructions and heed the warnings," Holmes said. "People might know chlorine gas as a deadly weapon used in the First World War. Even small amounts of chlorine gas can be fatal."

Fire-rescue crews consulted with chemists through a national hazardous-materials hotline to identify the cause and determine the best way to eliminate the threat. Firefighters neutralized the toxic mixture with an alkaline solution and ventilated the building with high-powered fans to clear any remaining toxic gas from the site.

The hotel was declared safe at 2 p.m.

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GANGES PARKS

Islander has eyes on Peck's Cove Park revitalization

'Derelict lookout' could be a shoreline gem

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ask anyone on the island directions to Peck's Cove Park and you'll likely receive a blank stare and be told to find a map.

That sums up the reaction of many Parks and Recreation Commission members when Robin Williams introduced his vision to transform the abandoned shoreline park across from Park Drive on Lower Ganges Road into the focal point for a new village core.

"This is ground zero to me for revitalizing the harbour and the town and, in some ways, the island," Williams said during a visit to the park last week. "We don't need any more Fulford Inn or Vesuvius Inn situations."

As chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, Williams came across Peck's Cove Park during the planning stages for a 2014 transportation funding referendum. Not long after he began to ask about the park's whereabouts and history, he realized Salt Springers were sitting on a golden opportunity.

The more Williams dug into the park's history and the man it was named to honour, the more his enthusiasm about the site's potential grew.

Peck's Cove Park, owned by the Capital Regional District and the Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission, was designed as the terminus for the ill-fated Ganges



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair Robin Williams at much-decayed Peck's Cove Park site.

boardwalk. To this day, portions of boardwalk that span the park's length remain boarded off, unused and decaying.

Williams discovered the park was named after Cyrus Wesley Peck, a First World War veteran who represented Salt Spring as a British

Columbia Conservative Party MLA in the 1920s and 1930s.

While some island residents will have heard of the MV Cy Peck, which served as the island's maritime link until 1966, few may know that Peck is among only 98 Canadians awarded the coveted Victoria Cross for his "most conspicuous bravery and skillful leading when in attack under intense fire," according to military documents.

"Most people, when I mention it, don't know who Cy Peck was. They don't know this is a park; they sort of look at it as a kind of derelict lookout," Williams said. "Some people know the relationship with Cy Peck and the ferry, but nobody knows why they named the ferry after him, they don't know he was our MLA . . . and they certainly don't know that he was this very high-level war hero."

Williams has launched a campaign to rededicate Peck's Cove Park in time for Canada's 150th birthday celebration in 2017. The property's strong historical link and a five-star location, he said, makes it a natural venue for renewal and, hopefully, any government funding that's offered to mark the anniversary.

"It doesn't need a huge amount, I mean it's not a very big space, but it can certainly use a major tune-up," he said. "Unlike the bigger parks like Mouat Park and Peter Arnell Park and all that, this is one that a lot of traffic comes by, and it's such a beautiful site. It's probably got the best view of the harbour."

Williams has spoken with historians near Peck's birthplace in New Brunswick to glean more about the

man's past. During the past several months he has also presented his vision to members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission and his own transportation commission.

Speaking at February's monthly public meeting, PARC chair Jon Suk echoed sentiments of commission members by expressing interest in the project and welcoming further details.

Williams is pleased with the reaction he's received so far.

"We're trying to get the three commissions to work together for Canada 150," he said.

"This is now going to be the focus of my commission's time."

Williams envisions creation of what he calls an active transportation park, a green space that focuses primarily on the pedestrians and cyclists who pass by the site. Williams wants to eventually relocate the MV Cy Peck's former wheel house, currently used as a modest passenger terminal at the Ganges float plane dock, to Peck's Cove Park. Since that terminal will soon be replaced by a new structure, the timing is ideal.

Once complete, he said, the park will feature an information kiosk and historical displays, and act as an important link in the ever-expanding network of trails and cycling paths that radiates from the Ganges core.

"My idea is to use this site as sort of a catalyst to build a much better, revitalized harbour," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Speech contest

Being able to deliver a high-impact speech is a key goal for members of the Salt Spring Toastmasters Club. Offering effective critiques is another valuable tool for speakers and day-to-day life.

On Monday, March 9, club

members will compete in the Toastmasters International speech and evaluation contests. The winners from this club will go on to compete in the area contest, and winners there will go on to division and then world competitions.

The public is invited to join club members to hear well-crafted and inspiration-

al speeches. The location is the lower hall of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Drake Road.

The contest begins at 6 p.m. in order to allow judges from the Duncan Toastmasters Club time to catch the last ferry following the event.

For more information, contact Nora at 250-537-9922 or Christin at 250-537-0747.

Outage affects thousands

A BC Hydro spokesperson said a faulty submarine cable is to blame for a Monday afternoon power failure that left 2,300 Gulf Islanders in the dark for several hours.

Homes and businesses

in the Ganges area, along Long Harbour Road and on Galiano Island lost power shortly after 2 p.m.

Power was restored to Salt Spring residents by 4:30 but Galiano residents weren't back on the grid until about 7 p.m., said Karla Louwers, a public affairs officer with BC Hydro.

Louwers said the failure is suspected to be the result of an equipment malfunction.

She said crews believe the additional load placed on power infrastructure in and around Ganges was stressed beyond capacity when the submarine cable between Galiano and Parker islands failed.

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**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING
BYLAW NO. 264**

Public Notice is hereby given that the electors of North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, March 28th, 2015:**

"Are you in favour of the Board of Trustees of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District adopting Bylaw No.264 cited as "St. Mary Treatment Plant Borrowing Bylaw" to borrow the sum of up to \$8.4 million to finance the construction costs, equipment costs, infrastructure upgrades, commissioning and other associated project costs as detailed in the preliminary and detailed design for a new dissolved air floatation (DAF) treatment plant facility at 381 Tripp Road?" Yes or No

TAXATION IMPACT

The total cost shall not exceed 8.4 million dollars (\$8,400,000.00). The Board of Trustees has determined that the project costs not covered by reserve funds, donations or grants will be financed by borrowing for an amortization period up to 26 years resulting in a yearly surcharge currently estimated at:

A maximum cost of \$250 - \$290 per ratepayer per property.

It should be noted that cost savings realized throughout the open bidding process, the use of reserve funds, plus donations received will keep the amount that is borrowed to a minimum and result in the lowest possible surcharge.

Voting Day will be held on March 28th, 2015 at the Fireside Room of the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road and Advance Voting will be March 18th and 25th, 2015 at the Fireside Room of the Community Gospel Hall, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road. All Voting places shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT
CAPITAL PROJECT – ST. MARY TREATMENT PLANT BORROWING
BYLAW NO. 264**

A bylaw to borrow the sum of up to \$8.4 million dollars on the credit of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (the District).

Whereas it is deemed desirable to undertake debt up to the amount of \$8.4 million in order to finance the construction costs, equipment costs, infrastructure upgrades, commissioning and other associated project costs as detailed in the preliminary and detailed design for the new dissolved air treatment plant facility at 381 Tripp Road:

The Trustees of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District enact as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the District to borrow the sum of up to \$8.4 million dollars (\$8,400,000.00) or any smaller sum from the Royal Bank of Canada in order to finance the detailed design, construction costs, equipment costs, infrastructure upgrades, commissioning and other associated project costs of a new water treatment plant on the District's property at 381 Tripp Road, Salt Spring Island and to pledge the toll collecting and taxing powers of the District for the repayment of the said sum.
2. It shall be lawful for the Trustees to issue promissory notes obligating the District to repay the sum so borrowed and to pay interest thereon at the prime rate per annum in effect, plus no more than 3% thereon.
3. The maximum term for which this sum can be borrowed is 26 years.
4. This bylaw may be cited as the "St. Mary Treatment Plant Borrowing Bylaw".

Given under my hand at Salt Spring Island, B.C. this twenty-fifth (25th) day of February 2015

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

Further information about voting may be available by phoning Anne Williams at 250 537 9902 or Thomas Moore at 250 472 0059.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

You are a qualified Elector if you:

- (a) Are a Canadian Citizen
- (b) Are eighteen years or older on general Voting Day
- (c) Are a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months before Voting Day
- (d) Are an owner of land within the boundaries of North Salt Spring Waterworks District
- (e) Are an authorized agent, designated in writing as the said agent of a Board or Corporation or a legal representative of any owner who has died, become insolvent or insane that owns land within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District
- (f) Have been a registered owner of the real property within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District for at least 30 days before Voting Day
- (g) Have an account in good standing

If more than one person is registered on title as an owner of land then those owners are entitled to vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis. Please note that when checking the list of owners provided by B.C. Assessment Authority multiple ownership of some properties may not have been recorded. If the property that is being used for voting purposes is held by multiple ownership, it is recommended that the persons intending to vote bring suitable identification, as listed below, to avoid any inconvenience.

If you are not in the List of Registered Electors you may wish vote on Voting Day providing you produce two pieces of identification, one of which has your signature, preferably with pictorial identification, e.g. drivers licence, and documentation proving ownership of the land for which you are an owner, e.g. tax notice, assessment notice or duplicate certificate of title.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

HIGH TIDE: A truck is submerged after some unfortunate clam diggers, reportedly from off-island, were tricked by an incoming tide at Bader's Beach earlier this week.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC to consider SSIWPA tax

Baptist Church venue for afternoon meeting

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee will consider whether or not to ask Islands Trust Council to approve a special property tax requisition that will provide the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority with nearly \$120,000 for the upcoming budget year when it meets on Thursday afternoon.

If approved the requisition will cost \$3.62 for every \$100,000 in assessed property value. A property assessed at \$450,000 will be charged \$16.29 more annually in Islands Trust property taxes, said planner Stefan Cermak.

The money will be used to continue remediation efforts for St. Mary Lake and the surrounding watershed. Funds will pay for a coordinator, estimated at approximately \$85,000, and cover meeting and communications costs.

The requisition also includes an Islands Trust administrative surcharge of \$12,500.

"The charge is a part of the policy for when [Islands Trust] admin [staff] does specific work for an LTC," Grove said. "This charge was written into the policy when the powers were transferred to LTC."

LTC approved a \$110,000 property tax requisition to fund SSIWPA in 2014. The surcharge was not included in that amount.

The LTC received five letters against the proposed tax increase. Some writers object to SSIWPA's approach to addressing watershed management while others convey a general unease with tax increases when island residents and businesses continue to show signs

of economic strain.

"We taxpayers are stressed and will be speaking more often and more loudly to direct the Trust to start becoming sensitive to the economic sustainability of our islands and to confine their course to the original Trust mandate while being — or becoming — fiscally responsible to its constituents," wrote Salt Spring resident Jeremy Milsom in a letter to the Trust.

The matter is scheduled for discussion and a vote at Thursday afternoon's special meeting of the Local Trust Committee. The meeting gets underway at the Baptist Church (520 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 2 p.m.

Also on the agenda for Thursday's meeting is a verbal update from Trust staff about public access to the Kanaka Dock and the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance's request to rezone the site of the Salt Spring Abattoir at 1447B Fulford Ganges Rd.

Public hearing for Merchants Mews

Thursday's LTC meeting will be followed by a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the island's land use bylaw to permit new uses and prohibit other perceived "nuisance" uses on the Merchants Mews property at 315 Upper Ganges Rd.

A copy of proposed Bylaw 479 and background information can be viewed at the Islands Trust's Salt Spring office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Rd. Further enquiries can be sent to planner Kristin Aasen by calling 250-538-5611 or speaking to her in person at Lions Hall between 2 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. The formal public hearing begins at 5:30.

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ROD & GUN CLUB

Ministry orders gun club to investigate site contamination

Report deadline extension requested

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club is asking for more time to submit a site investigation report to the provincial Ministry of Environment in order to determine whether lead contamination could be migrating to a neighbouring property.

The board of directors is hoping that by providing historical data itself, it can convince the ministry to accept a less-detailed report and therefore less-expensive investigation than is usually required. A two-stage report could cost the organization up to \$30,000.

"At this point we're still waiting to hear back on the level of enforcement that is to be imposed," said John Wiebe, who is a board of directors

member and has stepped up as the ministry's point-man on the issue.

According to the ministry, the order to prepare the site investigation report was issued on Feb. 12, with a July 16 deadline for compliance. At the centre of the issue is a heated neighbour dispute that's resulted in lawsuits aimed at shutting the club down.

The ministry has confirmed that it became involved due to a neighbour complaint made in 2013, after a report prepared for Brian Milne and Jean Barakett by Stantec Consulting Ltd. located higher than acceptable lead quantities in three out of 29 soil samples taken on their Long Harbour Road property.

"Due to the nature of the soil contaminants and the relative locations of the samples, the shooting range located approximately northwest of the property is considered the likely source of the impacts," the report

finds.

Water samples were also taken from two wells, a pond and two creeks. Concentrations of aluminum, cobalt, copper and iron were higher than acceptable in some or all of the latter three samples.

"The migration of contamination would be the main concern," Wiebe said. "That there is contamination on the other property is a given. The source of contamination is not a given."

The Stantec report includes historic aerial photos as a record of site development, and includes the title holders dating back to a Crown grant awarded to Kerry Mahon and Ross Mahon in 1885. Rod and Gun Club president John Foley said that one thing noticeably missing from the report is known history about the property when it was owned by Vic Jackson, who held title from 1948 to 1984.

"The only issue is whether contamination is leaving our property, which we're quite confident it's not," Foley said.

As recorded in the June 2014 judgement on the B.C. Supreme Court case Milne vs. the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club, Jackson donated use of the adjoining land that became the gun club property from 1959 to 1961, and allowed shooting to extend over the property line after the club bought its property in 1961.

go in its southeast neighbour's direction. This wasn't changed until 1987, when new owner Richard Krieger complained about lead pellets falling on his property.

Wiebe said he's unaware of any technology that could determine how old the lead is that Stantec located in 2013, but the source of historic deposits is far from determined. Clear-cut logging that took place in 1932 and subsequent development could also play a factor, he said.

"So, it isn't a clear-cut situation as to whether it was ever shot, dumped or otherwise came from the gun club property," he said.

The gun club was ordered to find a way to collect spent bullets as part of a limited injunction under the supreme court judgement. Other requirements included reducing operating hours, soundproofing ranges and extending side berms.

"The migration of contamination would be the main concern."

JOHN WIEBE
SS Gun Club

The club's two outdoor ranges were aligned so that shooting continued to

TRANSPORTATION

Cycle-friendly signage approved

Partners Creating Pathways makes use of active transportation funds

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Volunteer-led coalition Partners Creating Pathways is getting prepared to make use of a grant from the Capital Regional District to improve the cycling situation on Salt Spring.

Grants for cycling wayfinding signs were released to communities within the CRD last spring through its new Active Transportation department. The initiative meets one of five priorities established in Salt Spring's Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan.

Members of the master plan's technical advisory committee have since been working with the CRD and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to finalize design elements and the locations for signs to be installed.

"It's going to make a big difference, I think, in signifying that we're bicycle-friendly," said PCP's Jean Gelwicks. "We want to attract green tourism. We can't change the topography at all, but we can help them find their way around."

Five different types of signs will help cyclists find the best route to destinations, as well as pointing

out hazards like narrow lanes and the need to ride single file (which is the law).

"A lot of this is about education about sharing the road," said Donald McLennan, a PCP member and participant in the master plan's original advisory committee. "It will improve safety for cyclists, and it will improve safety for motorists, because it provides visual cues that bicycles will be on the road."

Committee members established 28 potential locations for signs, which were approved by MoTI without amendments. The installation permit was approved last week.

"In other areas within the CRD, municipalities are putting in the wayfinding signs. This is all volunteer-driven," McLennan said, adding Salt Spring has become a pilot area for MoTI partnerships of this kind. Precedence exists in the car stop program.

PCP will also be putting in two kiosks with updated Island Pathways maps at the Vesuvius and Long Harbour ferry terminals, working with BC Ferries' terminal operations manager Camrin Hillis to secure approval. The kiosks were designed by Philip Van Horne and built by McLennan.

All installations will be completed by the end of March as per grant requirements.

COMMUNITY

New group takes on child poverty

Public welcome to next local meeting on Tuesday

The members of a newly formed island group want to eliminate child poverty on Salt Spring.

"Over 20 per cent of children on Salt Spring are living below the poverty line," said Guarang McIntyre, one of the founders of Salt Spring Says. "We would like to find creative and innovative ways to reduce that number to zero."

Since its inaugural meeting earlier this year, Salt Spring Says has aimed to become an inclusive hub for community discussion by

giving islanders a unified voice on issues of community concern.

"By harvesting the wisdom, thoughts and ideas of all generations, we will be able to effectively influence and direct both decision makers and change makers," McIntyre said. "I feel like Salt Spring Says can bring the many voices together into one forum or 'think tank' to help make things happen where we all get a say."

McIntyre invites residents to join the group at its next meeting to identify and develop further cohesion in community visions and goals.

By joining Salt Spring Says, he added, participants will be able to focus their interest in a given

pod, or topic, where a collective and consensual voice will be formed.

That consensual voice will lead and guide Salt Spring to become what it truly can be and enact measurable community benefits.

"We have chosen to practise working together by initially focusing on a big issue of community concern," McIntyre said. "If this challenge appeals to you, we invite you to join our next meeting."

Salt Spring Says' will meet on Tuesday, March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. A location has yet to be determined but will be available at www.saltspringsays.ca or by contacting McIntyre at destinationom@gmail.com.

Keep Smiling...



THOUGHTS & NEWS


from Dr. Richard Hayden

I love to ...

Run marathons and long course triathlons. I sure wouldn't want to try one without training. Even with training they seem daunting while toeing up to the starting line. Having a plan to get prepared and to race is essential. Even with a great plan sometimes things happen unexpectedly and throw a wrench into the works.

I think our general and specifically oral health is similar. If you are starting out a bit out of shape or with neglected teeth or gums then a plan is needed to get back in shape. It doesn't happen overnight, it takes regular work and a plan to get to the goal of long, healthy life. Simply taking a walk, doing some stretches and flossing daily are a great start.

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 Silver - Multimedia Feature (Pride Festival) | Bronze - Community Newspaper Magazine (Aqua)
 Bronze - Local Cartoon (Dennis Parker) | Bronze - Arts Coverage | Blue Ribbon Award - General Excellence

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



EDITORIAL

Spring forth

Signs of spring have begun to pop up everywhere you look these days.

Word amongst the garden and landscaping crowd has it that the island is at least a month ahead of schedule weather-wise. The ground is drier, the sky is brighter and the green thumbs have begun to twitch sooner than ever before.

The popularity of Salt Spring's community gardens, development of the Tuesday Farmers' Market and abattoir, and the vibrancy of our island's 120-year-old Farmers' Institute symbolize a farming renaissance.

When it was published in 2008, the Salt Spring Area Farm Plan was welcomed by a public hungry for change in the island's food systems. Organic products had hit the mainstream and projects like the 100-Mile Diet encouraged a desire for alternatives to the conventional food distribution models that resulted from an emphasis on price and convenience rather than health and community.

THE ISSUE:

Island agriculture

WE SAY:

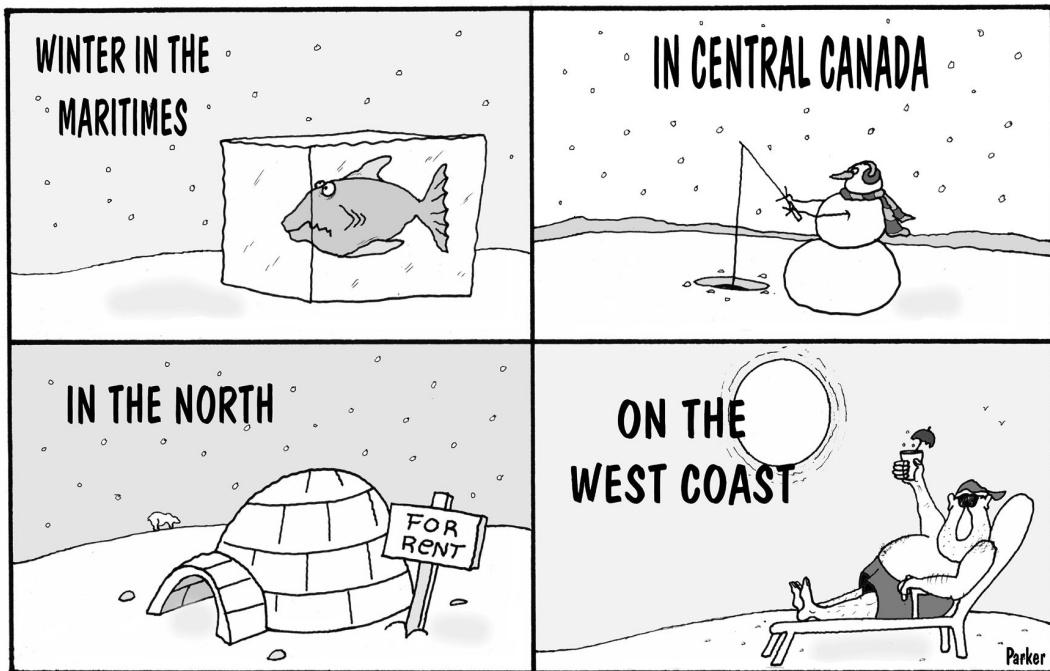
Impressive results, and room to grow

Given Salt Spring's prevalence of slow foodies and locavores, it's no surprise the Area Farm Plan received a hearty welcome. What's truly remarkable, however, are the impressive strides undertaken by farmers in the nearly seven years since the report was commissioned.

Vison statements and lofty goals about food security and sustainability have been followed up with hard work from volunteers from the Farmers' Institute, Agricultural Alliance, Farmland Trust Society, Island Natural Growers, Transition Salt Spring, Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada and countless individual farmers and entrepreneurs who are making agriculture work.

The result is not only a wealth of fresh, local produce and meats at markets, in island restaurants and even on the tables of the high school's cafeteria, but a growing feeling that Salt Spring has evolved into a coveted destination for foodies from afar.

Be it in a community plot, an island acreage or the local farmers market, food lovers on the island can stand proud of the work they've accomplished. But not for long, with spring upon us, it's time again to get on our knees and begin planting the seeds for another successful season.



VIEWPOINT by Myna Lee Johnstone

Transit needs more recognition

I attended the Thursday, Feb. 26 breakfast mixer co-hosted by our Chamber of Commerce and the Salt Spring Public Library.

The menu and presentations were excellent. The theme was collaboration.

There was one obvious omission: our Transportation Commission.

Even in the chamber's promotional video shown that morning there was not one shot of our fabulous bus service.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver Sun reported last Wednesday that "Metro Vancouver mayors say a 'yes' vote in the upcoming transportation plebiscite would boost the economy by adding an average \$450 million per year to the regional economy through the first 10 years of the plan, and \$1.6 billion per year by 2045. The numbers were released as part of a study by economists at InterVISTAS Consulting Group."

I see a huge need for collaboration here on Salt Spring. All businesses could and should promote our bus system. We meet every ferry at all three ferry docks, with the exception of early sailings from Long Harbour. We also have the most pleasant and attentive bus drivers you will find anywhere in Canada.

To push this collaboration theme even further we need support from our Islands Trust, trustees, the CRD, our MLA and BC Ferries, local organizations and individual islanders.

We talk up climate change and make grand statements regarding the need to keep climate action in mind yet we make much noise about seeing the ferries as a highway system for our vehicles.

The two biggest contributors to our carbon footprint here on Salt Spring are from transportation and wood burning stoves.

At all the meetings that BC Ferries has held here over the years I have been the only one speaking up for foot passengers and the

need to have BC Ferries collaborate with BC Transit and Translink.

Finally, several years later, we are being given throughfare passes so that we no longer have to juggle luggage, children, walkers, etc. and get in line upstairs for a boarding pass.

On the early Saturday sailing to Vancouver I started a tradition by counting foot passengers and then giving that tally to the chief steward so that she could phone Translink and let them know we would be getting in at what time. Bus drivers over there told me it was no problem for them to wait an extra few minutes at that time of the morning because there was little road traffic then.

So a collaboration between foot passengers, the chief steward and transit has happened.

While I and others would be thrilled to have the Canada Line extended to the ferries, this won't happen anytime soon, so in the meantime Translink would do us all a great service by running buses to and from the ferries every half hour instead of once an hour.

BC Transit has stepped up its service at Swartz Bay but it is sorely lacking at Crofton.

Why we ignore all the congestion, noise, filth and stink from toxic fumes caused by our vehicles is very perplexing.

I do not enjoy Ganges because of all the vehicles about and passing through it.

On Saturdays, all the parking up and down the roads is a safety hazard.

Taking the bus does help. It saves on gas, car fare, road congestion, our overall health and of course is an action to show you care about our community and our environment.

Options to driving exist, let's explore them further.

The writer is a Ganges resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
Are you worried about summer water shortages? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:
Do you support anti-terrorism Bill C-51? 76 YES 82 NO

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "This is ground zero to me for revitalizing the harbour and the town and, in some ways, the island."

ROBIN WILLIAMS, CHAIR, SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:
What's the biggest problem facing Salt Spring roads?



SASHI NARAYAM
The traffic needs to slow down below 80 km, and my special plea is to respect our senior citizens.



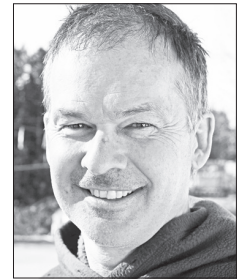
JANET KENNEDY
All the potholes!



JUSTIN GEAR
Not enough maintenance and they're too narrow.



THEANA DALTON
I think we need more sidewalks.



SCOTT SIMMONS
Fast drivers and blind corners.

Letters to the editor

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

Throughfare solution easy

It happened again: we missed the connection at Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen, throughfare ticket in hand. Luckily we were not heading for a flight from YVR this time.

BC Ferries could solve this problem in 10 minutes at no cost by reserving Lane 12 for throughfares and loading them with priority. Just tell the gate clerks to send throughfares to Lane 12 on the far right and the loaders to make sure that all Lane 12 passengers who arrive before the ferry is full get on.

I was in the ferry lineup at Fulford by 7:25 a.m. and got off early at Swartz Bay, but arrived in Tsawwassen at about 1 p.m.

Given the 40-minute limit on reservations from Long Harbour, we would have to get up an hour earlier to be in Tsawwassen 15 minutes earlier from Long Harbour.

Surely BC Ferries can do at least that much for Salt Springers. No construction, no painting, no new forms, just 10 minutes of training.

JOHN A. HEDDLE,
SALT SPRING

Poor plan

Sad and mad. Many of us were sad that beloved Calvin's closed forever, and sad again when we heard it would not be a restaurant.

But when we heard it was to be a liquor store we got mad. We had hoped Thrifty's would get smart and install the new kind of escalator

that takes shopping carts, or a big elevator, and connect with the isolated and inconvenient bulk/flower shop next door.

But no. No escalator or lift. Instead, we get another booze shop in a terrible location with no parking to speak of near it. People are supposed to put their groceries in the car down below, then trudge up the hill and climb the steps to get their beer or wine or spirits, then lug heavy bottles and cans down again? Of course, the elderly or disabled are obviously not welcome.

And the lovely patio goes to waste — or will it be a bar for the summertime boat people? Maybe this was the purpose of the deal, never mind the year-round local clientele.

It will be the nearby Grace Point liquor store for me, or the one near Country Grocer.

JILL EVANS,
OYSTERCATCHER PLACE

Vote yes for plant dollars

The information about the upcoming referendum for the water treatment plant for NSSWD is now complete. I like drinking water and I don't want to wait any longer, therefore I will be voting "yes."

I look forward to drinking water without concern for the health of my family and friends.

When we drink water from the taps of our homes, have a glass of water at a local restaur-

ant or go to see our friends and relatives in the hospital, at elder care facilities or pre-schools or schools, we should not have to worry. Just think, we can even take a shower or a bath and water our vegetable gardens and water our animals without being concerned.

The proposed cost of \$8.4 million is considerable but it will benefit thousands of people. There are 2,550 residents on the voters list and this doesn't include the renters and many others who would benefit.

As a community we need to reduce the cost by fundraising. NSSWD is about to embark upon a fundraising campaign.

Individuals, businesses, foundations, non-profit soci-

eties, institutions and governmental agencies are encouraged to support this community project. Contact NSSWD. We all need your support.

We have done it before in our community and water is one of our most important resources.

I will be donating some money to help purchase an electric motor to help in the construction phase. Today's technology has electric motors which can propel coach boats such as the local rowing club, sail boats, barges and ferry boats.

Remember to get out and vote on March 28 or at any of two advanced polls.

WAYNE TAYLOR,
ST. MARY LAKE

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Speak out against violence in all of its forms

BY HELANI DAVISON

March 8 is International Women's Day. This is a time to assess the strides made towards equality of the genders and the ongoing resistance that still needs to be faced.

As in all human rights movements, feminism requires the participation of both men and women to be successful. Feminism is about equality, not a particular gender.

The inaccurate caricature of the feminist as anti-male and anti-masculinity has been used to undermine feminism and distract from gender discrimination that is ubiquitous.

Men and boys can play a major role in the removal of gender bias. Success will be determined by our ability to effectively engage young people in the development of an egalitarian understanding of gender issues.

Salt Spring Island resident Kevin Vowles is a positive role model and facilitator for the healthy relationships and violence prevention program known as Respectful Relationships (R+R) for SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence Against Women). Vowles describes himself as anti-sexist, a peace activist, a feminist, a youthist and an advocate for a better future.

His university studies include anthropology and histories of the oppressed. Vowles has dedicated the past 14 years to working with youth, communities and the dis-

enfranchised of society. In his current capacity as a facilitator for the R+R program that is included in the Gulf Islands Secondary School curriculum, Vowles works to raise awareness of gender-based issues in students. Conflict resolution and the exploration and meaning of emotional intelligence as applied to gender issues are part of consciousness raising.

"I became aware of gender-based violence at the age of nine, when I watched the depiction of a man using his brute strength to overpower and rape a woman," Vowles states.

At 13, Vowles was horrified by the Montreal massacre of 14 female university engineering students in 1989.

"I attended a ceremony honouring the women who were murdered and have been advocating against violence against women ever since.

"It's alarming to note that one out of five women are still being sexually assaulted on Canadian university campuses. There are 90,000 women admitted to transition houses every year in Canada due to gender-based violence."

The importance of reaching young people and making them aware of destructive gender attitudes is emphasized by Vowles.

"Young people are generally more open to change. Old negative attitudes are more

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deeply engrained in older people."

Students need to know that violence is pervasive and takes many forms. There is a need to be aware of gender role ideology in the media and throughout society. Women are still objectified. They are often portrayed in the media as passive and subordinate rather than self-assertive with leadership qualities.

The use of sexist language is central to verbal abuse. Derogatory female-oriented words, used by men and boys to degrade other men and boys, such as "girl" and "pussy," contribute to the oppression and degradation of women.

"Verbal abuse is a learned behaviour," states Vowles. "Toxic, sexist comments are used to debase. They are so prevalent that they have become automatic and unconscious in our vocabulary. I grew up with them and I still see boys growing up with them."

"We must not conform to harmful norms and stereotypes," says Vowles. "As soon as you take away a person's humanity, whether physically or verbally, it becomes easy to justify violence against them. Rape and other forms of violence against women are not women's issues. They are men's issues that need to be addressed by men."

In recent years, men have become more actively involved in the global need for gender equality. Organizations such as The White

Ribbon Campaign, founded by a group of men in Toronto, are recognized for their success in educating young people on gender issues. The Red Cross and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) strive to build networks among nations to enable this kind of solidarity.

What is outstanding about SWOVA's R+R program is that it has become a United Nations-endorsed program with national and international standing. It is used as a benchmark to address gender issues in other countries where child prostitution, human trafficking, gendericide and lack of reproduction rights are more prevalent.

Insidious patriarchal values negatively affect all genders. Gender equality is not only a human right but a necessary foundation for the creation of sustainable and peaceful societies. Change begins when individuals are prepared to stand up and speak out against violence in all its forms. This is what SWOVA's R+R program is doing with youth here in the Gulf Islands.

Informed parenting and positive male role models make a world of difference in re-enforcing the messages of peace and non-violence that young people are fortunate to receive in this district.

Helani Davison is a writer and social activist.

Government contract policies should aid local economy

BY JENNY MCCLEAN

I assume that our governance review will be available soon. The hope is to have more local control over our own issues here on Salt Spring.

There is always concern about building the local economy. People here on Salt Spring need jobs in order to live here. I am not sure what the governance review will do to shed light on this issue.

The last time there was a tremendous level of discontent about who is managing the island was related to the Salt Spring Coffee Co. rezoning application. The issue of self-governance became one primarily about the function of the Islands Trust. However, the Trust is by no means the main body governing Salt Spring Island. Any municipality has a plan-

ning department and the function of a potential development going before a zoning authority for permission would obviously remain.

From my point of view the bigger issue locally lies in our interface with the Capital Regional District. There is a surprising lack of transparency on Salt Spring Island about the financial details of how projects are awarded and built. Apparently Salt Spring Islanders want to remain in blissful ignorance, as it takes a willingness to face controversy to even have a Freedom of Information request revealed publicly.

Also, there was no particular clarity over how commissions function locally during the public sessions on governance. Questions I have would be:

1) Are commissioners allowed to sit on two

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commissions at once? (This happened last fall from October to December 2014 when a commissioner sat on two commissions.)

2) Is there a minimum attendance required at commission meetings when contract decisions are made?

That being said, there is no binding vision for Salt Spring Island. The official community plan is not being followed except as a reference guide, for example.

We hear a lot about the local economy, yet a group from off-island has yet again been awarded a big project, this time near Moby's. This was due to a bid slightly lower than a local company that would probably have hired locals.

As the island grows, there is bigger money in these contracts, yet no connection made to

the local economy and no one seems to care if locals, including young people in their 20s, can work on these jobs.

Recently, I found out how much it costs to run the Friday and Sunday long weekend markets last year (not cheap!) but considered it worthwhile as it can support the local economy.

All I can say is that if this is a Salt Spring value, to support the local economy, then the value of that should be factored in for awarding contracts.

Furthermore, why is it considered "not nice" to even know about what is being spent on public infrastructure and where the money is going?

The writer is a long-time island resident.

No democracy crisis here

Elizabeth May regularly insists Canada is in a "democratic crisis." This despite the fact global watchdogs like World Audit rank Canada the ninth most democratic nation in the world. The Economist ranks us number 8.

Canada is in fact the most democratic nation of the G7, ahead of Great Britain and way ahead of the

U.S. ranked at 19th.

Far from democracy being our number one problem on Salt Spring, the environment is — the environment in terms of our water infrastructure. Salt Spring Island faces water issues that could potentially cost up to \$20 million to fix during the next government term.

Criticize the prime minister all you like, but admit his government has come through with infrastructure funding. You can research this in our new library as proof.

The federal government has made available an additional \$1 billion for small communities to deal with infrastructure issues such as our water problems. This is tax revenue generated in cities like Toronto and Montreal that is transferred here. Funding proposals needed to be submitted by Feb. 18 and here the CRD has applied. This is real environmental stewardship at the local level.

Ordinarily one would expect our Member of Parliament to be actively

involved in an issue of this magnitude. But Elizabeth May has managed to squander any influence she could have had. She has taken this riding from a seat at the cabinet table to the outer limits of Confederation.

What has this accomplished? Where's the beef?

Apart from one piece of legislation, a health issue shepherded by the government, Ms. May's major accomplishment since being elected has been to write a book about herself. Perhaps she will donate

a piece of that pie to help fix the waterworks since she wrote *Who We Are: Reflections on My Life and Canada on our dime*.

The people of Saanich and the islands had high hopes for Elizabeth May. We gave her our trust and she has clearly failed the grade. The real crisis is a crisis in her representation.

Come next election I suggest we go back to shopping local.

ROBIN A. WILLIAMS,
SALT SPRING



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RANTS and Roses

Roses

Cupcakes For a Good Paws would like to send out dozens of Cupcakes to everyone that came out to National Cupcake Day on Feb. 23. We'd also like to thank Chris, Ronan, Kieran, Jayda and Kate from Salt Spring Centre School for hosting their own fundraiser and helping us top up our total. With their help, our official total was \$1,055.90! Extra thanks go out to Salt Spring Fire Rescue for the use of their parking lot; Ed and Johanna for all their shopping and supply donations; Laurie for her decorating skills; Sean, Eva, Ness and Elly from the SPCA for stepping up and helping out before and during the event; the Driftwood for helping us get the word out; Niki and Neale; GISS; Northstar Kennel in Thorhild, Alta. for your amazing contribution; and again to everyone who came out, enjoyed a cupcake and helped us make a difference. You are all incredible!

A tip-of-the-hat to Celeste for her chair yoga class. Sounds sedentary, eh?! Well, think again . . . Chair Yoga 501 (we're on 101 and progressing nicely) does it standing on one hand, pretzel-leg position, on one chair leg, the chair being upside-down — Cirque du Soleil next! Joking aside, CY 101 is great for range-of-motion issues, especially for people who are stiff or rehabbing after injury, joint-replacements, etc. Be carried in on your litter, and walk out! Thank you, Celeste for bringing this to us. Ross King

With loads of icing-sugar roses, the Salt Spring SPCA gives thanks and warm gratitude to our community who came out to support National Cupcake Day on Feb. 23. Our baker extraordinaire Carolyn Walkner and her daughter Abigail Walkner went above and beyond to make over 375



PHOTO BY CAROLYN WALKNER

Salt Spring Centre School leadership class teacher Kate Richer with Chris, Ronan and Kieran, who were among students whose own bake sale contributed \$157.15 to the local National Cupcake Day tally of \$1,055.90.

scrumptious cupcakes for sale to benefit animals most in need. Staff and volunteers from the branch joined in the fun and we were able to raise nearly \$800 at tables set up at the fire hall and GISS. We wish to also thank Jana Roerick of Jana's Bake Shop for making and selling cupcakes on Saturday the 21st, raising just shy of \$100 to help the animals. Way to go, Salt Springers! Thank you for your ongoing support of the good work we do to help homeless, injured and abused animals in our community. Special thanks also to the Driftwood team — Sean, Gail and Jen — for helping us raise awareness of our Million Acts of Kindness campaign! You all rock! Sean Hogan, branch manager

A large bunch of roses and big thank you to Leslie Cheeseman of Salt Spring Marina and Dale Schweighardt of Moby's Pub for treating the Partners Creating Pathways "guys" to lunches during the construction of the new information kiosk in Ganges Harbour. Partners Creating Pathways

Much gratitude to Country Grocer and its community relations person Rick MacKinnon for generous help and a gift card for our multi-agency Search and Rescue exercise on Saturday, Feb. 28. Forty-six members were fed and happy on this sunny last day of February. Your commitment to the community is appreciated. Marine and Ground SAR

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ALLOTMENT GARDENING

Community gardens growing strong on Salt Spring

Options abound for small-scale growers without arable land of their own

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When the Shaw Family Community Gardens saw its first shovel of soil turned over in 2013, few could have predicted how popular the Burgoyne Valley project would become.

Members of the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society certainly recognized the strong demand from islanders looking for affordable plots of fertile land, but many were undoubtedly surprised by the enthusiastic response from solo gardeners, families and community organizations eager to get their hands dirty.

"There's a lot of interest, and we've just had three more farmers saying they're interested for this year," said Marguerite Lee, a spokesperson for the Farmland Trust Society, which oversees the 96-plot garden.

About 21 of those plots are rented to Salt Spring Community Services. The group's plots are part of a much broader program launched by Community Services in 2009.

Thanks to widespread public support and contributions from the Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation, the gardening program has grown to include more than 12,000 square feet of growing areas and two greenhouses.

With gardens at four locations across the island, Community Services staff are taking advantage of gardening's therapeutic benefits to offer users an introduction to gardening and work experience programs. At the end of the day, all the hard work contributes much-needed organic produce for Community Services programs like the food bank.

"They have done a lot with their plots," Lee said. "What they're doing is really successful."

For a \$40 annual fee, gardeners at the Shaw Family Community Gardens have access to a 90-square-metre (1,000-square-foot) plot

and water. Larger fields on the 60-acre property are available to rent by farmers keen to keep island agriculture growing but are unable to buy land of their own.

Since it's common for people to move away, become overwhelmed by the work or develop different pastimes, Lee recommends anyone wanting to start their own plot sign up to the garden's waiting list as early as possible.

Another increasing popular alternative is the emergence of shared plots. Gardeners who feel a single plot is too much for them can split a spot with a friend or whoever's next on the waiting list.

Things are just as busy next to the public swimming pool in Ganges, where the Rainbow Road Allotment Garden has offered 37 plots since 2012.

At 24 square metres (255 square feet), the Rainbow Road plots may be smaller than their Burgoyne Bay counterparts, but they've proven just as popular.

"It's been very impressive the amount of food that some people are managing to grow and how lush the gardens become every summer," said Anne Macey, a founding member of the garden, which is run by Transitions Salt Spring on land leased from the island's Parks and Recreation Commission.

At Rainbow Road, people pay \$25 per year for their plot and can expect to also spend an average of about \$15 per year to cover irrigation costs.

Macey said the group that oversees the garden will be meeting within the next few weeks to consider developing an area for a small chicken flock that will enable egg production.

Despite the garden's popularity, she added, the group has no plans to expand the number of plots or develop other allotment gardens on the island for the time being.

"People mention it, but we have not actu-



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Harvesting beans at the Shaw Family Community Gardens in the summer of 2013.

ally heard of anybody taking it on," she said. "We've already got a couple of working gardens and trying to expand hasn't been high on our priority list. If somebody wanted to champion it that would be great.

"It just depends where the demand is." Planning for the upcoming growing season at the Rainbow Road Allotment Gar-

den is right around the corner. Information about how to secure a spot is available from membership coordinator Cecilia Pech at 250-538-8915.

For more information about options available at the Shaw Family Community Gardens, contact Marguerite Lee at ssifarm-landtrust@shaw.ca or 250-537-5302.

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AQUACULTURE

Aquaponics offers new face of fish farming at GISS

Project brings aquaculture into the classroom

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School received an unusual delivery on Feb. 14. That was the day teacher Mark Kilner welcomed approximately 100 tilapia fingerlings in the greenhouse next to the school's cafeteria.

The juvenile fish are part of the school's aquaponics initiative, a technique that's not only new for Kilner and his students but for

much of North America.

The young tilapia live in a large, round plastic tank. A fishing net covers the container to make sure no fish escape. An interconnected system of pipes and filters diverts waste produced by the fish into an adjacent raised bed filled with vegetable starts planted in a substrate of crushed glass pellets that resembles gravel.

Ammonia produced by the fish feeds the plants after undergoing a natural bacteriological process. As they consume nutrients, the plants filter the water, which is returned to the tilapia.



PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

At left, teacher Mark Kilner and brothers Milo and Obleo Demandre, in the GISS aquaponics area, which was last month. Below is a juvenile Tilapia.



"It's a completely closed loop," said Milo Demandre, an aquaponics specialist who led the GISS project.

Although tilapia can survive on produce grown by the aquaponics system, any serious outfit will rely on high-protein feed to speed things along and ensure healthy full-grown fish. Tilapia at GISS, for example, receive an organic feed supplied by Chilliwack-based Taplow Feeds.

Demandre has experimented with aquaponics technology for years. He started with backyard prototypes and has attended workshops in the Caribbean and the University of Alberta.

Aquaponic systems are no longer a novelty in much of Asia and Australia, where there are at least 7,000 facilities of various sizes already in operation. Indoor closed-containment fish farms have just begun to spread across North America too, largely in response to consumer demand for more fresh, locally produced food.

In January, a pair of young Ontario entrepreneurs launched an aquaponics business in a vacant suburban office space. By the end of the year, the owners of Aqua Greens want to supply restaurants and grocery stores in downtown Toronto with fresh produce and fish, even in the deathly cold of a Canadian winter.

In the Lower Mainland, Sumas Lake Aquafarm plans to produce 20,000 tilapia every month by the middle of the year.

Harvested fish and vegetables will be hauled to food markets in Richmond and Vancouver. The fish will be sold live, and the vegetables will be far fresher than anything shipped from the United States or Mexico.

Demandre and Kilner designed and constructed the school's new system in about six months. The school's greenhouse has produced starts for the GISS' outdoor vegetable plot and housed a state-of-the-art hydroponic garden for quite some time.

"I figured the next step was to get a fish farm in here," Kilner said.

Less than a week after the tilapia landed in their new home, tomato, lettuce and pepper plants were already prospering. Research suggests plants like salad greens can mature twice as fast when grown in an aquaponics system compared to traditional farming methods.

The plants may still be small, but Demandre anticipates the greenhouse will look more like a jungle of tomato vines and leafy lettuces in a matter of weeks.

Kilner and his students will use produce in the school's cafeteria program and sell the surplus.

"How much more local and fresh can these vegetables be?" Kilner said. "In 10 or 15 minutes, we're eating them in salads that we just picked."

Fresh vegetables, Kilner said, are only the beginning of the aquaponics advantage.

In about six months, each of the young fish will be 40 times larger. Fish will be harvested when they reach about 450 grams, or one pound. That's when cafeteria class students will get some hands-on experience in fish processing 101.

Kilner, who routinely offers students the opportunity to hone their cleaving and carving skills on livestock carcasses, said he strives to offer students the complete farm-to-table experience.

"I've created a lot of vegetarians along the way," he said.

Kilner and Demandre see aquaponics as a natural path to pursue in a world that's experiencing a growing demand for seafood, dwindling supplies of wild-caught fish, and ever-present concerns about traditional open-net fish farming.

Vegetables take care of the waste and require about 10 per cent of the water required by soil-based agriculture. The tilapia grow quickly to satisfy consumer demand, and any escapees end up on the ground rather than breeding with wild-fish populations.

Be it in a suburban Toronto industrial park or Salt Spring's high school greenhouse, it seems the future of farming has taken root.

"This is about resource conservation," Demandre said. "The nutrients we are taking [from the fish] are very efficient on an input level. It's a very modern food-production system."

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AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

Institute marks 120 years

Initial impetus for group still important today

BY MARGUERITE LEE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

This year the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute will be celebrating its 120th anniversary. This island institution has, through the dedication of hundreds of volunteers, proudly built and served this community through 12 decades. A tradition that the members and board of directors are proud to uphold.

In 1895, the population of the Salt Spring Island was about 470, made up mostly of families engaged in clearing land, building farms and growing crops. Late that year, in fact, very late that year, on Dec. 30, 1895, a group of pioneer farmers founded The Islands Agricultural & Fruit Growers Association (which became, in the early 1900s, the Islands Farmers' Institute and, now, the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute).

At that December meeting, the principle topics were: (1) "The disadvantage to the farmer of the present game laws which had been framed too much entirely to suit the sporting community, and in view of the ravages committed both by deer and pheasants, without sufficient regard to the interests of the farmer." (2) "A proposal to erect a public hall (at Central, near Vesuvius) be utilized for holding an annual agricultural show (fall fair), besides other purposes."

From Victorian times to today, 120 years later, both these Salt Spring Island traditions are still with us: deer feeding on crops and the annual fall fair!

For an annual membership fee of one

dollar (\$1), 65 islanders signed on and at the first AGM approved a constitution. The document is two pages long, containing eight (8) articles and outlines everything from the purpose of the organization to the rules and regulations for exhibitors at the annual agricultural show (fall fair).

Also at the first AGM, the members elected its first officers: J.P. Booth of North Salt Spring as president, Theo Trage of Beaver Point as vice president, Percy Purvis as secretary from Ganges Harbour and J. Collins as treasurer, also from Ganges Harbour. Eleven directors (managers as they were called then) were also elected, island family names well known to this day: Mouat, Nightingale, Scott, Akerman, Caldwell.

Since 1895, the Farmers' Institute has been representing the interests of farmers and agriculture, hosting our seminal community event, the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair, and building this community. Countless structures and donated properties that have shaped the character and history of this island: in 1896, Burgoyne Bay Schoolhouse and Central Hall (for the first fall fair); in the early 1900s, Mahon Hall, Divide, Cranberry, Isabella Point and Beaver Point schoolhouses and St. Mark's Church, later the first high school built from a converted chicken house; then, in the 1970s, the property on Rainbow Road (the current "home" of the Farmers' Institute). More recently is the Burgoyne Valley Community Farm, obtained by the Farmers' Institute in 2012 and donated to the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society in 2013.

In 2015, the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute is planning community events to celebrate its 120th. We welcome and appreciate your ideas and participation.



FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN
Chicken at the 2013 Salt Spring Fall Fair.

Fall fair theme "Pecked"

The Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute is pleased to announce the theme for the 2015 Fall Fair: "Poultry in Motion."

The core committee that organizes the fair scrambled a bunch of ideas and hatched this "egg-ceptional" initiative because it fits well with our agricultural roots and it captures the essence of what the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair is all about: movement, excitement and fun.

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St. Mary Lake Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) Water Treatment Facility - Why This Design and Construction

By Ron Stepaniuk, District Manager

The culmination of years of research, development and design, the Board and Management are pleased to finally be able to present the detailed design for the proposed St. Mary DAF water treatment facility.

When developing a project of the size and complexity of the St. Mary water treatment facility, there are a number of options or paths available. The NSSWD Board of Trustees elected to proceed with a traditional conservative option, simply referred to as Design, Bid and Build, which allows the Board the greatest control over what is constructed and the quality of the final operating facility. Specifically this process is intended to provide the lowest Life Cycle cost over an extended period of greater than 20 years.

The first step in this process is to engage a design consultant, by either selecting and engaging directly or issuing a request for proposal. The Board elected to engage Kerr Wood Leidal (KWL) directly, a firm with a long and proven track record in engineering design of waterworks facilities and infrastructure in BC.

The second step is to establish design criteria; what are you building and why and how will it function? If a utility is large enough to have an in-house engineering department this responsibility would usually fall to them. Since NSSWD has no in-house engineering department the design criteria were developed in direct consultation between NSSWD senior operations staff, the Board and KWL. This relationship has worked well for a number of reasons.

There were a number of fixed constraints, both positive as well as negative, that required careful and innovative solutions during the design process.

Constraints and Parameters:

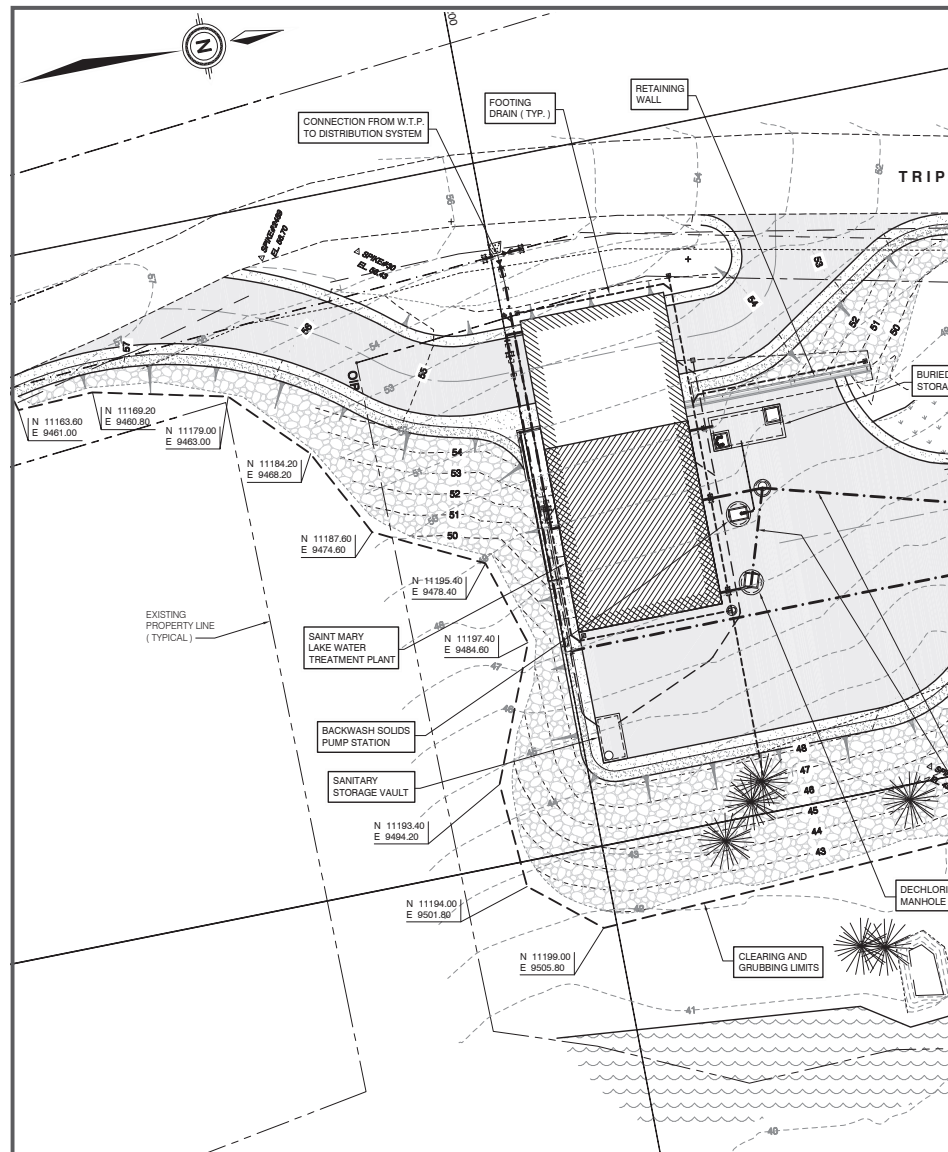
- NSSWD already owns the property.
- Location is of adequate size and largely removed from residential properties.
- Site topography allows gravity flow through the treatment process and minimizes the number of pumps required.
- Potential rock fall hazard can be addressed and mitigated through design.
- NSSWD is already withdrawing water from this site so no additional distribution system upgrades are necessary.
- Lake depth at this location allows for a reasonably short raw water intake.
- Three-phase power is in place at the site.
- There is no sanitary sewer for disposal of treatment process residuals or sanitary waste.
- DAF technology has been pilot tested and proven to work on St. Mary Lake water.
- DAF technology is currently in place and functioning on St. Mary Lake (CRD Fernwood - Highlands).
- Extensive water quality data is available from NSSWD records.
- Island Health has mandated the use of DAF by way of the amended operating permit.

NSSWD elected to proceed with the proposed design criteria for many reasons, including:

Building Considerations included:

- A long life cycle for building materials.
- The concrete structure having the structural strength to support heavy piping and equipment.
- That the design and construction fully meet post-disaster design requirements.
- A small footprint allowing adequate access and egress and maximum usable yard area for daily operations and installation of stand-by power generator.

- NSSWD's good neighbour policy of being aesthetically acceptable and minimizing mechanical noise.
- The use of underground storage tanks as they suit the topography of the site and permit the building foundation to be keyed into bedrock for seismic considerations.
- Utilization of the blasted rock as structural fill throughout the site for the driveways and travelled site area, eliminating the cost and need to remove it from site.
- Lessons learned during the construction, commissioning and daily operation of other island DAF plants.



Proposed St. Mary DAF Treatment Facility Site Plan

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Configuration

The design allows for operational flexibility, including:

- The treated water will meet the health and aesthetic water quality requirements of the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.
- The intake pump station wet well enables pre-treatment to mitigate potential seasonal taste and odour concerns.
- The intake pump station wet well also provides the ability for pre-treatment to oxidize soluble manganese to reduce the risk of it passing through the treatment process.
- Maximum Day design flow will be equal to maximum licensed withdrawal limit.
- The capture and reuse of all filter rinse water,

which also promotes water conservation.

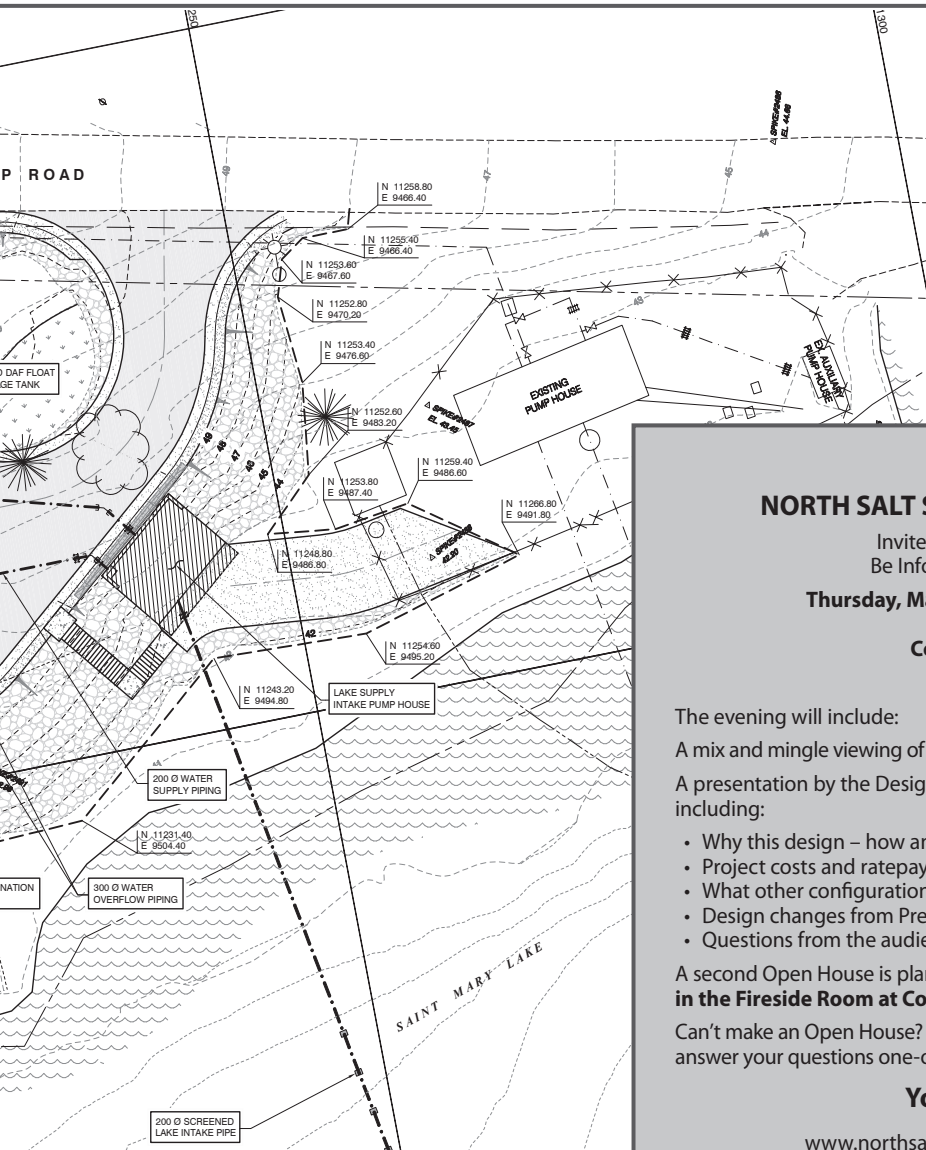
- The capture and reuse of the settled filter backwash water, again promoting water conservation.
- On site de-watering of DAF float and settled backwash solids reduces disposal cost.
- The intake pump station wet well allows the controlled blending of recycled water (settled backwash and filter rinse) with the incoming raw water from the lake.
- The intake pump station wet well provides emergency overflow storage for the clear well and backwash settling tank.

The combined expenditure for the preliminary and detailed designs is \$821,000, all paid for from reserve and operating funds. It

is hoped that our upcoming donor campaign will raise funds to further reduce our necessary borrowing costs and an additional portion of the District's reserve funds will also be applied to the costs before borrowing. However, for the Borrowing Bylaw the Ministry requires that we state a maximum amount.

Throughout the design phase the project team has worked hard to reduce costs. Based on changes in design resulting from reduced plant capacity and a reduction in the overall contingency, the cost estimate for construction of the facility is approximately \$8.4 million, including a 10% contingency and an allowance of up to 10% for construction phase contract administration and required quality control testing/field reviews of the construction. The final construction contract administration fees are to be negotiated based upon the duration of the construction period. Once the project is tendered and bids received, NSSWD will be in a position to proceed with the construction based upon a fixed lump sum contract.

As your representatives, the Board strongly believes this is the best design for St. Mary Lake water and the best site configuration for our plant location, and once you have an opportunity to have your questions answered we believe you will too. The Board and Management look forward to presenting the detail design and answering your questions at our Open Houses on March 12th and March 17th.



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- What other configurations and building materials were considered
- Design changes from Preliminary Design
- Questions from the audience

A second Open House is planned for **Tuesday, March 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, in the Fireside Room at Community Gospel Chapel.**

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POETRY

Paquette anchors Thursday poetry night

Open mic event proves an ideal forum for works in progress

Julian Paquette is the next featured poet for the Poetry Open Mic on Thursday, March 5.

Paquette, a Salt Spring Island resident, has had his writing published in magazines and journals across Canada and the U.S.

He has published two chapbooks of poetry: *A Theory of Darkness* (the unkind-



**JULIAN
PAQUETTE**

ness of ravens press, 2010) and *The Burden of a Song* (Mercutio Press, 2007), and was also published in Ian Cant's book *Papercut Heart* (conundrum press, 2009).

Paquette earned an M.A. in English and Creative Writing from Concordia University. He has taught college-level writing, communication and English courses, and has also worked in a number of communications-related jobs.

He has performed at various venues in Montreal, Toronto and on Salt Spring.

After a break from creative writing, Paquette returns with his work-in-progress of poems titled *I Went Walking*.

For the open mic portion of the evening, the sign-up process begins at 6:45 p.m. Each person is allowed to read one poem. Readings begin at 7 p.m.

The event takes place in the program room of the Salt Spring Public Library.

The following Poetry Open Mic dates are Thursday, May 7 and Thursday, June 4.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Fauré Requiem pays tribute to Jean Knight



FILE PHOTO BY MEGAN MANNING

Violinist Jean Knight, at left in front in this photo of the Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir, will be acknowledged at Bach on the Rock concerts at All Saints this weekend. Knight died in December at age 91.

Beethoven also featured in Bach on the Rock shows

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bach on the Rock's spring concert will have special meaning this weekend, with performances dedicated to the memory of former concert master Jean Knight.

A member of the Vancouver Symphony and the CBC Orchestra, among other prestigious engagements, Knight was instrumental in helping Salt Spring's own chamber orchestra and choir get off the ground. She will be remembered during two performances at All Saints' By-the-Sea on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, with Fauré's Requiem to be played especially in her honour as the concert finale.

To start things off, audiences will have the chance to hear some of Beethoven's lighter repertoire with Symphony No. 6, also known as the Pastoral Symphony.

"One of the reasons I picked this music is it's the happy and relaxed side of Beethoven — he called it his 'unbent music,'" said Bach on the Rock

conductor and artistic director Jim Stubbs.

"It's easy to forget he had a nature-loving and fun, laughing side. His friends were always afraid of his ferocious jokes."

Beethoven was already quite deaf in 1808 when he completed his sixth symphony, which he wrote during the same period as the more dramatic fifth. The music reflects his love of nature, one of the few places his bad temper was eased.

Another short but rich piece by Beethoven is also on the program, from incidental music composed for a play called *The Consecration of the House*. Though quick, the music has enough space to turn the spotlight on soloist Patricia Corry, the choir and the orchestra.

Stubbs said this "chor" is rarely played now — scores went out of print and to this day the piano music has disappeared. He theorizes perhaps the reason is that the soprano parts are very high and require lots of B flats.

"And we have a soprano section that can carry it off," he said.

Corry has sung with the Leipzig Opera

Chorus, the Royal Opera House Chorus in London and the Covent Garden Chorus, but she is happy to return to Salt Spring for a session with Bach on the Rock. In addition to the chor, she is also soloist in Fauré's Requiem.

Clark Saunders will appear as the requiem's baritone soloist. He is a trophy winner at the Manitoba Music Festival and was invited to participate in a master class with Canadian opera star Maureen Forrester.

All Saints organist David Storm will be playing his instrument, which has a prominent profile in the work. The requiem also features viola and has very little for violin, creating a distinctly different mood.

Stubbs said that unlike many requiems, which were commissioned for royalty, this was a deeply personal piece for Fauré.

"It's just something he wrote from his heart. It's very quiet and melodic; quiet, reflective music."

The shows run at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. for Sunday's matinee.

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FILM FESTIVAL

Take festival experts' advice on what to see

March 6-8 festival fever

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

There's a buzz in the air and it's getting louder. I've heard it in coffee shops, the bookstore, even my yoga class. The island is alive with the sound of people talking about this year's film festival.

The weekend-long event held at Gulf Islands Secondary School opens on Friday night with a screening of the Oscar-winning documentary *Citizenfour*. The film is rated "R" and admission is for those aged 18 and over only.

With a total of 37 other films screening on Saturday and Sunday, you'd be forgiven for feeling a wee bit overwhelmed. To help with that, festival staff and two volunteer coordinators, all members of the festival's screening committee which selects the films, have shared their picks.

Festival manager James Cowan, an avid kayaker who grew up on Vancouver Island, says Richard Boyce's film *Coastal Tarsands* explains very clearly just how difficult it would be for supertankers to travel through Douglas Channel without incurring significant risks.

"This is a unique angle on the Enbridge discussion and one that really hits home for me."

Cowan's second recommendation, *Greenwich Village: Music that Defined a Generation*, documents pieces of music history that will resonate with many festival goers.

"It touches on some of the pop culture and political influences of New York City in the '60s and showcases some great musical performances from that era. The footage of Richard and Mimi

Farina makes the film especially worthwhile for me," says Cowan.

Festival administrator Jane Aitken is excited by *The Overnighters* and *Who is Dayani Cristal?*, films with a similar theme — men travelling long distances in search of work.

The Overnighters explores the North Dakota oil boom and its social fallout in a small town about the size of Salt Spring. *The Central American migrant worker in Who is Dayani Cristal?* paid with his life entering the U.S. via the Arizona desert. "This beautifully made docu-drama is really a detective story, which pieces together the man's identity, while at the same time looking at the U.S.A.'s immigration laws," says Aitken.

"Go and see a film about something you know nothing about."

MAGGIE ZIEGLER
SS Film Festival committee member

Social Justice Bazaar coordinator Maggie Ziegler says people should see *DamNation* because "it is such a positive story with beautiful cinematography, showing the power of people to effect change and the power of nature to restore itself."

Another tip from Ziegler: "Go and see a film about something you know nothing about. Take a chance on *Jakarta buskers* (Jalanan) or the struggles of albinos in Tanzania (*The Boy From Geita*). You won't regret it."

For Melissa Searcy, food coordinator, the story of a Canadian family going off the grid for nine months living in a cabin in the Yukon won her over with its simplicity and sense of adventure.

"All the Time in the World is creative, curious and focuses on the beauty of the north as well as the challenges faced by the family. The unforgettable charm of their Halloween celebration is the most delightful memory of all the films I saw," says Searcy.

Adding to the enjoyment of the festival experience are the visiting guest filmmakers. This year, eight of them will be present to mingle and take post-screening questions. So, please engage with them.

"The growing reputation of our festival and the interest of the Salt Spring community in social justice issues are what brings them here," says Aitken.

Distinguished filmmaker Mark Achbar, director of *The Corporation* (2003), will also attend the festival. Achbar is coming for the screening of *The Price We Pay*, an internationally praised film that reveals the extent of staggering corporate tax evasion through offshore accounts. The film is directed by Achbar's friend Harold Crooks, who is flying in from his home in New York to attend the festival.

Weekend passes are available in advance from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre. Subsidized passes supported by a generous contribution from the Salt Spring Royal Canadian Legion can be picked up at Community Services. All other passes are available at the door.

Visit the festival's website (www.saltspringfilm-festival.com) for complete information about passes and to see the festival guide.

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EVENTS

Blues, goddesses and sexy comedy on tap

Round-up of some Salt Spring entertainment events

Uncle Wiggly's Hot Shoes Blues Band returns to the Salt Spring Legion this Saturday, March 7 after a fun show there at Christmas time.

"We look forward to playing our brand of party blues for all the folks who love to dance," says band member Hank Leonhardt.

UWHSBB have been around since 1978, are former RCA Recording Artists and members of the Victoria Music Hall of Fame. They toured extensively in the 1980s, opening for such legends as Muddy Waters, Joe Cocker, James Cotton, Koko Taylor and Paul Butterfield.

The band recently returned from participating in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn.

"We competed against 280 bands from all over the globe and had no illusions of winning the event," said Leonhardt. "Of course we wanted to win and we competed very hard and in fact were the only band in our side of the draw that got a standing ovation in a 400-seat packed club, so you cannot do better than that."

Music starts at 8 p.m.

Maidens, Mothers and Crones

International Women's Day will be celebrated through myth and magic as local women bring their

favourite goddesses to life in the second annual Maidens, Mothers and Crones show at ArtSpring on Sunday, March 8.

"Last year we had Rosanne Leonoff as the Celtic goddess Bridgit, whose creative fires grew so strong that a fireman (Dave Phillips) had to come and control the flames," recalls Shelley Mahoney of Salt Spring Arts Academy, which puts on the show. "It was a brilliant comedic piece that saw the house roaring with laughter."

"Sue Newman was Aphrodite, recently escaped from the Botticelli painting on a clever rant about of the woes of being the goddess of love."

Several other performers took the stage at last year's show and Sunday's will again feature an eclectic variety of talent and goddesses.

Showtime is 8 p.m.

Come As You Are

Coming up on Friday, March 13 is an event called *Come As You Are*, an adult-oriented evening of sexy comedy at the Clubhouse Bar & Grill at the golf course.

Singer Tara MacLean is scheduled to be the opening act, followed by the Wet Spots, a duo from Vancouver.

After the Wet Spots, DJs Lawrence and Dick Sunday will spin some tunes for a dance that goes until 1 a.m.

"This event will no doubt attract fun, open-minded people who like to laugh," says co-organizer Tiffany Wightman. "Guests are encouraged to wear anything from evening wear to nearly nothing, and dressing up is expected to be part of the fun — it doesn't matter if it's formal wear, costume, vintage, burlesque or anything else the creative mind can conceive."

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Matuto. New York City-based group features violin, guitar, accordion, bass, drums, and various Brazilian percussion instruments. Great dance band. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Music & Munch. Recital of music from Joanna Cowan, violin, and Ann Mendenhall, piano. Followed by lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tea at Two Fundraiser for SS Literacy - With Guest Author Kathy Page. 2 p.m. THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT.

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

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

Thur. Mar 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Poetry Open Mic. Join featured poet Julian Paquette for open mic poetry night. One poem per reader. First come, first served. Sign-up at 6:45 p.m. Readings at 7 p.m. Salt Spring Library Program Room.

The Big Show. Local bands compete for a chance to perform at the first Salt Spring Garlic and Music Festival. Every Thursday through March and April at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Thur. Mar 5

ACTIVITIES

Stay & Play Drop-In. A drop-in program for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Public meeting at Salt Spring Baptist Church. 2 p.m.

SSI Local Trust Committee Public Hearing + Info Meeting. On Proposed Bylaw 479 affecting rezoning of Merchants Mews. A planner will be available at Lions Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. to provide information about the bylaw and to answer any questions. Public hearing itself begins at 5:30 p.m. at Lions Hall.

Fri. Mar 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cicela Månsson - Soprano. ArtSpring's executive/artistic director performs recital of songs from Gershwin, Bernstein, Donizetti and other favourite works. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Judy Sims & All That! Judy Sims and All That! (Frank Heuther; Alan Wardroper) Live Jazz at GISS for the opening of the Salt Spring Film Festival. 6 p.m.

The Angry Hippies. Live band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Stay & Play Drop-In. A drop-in for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fri. Mar 6

ACTIVITIES

Amphibians & Reptiles Presentation. Reptiles and amphibians specialist Purnima Govindarajulu speaks at Lions Hall at 7 p.m. A SSI Conservancy presentation.

World Day of Prayer. Inter-faith celebration written by the women of The Bahamas followed by refreshments featuring Bahamian treats. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 1:30 p.m.

The Radicle Seed Library. First day today! Open every Friday in Room 103 of the Salt Spring Public Library from 12 to 2 p.m. until April 24. Check out seeds to grow in your garden.

Salt Spring Film Festival. Opening night gala for the 16th annual documentary film festival features Oscar-winning Citizenfour. GISS. 7:30 p.m.

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

Sat. Mar 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Beethoven's Sixth Symphony + Faure's Requiem. Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir concert at All Saints. Directed by Jim Stubbs. 7:30 p.m.

Six Guitars. One actor becomes six different guitarists, each with his own distinctive voice, views and musical style. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m., with a Garry Oaks wine tasting at 6:30 p.m.

Sat. Mar 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

DJs Mikey, Sean & Matt. At Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Uncle Wiggly's Hot Shoes Blues Band. Legendary blues band performs at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Film Festival. 16th annual documentary film festival plus social justice bazaar at GISS. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast. Free pancake breakfast and drop-in program for dads and other male caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 a.m.

Discovery Walk - Let's Find Amphibians. Purnima Govindarajulu will lead a nature walk. Meet at 265 Blackburn Rd. at 10 a.m. A SSI Conservancy event.

Salt Spring Film Festival. 16th annual documentary film festival plus social justice bazaar at GISS. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Men's Soccer. Salt Spring FC hosts Bays United FC. Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.

Artist's Reception - Nicola Wheston. Join artist Nicola Wheston at the opening of her Stuff exhibit at Duthie Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sun. Mar 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Beethoven's Sixth Symphony + Faure's Requiem. Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir concert at All Saints. Directed by Jim Stubbs. 2 p.m.

Maidens, Mothers & Cronos. Come and meet some of the goddesses of our collective history! A fundraiser for the Salt Spring Arts Academy. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

Suzanne Little & Julia Beattie. Live music at the Salt Spring Inn. 6 to 9 p.m.

Sun. Mar 8

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Film Festival. 16th annual documentary film festival plus social justice bazaar at GISS. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

Men's Soccer. Salt Spring FC hosts Vic West Wolves. Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.

Red Court Tennis. Indoors at Centre Court every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. Equipment available if required. More info: Laura Moore, 250-537-0721. 2 to 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer. Salt Spring United plays against Bays United FC. Location to be either GISS or Portlock Park. 12:30 p.m.

Mon. Mar 9

ACTIVITIES

Toastmasters Speech Contest. Public welcome to watch competitors from Salt Spring Toastmasters in the Toastmasters International speech and evaluation contests. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 6 p.m. sharp.

Tues. Mar 10

ACTIVITIES

Stay & Play Drop-In. A drop-in program for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

Scrabble Fundraiser. A Grand(m)others to Grandmothers fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Play games at Salt Spring Inn between 2 and 4 p.m.

ToddlerTime. Stories, rhymes and simple activities best suited for children aged 3 and under. Salt Spring Library. 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Tues. Mar 10

ACTIVITIES

Islam in the Modern World. UWic professor emeritus Andrew Rippin is guest speaker at the SS Probud Club meeting. Members of the public welcome. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m.

Salt Spring Water Preservation Society AGM. Annual general meeting with guest speaker Maggie Squires, Ph.D. on Is Lake Colour Skin Deep? Lions Hall. Meeting from 12:30 to 1 p.m.; Cookies and tea at 1 p.m.; Maggie Squires' presentation at 1:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Says Meeting. Islanders wanting to create think tank to tackle island problems invite others to meeting. 7 to 9 p.m. with location to be determined. See www.saltspringsays.ca or email destinationom@gmail.com

Wed. Mar 11

ACTIVITIES

Scrabble Fundraiser. A Grand(m)others to Grandmothers fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Play games at Salt Spring Inn between 2 and 4 p.m.

Gulf Islands Board of Education Public Meeting. Trustees meet at Salt Spring Island Middle School. Public welcome. 1 p.m.

Salt Spring Historical Society. Regular meeting at Central Hall. 2 p.m.

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

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

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Nicola Wheston** exhibits paintings in an exhibit called Stuff at Duthie Gallery, with an opening reception on Saturday, March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Stuff continues through April 1, with the gallery open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.
- The new Salt Spring **Library Program Room** exhibit for March is **The Gathering:** A Presentation of Art Glass on SSI. Running from March 2 to 31, it also includes a presentation by glass artist Bob Leatherbarrow on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Gallery** (formerly Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art) has reopened for the season with its **Art from the Heart** exhibition.

- A special exhibition of **Bill Brownridge's** artwork is on the walls of the **Fernwood Road Café** until March 14.
- Members of the **Salt Spring Painters Guild** display new work in the **ArtSpring lobby** until March 27. The life drawing group will also present some of their works.
- **Julianna Slomka's** artwork is on exhibit at **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** in Ganges.
- **Heidi Van Impe's** oil paintings are on display at **Island Savings.**
- **Julianna Paul's** photography is hanging at **Penny's Pantry.**

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WATER FAIR 2015

Every Drop Counts refreshes water ethic

Free Water Fair weekend event offers inspiration for conservation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sharon Bywater bought her first rain barrel about a decade ago. Today, the sprawling rainwater catchment system at her Maliview home can supply a productive quarter-acre garden for a long and dry Gulf Islands summer.

"My water consumption does not change from winter to summer," Bywater said. "There's no noticeable difference."

Bywater grew her system on a budget, diligently scrounging materials and expanding when opportunity and funds allowed. With nearly a dozen containers concealed around her yard and a metal roof on her home, Bywater already looks forward to another summer of "guilt-free gardening."

Bywater became infatuated with water conservation while witnessing the preciousness of the island's freshwater resources as a member and chair of the Highlands and Fernwood Water Service Area. With limited supply, increasing expenses and the prospect of drier summers, Bywater believes it's time to foster a renewed water ethic.

"We really don't want to hit the water wall on the island," she said. "We have to get proactive, and we have to work together to do this."

"We've hit a point on Salt Spring where we've maxed out our water supply."

To that end, Bywater has helped organize this year's inaugural tour of Salt Spring's rainwater catchment systems. The Every Drop Counts Rainwater Harvesting Tour offers participants an inside look at a range of harvesting options.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Sharon Bywater, organizer of the March 21 Every Drop Counts Rainwater Harvesting Tour, with one of her water-collecting rain barrels outside of her Maliview home.

There's everything from Bruce and Wendy Eggertson's behemoth 50,000-litre (13,000-gallon) system to Chorus Frog Farm's modest yet effective 200-litre (50-gallon) installation on Rainbow Road.

In all, eight property owners will open their yards to the public, provide tours of their water-catchment systems and answer any questions that arise.

Tours at each site will begin every half hour between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Admission is free.

"We want people to come out and have a look," Bywater said. "We want people to see what's relevant to them and to inspire people to do what they can."

"It's not about who's the greenest, it's

about participating and creating your own water supply."

The March 21 tour is part of a week-end of water conservation-themed activities designed to shake people out of their water-wasting ways. On Sunday, the Water Fair festivities move into the Farmers' Institute, where organizers have planned a cabaret-tinged trade show to celebrate World Water Day in a fun, family friendly setting. More details about the event will be published in next week's Driftwood.

A map and more information about the Every Drop Counts Rainwater Harvesting Tour is available at www.ssiwatercouncil.com or by calling Sharon Bywater at 250-537-5000.

CONSERVATION

Reptiles and amphibians need protection

Special guest speaker at talk and walk

Salt Spring Island Conservancy hosts reptiles and amphibians specialist Purnima Govindarajulu for two events this week.

Govindarajulu will give a talk on the current status and threats facing amphibians and reptiles

on Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

On Saturday, March 7 she will lead a nature walk titled Let's Find Amphibians. People should meet at 265 Blackburn Rd. at 10 a.m.

Assessments by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature have reported that 33 per cent of the amphibians

in the world and 12 per cent of the snakes and lizards in North America are listed to be of conservation concern. In British Columbia, 55 per cent of native amphibian species (11 out of 20) and 66 per cent of native reptile species (eight out of 12) are of conservation concern at the provincial or national level, or both.

Having made the case that

this taxonomic group deserves as much attention as birds, Govindarajulu will describe ways in which naturalist citizen scientists, using similar strategies that have led to success for bird conservation and protection, can contribute essential data and implement stewardship actions to help protect and conserve amphibians and reptiles in B.C.

IDEAS

Islam in view with Probus guest speaker

Professor Andrew Rippin visits Salt Spring

Islam in the Modern World is the focus of discussion at the March 10 Salt Spring Probus meeting with guest speaker Andrew Rippin.

A professor emeritus of Islamic history at the University of Victoria, Rippin will address debates in the Muslim world about how Islam should be conceived.

"While religion certainly does not explain everything that happens in the Muslim world today, some aspects

certainly are relevant, especially when seen in a historical perspective," states a notice about the meeting. "Exploring those topics helps clarify the role of Islamic ideas in the modern world."

Tuesday's Probus meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Meaden Hall. Non-club members are welcome to attend.

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WEDNESDAY

SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mormon church.
SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harbour House Orchard Room.
STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Baptist Church, around the back.

every WEDNESDAY

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.
COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone problems at Salt Spring Literacy. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m.
HOT HATHA YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Moksha-inspired Level 1 hot yoga from 12 to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333
MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Teachings offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.
PILATES CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com
RASPBERRY PI computer science group for teens meets at the Salt Spring Public Library from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
SENIORS CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
SONGJAM runs at Moby's Pub at 7:30 p.m.
SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: club president Carol Dodd at 250-538-0079.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (With beginners' classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m.) Info: David, 250-537-1871.
YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH CATE at the Southend Grooveyard, 128 Holmes Rd. 5 to 6:15 p.m.
YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
YOGILATES with Nicola Aichele at Still Point. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

every THURSDAY

AL-ANON meets at the portable behind Lady Minto Hospital from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613. NOTE: no games during Spring Break from March 22 through April 6.
BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHAKRA TONING with Deborah Stevenson at Still Point Yoga Studio. 3:30 to 5 p.m.
DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. Expressive dance class suitable for dancers of all levels. Practice the art of mindful dancing at the same time as letting it all go. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Info/Register: anna@bonesforever.com
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.
EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT™ CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.
MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Still Point. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED LEVEL 1 HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. PLUS Yoga Core from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and Yang Yin at 7 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
NIA at Fulford Hall Annex. 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for fee info.
SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets at 734 Upper Ganges Road. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.
SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon.
STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL at the SIMS Gym, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. All levels of play welcome; free fun and exercise. Wear indoor shoes. NOTE: no games during Spring Break from March 22 through April 6.
YAMUNA BODY ROLLING with Bonnie at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
YANG YIN YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 7 to 8:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
YIN YOGA with Robert Prince at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

every FRIDAY

BRIDGE GAMES run at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:30 p.m.
COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT™ CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com.

every FRIDAY

GAMES NIGHTS. Join Bryan Dubien for board games, Magic the Gathering, and more. All ages welcome. SS Library Program Room. 6 to 9 p.m.
MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
NOON FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
STORYTIME — ideal for kids aged 3 to 6 and their families. SS Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
SUNSET FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
PICKLEBALL games at Salt Spring Elementary School gym. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
VINYASA YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

every SUNDAY

BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613. NOTE: no games during Spring Break from March 22 through April 6.
KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 11 a.m.
PICKLEBALL at Fulford Hall. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbhijji@shaw.ca.
PLAY TEMPLE with Mitchell Soulefeather at Ganges Yoga Studio. 1 to 3 p.m.
POKER at the Legion. 1 p.m.
RED COURT TENNIS indoors at Centre Court from 2 to 4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. Equipment available if required. Info: Laura Moore, 250-537-0721.

ROLLERBLADING at Fulford Hall. Many pairs of blades available for use. All ages. 2:30 to 4 p.m.
TAI CHI CLASSES — For ongoing students, beginners and visitors with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 12:45 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

MONDAY

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

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
DANCE TEMPLE with the Dance Temple Collective. Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 9 p.m.
DROP-IN YOGA CLINIC: Back Care and Arthritis Pain with Celeste Mallett Jason. Ganges Yoga Studio, 4 to 5 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastoral@shaw.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT™ CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.
KUNDALINI YOGA FOR BEGINNERS and others at North End Fitness. 1 to 2:10 p.m.
LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Level 1 from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
MOVEMENT INTELLIGENCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. A mindful exercise program to improve posture and increase strength and agility, through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity. 1 to 2 p.m. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com
NDP BOOK CLUB meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
QI GONG with Ne'ith at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5 to 6:15 p.m.
READERS' THEATRE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
TAI CHI CLASSES — Chen Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.
VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Nicola Bishop at Still Point Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:15 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
YOGA FOR HIPS AND SHOULDERS with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
ZUMBA GOLD with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

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

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ART GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.
BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHAIR YOGA WITH CATE at the Fulford Hall Seniors Room. 2 to 3:15 p.m.
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 p.m.
EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
SRHYTHMS DANCE with Shauna Devlin at Still Point Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
IVENGAR YOGA with Jane Lloyd-Jones at Still Point Yoga Studio. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and **ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir practices at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
NIA has moved to the SSI United Church, downstairs. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Come discover the movement, music and magic of Nia, the original fusion/fitness program that offers the joy of dance, the power of martial arts, the flexibility and mindfulness of yoga and more. Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235.
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RESTORATIVE LUNCHTIME YOGA with Nomi at Gaiama Yoga. 12:10 to 1 p.m.
SS SEARCH & RESCUE — Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. or Phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.
SMARTSOMATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056 or <http://smartsomatics.shawwebpage.ca/>.
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TAI CHI CLASSES — Yang Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
TECH TUTORING with John at the SSI Library. Register for sessions between 2 and 5 p.m.
TODDLERTIME at the library for children under four and their families. 2 p.m.
UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. Still Point Yoga Studio. 1 to 2:30 p.m.
VINYASA FLOW at The Nest hot yoga. 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
YIN STYLE & RESTORATIVE YOGA with Dorothy Price at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 5 to 6 p.m.
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SCRABBLE FUNDRAISER

Local group spells support for Africa

Scrabble tournament begins
March 10

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When islanders begin drawing tiles at next week's Scrabble fundraiser to benefit African grandmothers, participants are guaranteed a high score.

In the seven years since islanders hosted their first fundraising event in 2009, Salt Spring Scrabble players have raised more than \$100,000 to support African aid projects through the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Funds from Salt Spring and the estimated 240 Grandmothers Campaign chapters across the country support more than 300 organizations in 15 sub-Saharan countries.

"We are informed and inspired by the stories, like that of grandmother Karmella, who supports 21 children; three Ugandan brothers, themselves AIDS orphans, who started an organization to support over 300

orphans and 200 grannies; and Thulisle, a Swaziland grandmother with HIV, who runs a home-based feeding program for vulnerable children and goes out into the community as a trained caregiver to support terminally ill neighbours," said Diane Lugsdin, a member of the island's grandmothers group.

Grandmothers across much of sub-Saharan Africa are in the difficult position of caring for and raising the next generation while enduring the emotional strain of having watched many of their own children die from HIV and AIDS-related illnesses.

"We in the western world often assume that AIDS is now just a chronic disease, easily treatable with drugs; but Africa is not North America," Lugsdin said. "Africa has over 24 million people living with HIV and AIDS; and although some governments are making strides, fewer than eight million are in treatment. Clearly then, the work of the Grandmothers Campaign is critical as there are 15 to 16 million orphans at risk."

Support provided includes immediate

needs of food, health care, transportation, home visits, adequate housing, school costs for orphans and longer-term needs such as parenting and business skills, micro-credit grants, bereavement and grandmother support, and HIV testing and counselling.

"We are always trying to make people aware because the need is still so great," said Connie Holmes, one of the organizers of this year's event.

Players of all ages and abilities are invited to drop by the Salt Spring Inn between 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 11 to begin spelling for a great cause. An evening session is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 between 6 and 10 p.m. at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club clubhouse. That final evening will also feature a silent auction.

Donations and pledges can be made during the events or at www.stephenlewisfoundation.org.

More information about the fundraising campaign is available by calling 250-653-9406.



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INTERNATIONAL AID

CFUW educates Commonwealth girls

Snapshot of this
year's Hope Project

BY HILDA SPENDJIAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Canadian Federation of University Women club on Salt Spring Island, in partnership with the Commonwealth Countries League Education Fund in the UK, has been working since 2005 to assist girls in developing Commonwealth countries complete their secondary education.

These are students who, for economic reasons, would be unable to continue their schooling without financial support. The initiative is called the Hope Project.

So how does this work? Students requiring funding assistance submit letters of request to their schools. These, along with the student's grades, family circumstances and head teacher comments are forwarded for consideration. Candidates are chosen based on their academic potential, individual merit and family situation. Sponsorship monies are

sent via CCLEF directly to the schools the girls are attending to cover fees, uniforms, books, meals, safe transportation, etc.

Through fundraising efforts, the project has sponsored secondary education of 118 girls in the last 10 years. More than 70 of these students have graduated so far. As young women, they have gone on to work in spheres such as teaching, nursing, accountancy, engineering, tourism, etc. All benefit personally from their educational sponsorship and in turn are able to help their families, communities and countries.

One example of the dramatic changes an educated girl is able to bring about is evident in a young woman's struggle to resist female genital mutilation in Kenya. Her journey and determined pursuit of the right to education can be seen in a video on CCLEF's website. She has become an ambassador for change, demanding that the rights and welfare of adolescent girls are supported globally.

The Hope Project is pleased to be able to fund continuing

education of 35 girls in 2015. They are from the following countries: Uganda, Nigeria, Lesotho, Zambia, Swaziland, Guyana, Belize and Papua New Guinea. Here is a snapshot of some girls being sponsored this year:

Freda from Papua New Guinea says her aim "is to become a pilot to serve my people and country."

Zaida is one of 12 children in her family. In her application letter she writes, "I consider helping the younger ones by motivating them about how important studying is and how it makes a good future."

Thulile from Swaziland dreams of "becoming the best doctor the country has ever seen." Her principal says she is one of the top students in her class and has a lot of potential.

Carolyn aspires to becoming an educated woman. She says, "I think that I can change the country in the future because women can do anything."

Julissa from Belize says, "It has been a pleasure for me to attend this high school because it has given me a great

opportunity that has never been given to me before."

Promise is the top student in her class. She is cared for by her grandparents and hopes to study social science to help relieve health and poverty issues in her country.

Melanie is described by her head teacher as "a hard-working student, a good athlete with an amiable disposition... and displays leadership skills."

Tarrah's ambition is to become a doctor but writes, "My economic circumstance is a restraint to my attaining my goal."

The project is also supporting five girls at the Indian Association for the Blind, which offers special training for academically capable girls with physical challenges.

The Hope Project is deeply grateful to island businesses, community donors and all CFUW club members and friends who contribute to its fundraising efforts. For further information or to contribute to the project, contact me, Hilda Spendjian, at 250-537-8982.

Changemaker Bio Correction

Information provided to the SWOVA Changemakers program about award nominee Erinanne Harper and published in last week's Driftwood was not first seen by Harper. She has supplied this information for clarification.

Harper first came to the island in 2003 as a SOIL apprentice at Duck Creek Farm for two years, then spent one year on Neptune Farm before going off to India for a year, spending many months in Assam volunteering with Fertile Ground East West Sustainability Network on organic farming projects. She is now a board member of Fertile Ground after helping to organize Assam's first seed mela on a return trip in 2013.

She is a grower for Salt Spring Seeds and a board member of the Plant and Seed Sanctuary for Canada, which is running its second year of Seed Library this spring at the public library on Fridays from 12 to 2 p.m.

She has been an active volunteer for Island Natural Growers, primarily through organizing the Seedy Saturday events on five occasions.

She is not a founding member of Imaginelle or Dance Temple but is luckily good friends with the founder Naomi Jason, who will be nominated next year for this honour.

She is an active homesteader working to grow food for herself and community at Lee Road, as well as co-teaching this year a permaculture certificate course at Golden Tree Farm with Brandon Bauer.

She has initiated in the past two years a Harvest Abundance Circle to connect folks wanting to swap pantry preserves or extra harvest in the fall. Since writing a mini magazine titled Occupy Your Life-Sacred Economics 101 last spring, she has distributed almost 300 copies around the island in hopes of sparking our community to find ways to need less money, gradually divesting from the debt-based interest-bearing monetary system.

Her main project this year is the reinvigorated Plenty Project, a permaculture collective and social innovation focused on building community resiliency through rotating work and play festivals at different farms around the island.

She is dedicated to exploring new ways of working together, supporting each other and building the world we want to live in.

here's my card

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Changemakers prove a diverse group

SWOVA, Changemaker award nominees and nominators, and those women and men lucky enough to have bought a ticket to the International Women's Day Dinner are now looking forward to this sold-out event coming up on Saturday. On behalf of all involved, SWOVA extends its heartfelt appreciation for the sponsorship of Mouat's, Harbour House and Pharmasave for helping to make this important celebration possible. This is the third of three instalments of Changemaker award nominee profiles.



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TINA SIMPSON

Tina Simpson came from a background in management and working with at-risk youth. She moved to the island six years ago and immersed herself in practising reiki (a Japanese form of energy work) and achieved her masters. Working in the field of holistic health she developed a passion for sharing her skills and a vision of creating Salt Spring as a destination for

wellness. Tina's ultimate goal is to help balance the island economy by featuring winter wellness retreats, stimulating the economy during a time that is traditionally a struggle for locals.

She has organized events such as Wellness in the Park that featured the wellness industry, organized a wellness directory and is working to maintain this forward momentum. To date she has balanced this with raising two children, volunteering for Salt Spring Hospice, volunteering reiki treatments to those in need and working with the Chamber of Commerce.

Tina was nominated by her colleagues.



OLIVIA HAYNE

Olivia Hayne is a Salt Spring Grade 12 student and emerging Changemaker nominated by one of her teachers for her ability to inspire and support others.

"She is the one leading from the shadows," says her nominator.

Olivia is involved with everything extracurricular at GISS. She is the student rep to the school board, a key member of the leadership program, a member of the grad committee and the student body rep on the aftergrad planning committee.

She is involved in the greenhouse project (and helped write the grants that got it going). Where there are school activities, it is likely Olivia will be found playing a role behind the scenes, making things go well.

She has the leadership skill of thinking about how to contribute to the well-being of the project and of each individual involved and she does this without seeking the limelight for herself.

In her nominator's words: "Olivia always wants to do the very best she can and knows her limitations and boundaries. She is compassionate and funny. She supports her peers and has a smile and a warm hello or wave for everyone. She is one of those people that make you feel good just being around her, and we all aspire to be more like her."

Jenna Aston was nominated by one of her teachers at GISS for the impact she has at her school through her strength of character, her extra-curricular involvement in social and global issues that are important to her, and her advocacy for the female voice.

Jenna, along with another Changemaker, Ella MacQueen-Denz, are the cofounders of Global Initiatives, a project where the classroom is used for a sewing party to hand-make menstruation pads originally destined for rural Kenya. She is also a member of the Salish Sea Girls' Leadership Project, involved in the Environmental Club and its solar scholarship project, involved in the Transition

movement, and at the school has been known for promoting each classroom to have a compost bin. On top of all this, she is a member of the student council and volunteers for the Salt Spring Forum. In the recent past, Jenna visited Vanuatu on a humanitarian aid mission. Upon her return, she presented her experience overseas to her English class in a full-class period, which her peers found truly interesting and inspiring.

Jenna is a top-notch student, naturally curious, hardworking and conscientious. She has a genuine approach to learning, seeking a critical understanding of the given subject through thoughtful questioning. She is held in high regard by both her peers and teachers.



JENNA ASTON



GWEN PATRICK

Seventeen-year-old Gwen Patrick is chair of the Youth Advisory Committee to the Salt Spring Foundation (now named the Foundation of Youth). Gwen had impressed a member of the foundation's board (her nominator) with her confidence and was invited to form the foundation's first such advisory committee. During the summer of 2013, Gwen recruited six other young members to work with her on a youth advisory committee of the foundation with a mandate to empower young people to take action on issues of concern to youth in our community.

At FOY, Gwen has proven her abilities as an exceptional leader by motivating an amazing group of young people, organizing and chairing the committee's meetings and helping to develop policies and procedures for the group. Under Gwen's leadership, FOY created a website, designed a logo and launched an advertising campaign to encourage youth-led and youth-driven grants from community non-profit organizations. Gwen organized the interviews between members of FOY and representatives of the non-profits and presented recommendations, which were approved by the board.

"The directors of the SSIF are excited to be involved with such a committed, enthusiastic and creative group. Gwen is an insightful, professional, motivated (and motivating) member of our team and we highly recommend her as a Changemaker," says her nominator.



ELLA MACQUEEN-DENZ

Ella MacQueen-Denz has been nominated by both a GISS teacher and fellow nominee and Changemaker partner Jenna Aston.

Some of Ella's more prominent activities include leading the school Global Initiatives group (along with friends), successfully involving 15 people in the sewing of reusable menstrual pads for girls and women in rural

Kenya, volunteering her time for community-based undertakings like the Salish Sea Girls' Leadership Project, which works to empower young women in the Gulf Islands, library work, the solar scholarship project, participation in many artistic endeavors including piano, school drama and crafts, and athletic pursuits encompassing soccer, biking and running. She is a wonderful friend and everyone who meets her is sincerely honoured to have the privilege of knowing her.

Ella, like her friend Jenna, receives high praise for her accomplishments as a student.

"She is inquisitive, resourceful and driven to quench her thirst for knowledge," says her teacher.

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Marie Louise (Loes) Holland
Nov. 12, 1922 - Feb. 14, 2015
A sudden end to a life well lived!



Loes Holland at 92 can be described as a world traveller, a global spirit, having explored close to 60 countries. Being her only daughter and child, Joy, I was very fortunate in sharing many travels with her. She so enjoyed planning them. Having an adventurous spirit combined with a zest for living, she was often seen as being an eccentric, gutsy and feisty character, with a unique wit.

Loes originally came from Holland where she was active in the resistance movement during WW2. She met and married my Dad, Gerry and lived in Toronto. There she enjoyed a very rich cultured life: music, art, and the opera. She told everyone she was "kidnapped" by her husband Gerry who chose Salt Spring Island for their retirement where she has lived for over 40 years. Loes "threw herself" into Island life here. She thrived on parties, the outdoors and the people. She soon came to know and love many islanders from all walks of life.

Her infectious enthusiasm, combined with high energy, started the tennis club for Parks and Recreation, where she taught endless hours of lessons to many of us. When she wasn't on the court, she was trail blazing, hiking Salt Spring peaks for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, of which she was a founding member. To honour my father and his love of hiking with her we arranged for a bench to be built and installed on a hiking trail. She will also be remembered working for the Lady Minto Hospital as an X-Ray Technician, where she looked after numerous patients.

Her more recent hobbies included attending the opera at ArtSpring, her interest in gardening, feeding the birds - Freddie, Fronzie and Fritzie, her beloved Pileated woodpeckers. She was also known for chasing cats and rabbits out of the garden but looved dogs, and always had snacks for them.

Loes was fortunate to remain in her own home until the end - she was spared having to move to a "warehouse" as she put it. Salt Spring has offered her a long rich life. She will be remembered reaching out to many people and touching us in her own unique way.

And her spirit lives on!

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 135 Drake Road, Salt Spring Island, BC on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 10:30 AM with a reception following. Private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Salt Spring Hospice / Bessie Dane Foundation. Box 521 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W2

Vladimir Pomajzl
-1946 - 2015-




Vlad was born in Czechoslovakia December 27, 1946 to Karel and Eliska. He was raised in Prague and immigrated to Canada in 1969 to continue his university studies. After obtaining an undergrad degree from the University of Alberta and a masters from the University of Toronto, the new engineer, having found his passion for running after coming to Canada, ran from the cold for Vancouver Island.

He met his best friend and love of his life Catherine in Victoria, where they married in 1985 and together raised three daughters, Natalie, Valerie and Carolyn. Vlad was passionate about his work; working for the Ministry of Environment in Victoria and Nanaimo until he retired.

An avid gardener, Vlad collected plants, especially palms, from around the world for his Salt Spring garden. The garden started in the 1977 when Vlad purchased an acreage on Salt Spring and built a small cottage. Over the next 3 decades, Vlad built the cottage into their dream home, growing his garden along side.

A private celebration of Vlad's life is planned. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Vlad's honour to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, Salt Spring Island, BC is appreciated.

Florence Dodwell
1918 - 2015




Florence Olga Dodwell died peacefully February 20th, 2015. Born in 1918 to Norwegian immigrant parents, Florence grew up in Ocean Park where she and her parents, sisters and brother shared a close family bond. After graduating high school with honours, she got her degree in teaching and, later in life, her masters degree. Florence was very proud to be a teacher. She taught at Centennial Highschool in Coquitlam, as well as various schools in Quebec, where she raised her only son Ken, with her first husband, Crom Donaldson.

In 1972 Flo married Charlie Dodwell and they moved to Galiano where they lived an idyllic life for almost 40 years. There, Flo taught elementary school and was very active with the Church, the Galiano Golf & Country Club and the Bridge community. Florence was also known for playing a mean game of Scrabble. Besides an avid love of travel and nature, Florence had a real soft spot for animals - especially for her beloved cats.

Flo will be remembered for her great sense of humour and constant positivity. She is predeceased by her son Ken Donaldson, husband Charlie Dodwell, sister Alice Fox, and brother Bill Claman. She is survived by her sister Myrtle Alan, grandchildren Jenny Wilson and Chris Donaldson (Beth), great-grandchildren Oscar and Angus Donaldson, and stepchildren Pat Dodwell (Vicki), Pete Dodwell, and Pam Beasley (Wayne). As Flo would say, 'Life is what you make of it'.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Galiano Health Care Society: www.galianohealth.org

Joan Conlon (nee Kay)
September 7, 1930 - February 15, 2015



Joan passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital on February 15, 2015. She is survived by her husband of thirty six years, Bob Conlon, and was predeceased by her parents Tom and Helen Kay of Lancashire and her sister Freda (Trevor) of Vancouver.

Joan was born in Bromley Cross, Lancashire, England and came to Canada in 1965. She worked in Vancouver at various jobs and retired from BC Hydro in 1990 after which they started building their dream home on Salt Spring Island. Joan loved golfing, yoga and she and Bob were members of the SSI Legion. Joan also counseled women going through Breast Cancer thirty years ago after her own diagnosis, a time when the subject was not readily discussed.

The family would like to thank Donna, Lisa and Margo of Access Care Management for their care over the last five years. Thank you to the home support workers at Beacon, Dr. Ryan and the doctors, nurses and staff at Lady Minto Hospital. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 7th at 1-3pm at their home at 154 Cormorant Cres. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

Kristine Danielle Dalziel (nee Lyon)
April 8, 1978 - February 22, 2015



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Kristine (Kris) with family by her side after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Born in Victoria, raised on Saltspring and ending her journey in Airdrie Alberta, she always remained an island girl at heart.

Kris will be remembered for her determination, optimism, compassion, sunny disposition, ready smile and infectious laughter. Those who had the fortune to cross her path in life are forever blessed. She loved gardening, hiking, camping, golfing and simply spending time with family and friends and dog Monty.

Kris is survived by husband Arley, son Matthew, parents Ian and Judy, brother Erik, grandmother Marie, in-laws Graham and Janice Dalziel, in-laws Linda and Ian Dagenais, sisters in-law Kellie (Scott), Kaitlin and brother in-law Dustin, niece, nephew, aunts, uncles, cousins and her "bestie" Coral. She was predeceased by her infant son Kelsey, grandparents Harvey (Lois) Reynolds, aunts Anne, Barbara and Shirley.

Special thank you to her CIR Realty family for their amazing support. Donations gratefully accepted in her memory to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary.

Celebration of life will be held at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney on March 28th at 1:00 pm.

Happy 16th Birthday Wyatt




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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015
Program Room
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A resolution to amend the bylaws of the Association will be presented for approval by the members of the Association present at the Annual General Meeting. The full text of the proposed resolution will be posted in the Library, and on the Library's website <http://saltspring.bc.libraries.com/> between the publication of this advertisement and the Annual General Meeting.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND BRANCH
Will take place on: March 28th, 2015 • 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
At: Salt Spring Public Library Media Room
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For the purpose of: Electing members of the Community Council for the branch, as well as conducting any other business of the Branch

For further information on the meeting or to obtain a copy of the draft agenda, please contact
Sean Hogan at shogan@spca.bc.ca or 250-537-2123.

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The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is looking for a sole contractor to assist the Parks and Recreation Manager with a recreation programs needs assessment. The assessment will include an inventory of current recreation programs offerings, identification of unmet needs and determinations of gaps in recreation programming through development and implementation of a community survey, focus groups and community engagement on Salt Spring Island.

The project timeline for the recreation programs needs assessment will be from April 1, 2015 to August 28, 2015. The budget for the project is not to exceed \$5000 including disbursements, contingencies and taxes.

The proponent must submit a resume including a brief scope of work detailing how they will conduct the assessment and the minimum hours and resources that will be dedicated to the project.

Submission of Quotation
Quotations will be received until **Monday, March 16, 2015 by 4pm**. Please submit to:
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3

Email submissions to: dovington@crd.bc.ca

Quoted prices must be inclusive of all fees and/or charges associated with the recreation programs needs assessment. No additional or incidental fees will be accepted.

Enquiries pertaining to this quotation may be directed to Dan Ovington at 250.537.4448 or email to dovington@crd.bc.ca

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
LEGALS

Notice to Creditors and Others
Notice is hereby given to creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Jean Freda Knight also known as Jean Knight and Jean F Knight, formerly of 107-121 Atkins Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2X7, Deceased are hereby required to send the particulars thereof to the undersigned Executor, c/o Carol Johnson and Barry Knight, 1982 North End Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1C9, on or before March 30th, 2015, after which date the estate's assets will be distributed, having regard only to the claims that have been received.
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This Week's **Noroscope**
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TIP OF THE WEEK:

"May you live in interesting times." That is how the ancient Chinese proverb goes. Well, it is quite fair to say that most people would say we certainly do. This dawning Aquarian Age is already a pretty wild ride. In a world that never sleeps there has been a good deal of activity going on throughout the night and behind the scenes too. And now much is coming to light and with increasingly velocity. Can this ride get any wilder? Indeed it can and probably will. The recent New Moon at 29 Aquarius 59:54 is now culminating to Full Moon on March 5th. It is synchronizing with events that are increasing the overall level of awareness of this time of collective awakening. The recent victory of "Keeping the Internet Neutral" is a good example. Disturbingly, many people were oblivious of this sleuth attempt to change the rules of the internet that would have resulted in favoring wealthy interests at the expense of the masses. Whew! Good thing some very vigilant people acted on the behalf of us all, which is often the case. Yet, the game board is changing as the increasing effects of multi-national interests are steadily affecting, and some would even say disintegrating, affairs traditionally bound by national borders. This is not a new story but the accelerated pace of our times has reached the point of exponential curve. In the bigger picture, the intrigue is no less exciting. A rare quatrains of Lunar Eclipses, two on either side of 2 Solar Eclipses, the first on October 23, 2014 the next on March 20th 2015 has captured the imaginations of people the world over. ("There is another on September 12, 2015). That these so-called "Blood Moons", a dramatic description of Total Lunar Eclipses, are occurring on Jewish Holy Days is contributing to the fervor. Add to this the fact that the last of the 4 Lunar Eclipses is a Super Moon set to occur on September 27th, thus will appear 19% larger than usual, well declarations of prophesy are resounding like the piercing clarion call of angel's trumpets of biblical lore. **READ MORE ABOUT IT ON MY NEWSLETTER - SIGNUP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE.**

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Sometimes the best way to reach within is to reach without. Gaining valuable feedback from others about how they perceive us can prove very revealing. The goal here is to both know yourself better and thereby contribute to more harmony and balance in your relationships. Weighing long-term investments and commitments against short is woven into this plot.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) Sometimes in order to achieve the outer goal, to manifest the dream, we have to do inner work. This includes getting clear about precisely what we want and removing limiting beliefs. On the surface, practical strategies with timelines attached activate focus and action. If your confidences to make long standing changes are not already on the rise, with these choices they will be soon.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Deciphering what makes you unique, distinct and special is the call now. Once you are clear aim to go big. The time is right to approach authority figures for favors, recognition and earned rewards. Getting these granted may include some sort of sacrifice by you. Yet this may be as basic as focusing more intently and giving more of your time.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Balancing your time between home and work may require more effort these days. Consequently, reflections upon alternative approaches are on your mind. You may be just about done with certain involvements and some of the players involved. Yet now is probably not the time. Quiet perseverance may be your best bet. In the meantime, meditate upon new possibilities.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) A process of clearing the old to make way for the new continues. This can be as basic as clearing clutter. However this can also imply removing stale perceptions and interpretations. Healing or repairs of various sorts is also quite likely. This will continue for another couple of weeks especially so make good of this wave and get the jump on spring.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Old interests and ambitions are steadily giving way to new ones. The overall process will continue throughout the year. Making the most of intuitive leads includes recording them somehow. Fresh ideas should be coming in but they must be captured lest they vanish again just as quickly. Acting deliberately on this download of ideas and inspirations will increase their flow.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) You have begun an important cycle of learning. While it probably includes the attainment of new knowledge, reflections upon how and why you perceive and interpret reality as you do is featured. This cycle will last a few years. As change is the law, it is time for this sort of re-examination to occur. Keeping it simple, exposure to new knowledge may suffice.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) An extra creative cycle continues. Yet this one is less about working hard and more about getting out of the way. Call it meditation, surrender, opening to receive or remaining passively alert with anticipation that your subconscious is endeavoring to communicate with you. Watch for signs and synchronicities ranging from the stark to the subtle and symbolic.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Circumstances of late are calling you out beyond the usual call of duty. Taking key initiatives and new leads is implied. In doing so you are likely to meet people and activate new associations and friendships. The time is right for that to happen. If it is not, perhaps this is your cue to reach out more, to get involved, make applications, join clubs, etcetera.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Your imagination may be working overtime these days. Hopefully it is producing positive results. Negatively, our imagination can sometimes lead us off track or out of balance. Just because you imagine it to be so does not mean it is. Positively, you may be being given a rare glimpse to see through and beyond. It may also be helping you to recognize the gifts, talents and resources of others.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) Circumstances are pushing you to conceive new dreams woven with the practicality of ambition. While instincts will push you to work harder, intuition will guide you to work smarter. Cultivating new plans and possibly a healthier mind set is an example of smarter. The time has come to get extra creative and think about new methods and possibilities.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) The Sun in your sign indicates that this is the time to take pioneering leads. It may also be that you feel compelled to express yourself. Originality is a keyword in this respect and alternative is another. While this may produce a new twist of creative genius, it could also indicate that it is time to try something new, to initiate new interests, projects, jobs and/or studies.

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SOCCER

Salt Springers sweep away competition on the pitch

FC team advances to Pearkes Cup semi-finals

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Old Boys took advantage of poor defence and sputtering offence to strike early and often en route to a 4-0 win against the Centaurs in Victoria on Sunday.

David Eadie connected with a snappy pass from Martin Thorn to give the visitors a one-goal advantage at the 13-minute mark.

"Over the last few games, Martin truly has been a thorn for the opposition," said Graham Tweddle.

The Old Boys pestered the Centaurs, who obliged with many turnovers that eventually led to Thorn's

second goal at the 28th minute. Special mention goes to Donny Brown, who set up the play with a dizzying 70-metre run past and around the defenders to the Centaurs' 18-yard box.

"I could have taken the shot, but didn't," he said.

In second half play, the Centaurs failed to generate any momentum, though a quick through-ball to the Centaur striker nearly quashed keeper Jim Witherspoon's bid for

"Over the last few games, Martin truly has been a thorn for the opposition."

GRAHAM TWEDDLE
Salt Spring Old Boys

a third consecutive shut-out.

After numerous squandered opportunities, patience paid off at 68 minutes as David Toynebee sent central midfielder Matt Johnson a through-ball that he converted for the team's third goal of the game.

"The only thing missing on that pass was the gift wrapping," Johnson said afterwards.

Toynebee collected his second assist in the dying minutes by neatly beating a player and pushing the ball to Eadie, who picked up his second of the game at the 84th minute.

"What a great way to spend a Sunday," Tweddle said following the game.

The Old Boys face Duncan in Brentwood on March 8. Kickoff is at noon.

Salt Spring FC perks up for Pearkes Cup

Salt Spring FC continued its impressive run in Pearkes Challenge Cup play on Saturday afternoon by defeating the Castaways 1-0 at the University of Victoria.

The win means Salt Spring faces Campbell River's Cermaq City in semi-final action on Saturday, March 15 at Portlock Park.

The winner plays Alberni Athletics 3B or Hellas 3A in the final on Sunday, March 29.

Salt Spring had dropped a regular season match 5-4 against Cermaq City in Campbell River on Feb. 22.

FC hosts Bays United FC on Saturday. The team

follows up with another weekend home game on Sunday against the Vic West Wolves.

Kick off is at 2:15 at Portlock Park for both games.

United savour sunshine season

Salt Spring United women's soccer team scored 15 minutes into Sunday's match against Sooke and never looked back, cruising to a 4-0 win.

Sue-Anne Connolly put Salt Spring on the scoreboard by connecting with a mid-air rebound from Rhea Davidson's solid strike off the crossbar.

Connolly scored a second goal just before the

half after tipping a shot from Lorna Walde.

Connolly was at it again in the second, securing the hat trick off a break-away with help from a well-placed pass from Anne May.

Connolly crossed the ball in front of the net to set up Denise Devlin for the team's fourth and final goal of the match.

Kym Sheppard Bellavance played solid in net to earn the shutout.

The win comes one week after United defeated Prospect Lake 3-2 in cup play action.

United plays Sunday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. against Bays United FC.

The location of the match had yet to be determined by press time on Tuesday, but players promise a great match at Portlock Park or the high school field.

RACKET SPORTS

Racketlon challenge excites

Salt Spring team sweeps division medal haul

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A contingent of Salt Spring racket sports enthusiasts returned from the Vancouver Island Racketlon Championships at the Panorama Recreation Centre in North Saanich on Sunday with three medals and high hopes for a sport on the move.

Markus Wenzel defeated fellow Salt Springer Blair Carley in the 45+ division's championship match to claim top spot at the event. Tony Mason finished in third place, while Peter Lamb placed sixth and Herb Otto finished in eighth spot.

Anyone who has ever puzzled over which racket sport is right for them will be thrilled to learn about the growing popularity of racketlon.

Racketlon players liken their sport to a triathlon focused on racket sports. Competitors play a single match of table tennis, badminton, squash



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From left, Racketlon medal winners Blair Carley, Markus Wenzel and Tony Mason.

and tennis against their opponent. Scores from each match are tabulated and the player with the highest score at the end of four events is declared the winner.

While the majority of events in Canada are

held in Ontario and Quebec, racketlon continues to build a following on the West Coast.

Among the 50 people registered for the week-end tournament, half were competing for the first time.

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