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HARBOUR CONFLICT

Musicians gather to support Tree House

Participants defend vibrant 'community hub'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A funky band of nearly 100 rallying merry-makers crammed the tiny laneway alongside the Tree House Cafe Monday evening in a bid to bring music back to Ganges.

"This is in support of a permanent resolution," said Ky Fox, one of the rally organizers. "We're planning to be here every Monday until this is resolved. It's an opportunity for community members to show their support."

The event attracted musicians, music lovers, downtown business owners and other members of the general public who are upset about an ongoing turf war between the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island and the Tree House Cafe. The 22-month dispute over access to the Manson Road laneway has forced restaurant owners Mark and Terena LeCorre to shorten their business hours, effectively ending the popular eatery's famed 111 consecutive nights of music.

Fox said he's been amazed by the response since plans to host the rally were announced last week. He said everyone involved, including many other restaurant owners in Ganges, have spoken up to defend a vibrant aspect of the village core.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring musicians put their talent to work at a community rally held Monday evening to push for a resolution on a conflict of uses of the Manson Road laneway. The dispute dates back to 2014.

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SHELLFISH

DFO warning: red tide toxins surge around Gulf Islands

Serious warning against local shellfish harvests

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is warning people not to harvest shellfish from most of the Strait of Georgia after deadly toxin levels were detected.

The waters surrounding Salt Spring and the

Gulf Islands, and much of the coastal region, are closed to harvesting for all types of bivalve mollusks, such as clams, oysters and scallops, due to Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning, commonly known as "red tide."

DFO biologist Elysha Gordon reports in some areas toxin levels are from 10 to 12 times higher than the acceptable 80 micrograms per gram of shellfish meat, reaching from 500 to 1,000 micrograms in some places.

"We have closed basically from Campbell

River to Victoria, with a few exceptions near Nanaimo and Powell River," Gordon said Thursday. "I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't see a full closure of the strait soon."

PSP is a marine toxin that accumulates in filter-feeding shellfish and can also be found in the hepatopancreas of crabs that feed on them. Gordon said extremely high toxin levels were located in DFO areas 18 and 19, as well as parts of 17. Salt Spring waters north of Vesuvius to the west and Scott Point to the

east are in Area 17, while Sansum Narrows, Satellite Channel and Captain Passage are all part of Area 18.

Dr. Murray Fyfe, medical health officer with Island Health, said the health authority has not treated anyone for PSP this season, but he has warned emergency rooms on Salt Spring and the Saanich Peninsula to be prepared.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Salt Spring fire department joins regional burn ban

Fire board settles union grievance

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A dry spring prompted the Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue Department to declare a fire ban across the island that took effect Friday, May 13 at noon.

"We're still in a high fire hazard rating and we're forecast to be on high for the foreseeable future," said AJ George, acting fire chief.

The ban, which coincides with a similar prohibition announced by the provincial fire commissioner's office, covers any machine piles, backyard burning and incinerator fires though campfires are still permitted.

"We try to mimic the province because it gets the message out," he said.

George said the ban comes into effect about 30 days earlier than an average year. The dry weather encouraged fire department staff on Mayne Island to impose a full fire ban early last week.

For more information about the ban or to report illegal burning, call the Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Department at 250-537-2531

Board settles union grievance

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees has negotiated a settlement that will enable paid-on-call firefighters to backfill full-time union positions in the department.

According to the collective agreement backfilling was required to be done by full-time union employees as of Jan. 1, 2016.

"Of course, that could have been very expensive so we negotiated with the union," said Linda Lee, chair of the Salt Spring Fire District, during Monday's monthly fire district meeting.

A letter of agreement signed last month by the fire district chair and Local 4467 president Jamie Holmes of the International Association of Firefighters outlines compensation for paid-on-call members used to cover shifts.

"We now can use paid-on-call firefighters to backfill shifts, but there will be a sliding scale to their pay," Lee said. "As of Dec 31, 2016, they will be receiving 70 per cent of a [first class firefighters'] wage, which is about \$35 an hour."

POC firefighters will receive

\$25/hour when filling a scheduled shift until June 30 and \$30/hour between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2016.

"Because the union declares that it is a union shop, they are going to be requiring a fee from paid-on-call members," Lee added. "Ten per cent of the gross wage will be paid to the union, though POCs will receive no particular benefit for that except for the privilege of working in a union shop."

A copy of the Letter of Agreement has been posted on www.saltspringfire.com.

Cardiac calls spike

First responders on Salt Spring are on track to attend a record number of cardiac arrest calls in 2016.

Crews were called to help eight cardiac victims in April.

"This is a staggering number for one month, averaging two a week," said George in his monthly fire chief's report.

George said responders were able to resuscitate one of the victims, a young male on April 23. Rapid response, deployment of an automated external defibrillator (AED), and bystander CPR are crucial components when it comes to preventing deaths from cardiac arrest, he

"This volume of cardiac responses is unprecedented."

AJ GEORGE
Acting fire chief, Salt Spring
Island Fire-Rescue

added.

The department has responded to 11 cardiac cases in 2016.

"This volume of cardiac responses is unprecedented," he said.

"These calls take a toll on first responders, and I would like to recognize and thank each of our members for their extreme dedication to public safety," George added.

Firefighters collect for PTSD

Salt Spring Island Firefighters Association members will be out in force in Ganges this coming long weekend to raise money for victims of post-traumatic stress disorder.

This year's Victoria Day weekend boot drive will be raising

money for TEMA, a memorial trust established by a Canadian paramedic who developed symptoms of PTSD after attending the horrific 1988 murder scene of 25-year-old Tema Conter in downtown Toronto.

Sixteen first responders and five military personnel in Canada have died by suicide so far in 2016. The Tema Conter memorial Trust aims to help responders deal with critical incident stress in a healthy way and not resort to suicide. For more information about the program, visit www.tema.ca.

Broom pull is a success

Firefighters are celebrating the success of this year's annual broom cleanup campaign held at Portlock Park on May 15.

Acting chief George said 72 truckloads of the ubiquitous yellow-flowered shrub were trucked away and chipped from the Portlock Park collection station. The disposal of so much broom from island residents is hoped to slow the species' growth and promote awareness of the hazards associated with the invasive species.

"That is a huge accomplishment," George said. "Broom is one of our island's biggest fuel sources."

Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on **Monday, May 23 - Victoria Day** and will reopen for usual business hours on Tuesday, May 24.

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

Display Advertising deadline: **Thurs., May 19, 12 noon**

Classified Display Deadline: **Fri., May 20, 4pm**

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Toxins not destroyed by cooking process

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Because PSP is not caused by bacteria, people won't be able to detect a "bad oyster," by smell or other signs. In fact, the shellfish themselves are quite healthy, but the concentrated toxins in their systems make eating them dangerous for humans. Cooking will not make infected shellfish safe to eat.

"Don't assume that you can harvest your clams or mussels and then cook them up and that will take care of the problem, because it won't," Fyfe warned.

Those affected by PSP usually experience tingling or numbness around the lips

five to 30 minutes after ingestion. Other symptoms include headache, dizziness, neck stiffness, weakness, rapid pulse and some breathing difficulty.

Gastrointestinal symptoms like vomiting and diarrhea can also occur. Fyfe said this can make it difficult for people to know if they are suffering from PSP or from Vibrio parahaemolyticus, a less serious bacterial illness caused by eating raw or undercooked shellfish that is common in the warmer months.

"That's why it's so important if you develop symptoms after eating shellfish to seek medical care right away," Fyfe said.

There is no antidote to the toxin or specific treatment. Fyfe said symptoms can progress to paralysis of the arms

and legs, or at the very worst, loss of function of the diaphragm.

"And of course if that's not managed, it could be fatal," Fyfe said.

At the first sign of PSP symptoms, victims should contact the Poison Control Centre at 1-800-567-8911 for first aid advice and seek medical attention immediately.

People who wish to harvest their own shellfish should always check first for the latest information on PSP and other marine toxin, sewage and conservation closures by contacting the nearest DFO office or checking online.

Field office contact numbers can be found at www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/locations-bureaux-eng.html. PSP and sanitary

closures are listed at www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/contamination/biotox/index-eng.html.

In addition to toxin-based closures, some areas are closed year-round due to human-caused sanitation issues. On Salt Spring these include Vesuvius Bay, Ganges Harbour, Fulford Harbour and Burgoyne Bay. When an area is officially closed, it is illegal to harvest shellfish for any purpose.

Commercially harvested bivalve shellfish in B.C. must be processed and inspected in a federally registered plant to assure quality control and safety. Shellfish purchased from restaurants or licensed vendors remain safe to eat.

An earlier version of this story appeared on the Driftwood's website on Thursday.



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OUTDOOR RECREATION

Vandals cause damage in Salt Spring's "wild west"

Musgrave not suitable for camping

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Campers looking for a free camping experience in the backwoods this summer should look further afield than the Gulf Islands.

A recent query from the Lower Mainland about Salt Spring's southern hills, known to old timers as "the Musgrave," yielded a less than satisfactory response from Salt Spring's Visitor Centre volunteers, who gave a firm "no" to camping possibilities on local Crown land. Salt Spring does not have any designated areas under Recreation Sites and Trails BC, the branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations that oversees backcountry use, even if camping is technically permitted on Crown land for up to 14 days.

Islanders who use the Musgrave area, however, are well aware of the competing interests of recreational users, conservation groups and property owners who value their privacy.

"We've been out there 30 years, and it just keeps getting worse and worse," said Linda Quiring, a frequent Musgrave visitor.

In the days of early settlement, the western sides of Mount Bruce and Mount Tuam were so remote the ranchers living there preferred to trade via boat to Vancouver Island than attempt a trip to the main village centres of Salt Spring. When the last 17 families to homestead there before WWI registered their claims on Mount Tuam, it was "still inaccessible except over a difficult trail terminating on the summit at the Hill-Brantford ranch," as Morton Stratton records in the History of Agriculture on Salt Spring Island.

Even today, some of the owners of the oceanside lots at Musgrave Landing tend to travel by boat or plane and may never go to "town," but while Musgrave Road is certainly long and bumpy, the area is not as remote as some users could hope. Old logging roads, private driveways and recreation trails maintained by groups like CRD Regional Parks and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy can be spotted fanning off Musgrave Road at irregular intervals. For an outsider, it's impossible to know where these mostly unmarked tracks lead. Making things more confusing is the cross-patching of protected areas, unsupervised Crown lands and private properties whose owners might make only rare visits.



Hiker Linda Quiring rests for a moment at a favourite scenic point on Musgrave-area Crown land, left. Right: Bullet holes pierce a 'No Fires' sign on the way up Musgrave Road.



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Hunters, ATV riders and mud boggers may know where Crown land begins and ends, though whether they respect those boundaries is another question. Locals may also have designated turf that outsiders are well-advised to stay away from. Quiring recalls a group of homeless people whose camp was driven through and destroyed. Hikers have reported coming back to parked vehicles to find their windshields smashed.

"The vandals could just be four or five guys," Quiring said, but noted the damage has been extensive at times, such as the pulling out of gates worth \$5,000. Trees have been felled within the Hope Hill park to make jumps for recreation vehicles.

"They're not just riding motor bikes on trails," she observed. "They used to just stick to the logging roads, but now they go anywhere they can go. And it's very damaging to the environment over time."

Quiring has probably walked more of the land in question than any mammal since sheep roamed the 7,000-acre ranch established by the Pimbury brothers in 1874. She's the official steward of several large properties, a member of the Mount Tuam Buddhist community and a member of the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

Remote as the Musgrave may seem, Quiring has encountered some strange visitors there. Not long ago a woman driving a snazzy convertible sports car with California plates stopped to ask whether there was a coffee shop at Musgrave Landing. Another time she encountered an aged man in a dapper suit, accompanied by a much younger and scruffier fellow, emerging from the bush on a private property Quiring knew they weren't connected to. Their purpose remains mysterious to this day.

The Ministry of Environment's Fish and Wildlife Branch receives several reports of illegal hunting in the Musgrave area each year. Posted signs stating "no fires" have been shot up, and shotgun casings litter the ground in some areas. The region is also a prime spot for illegal dumping.

The Salt Spring Conservancy removed over 2.7 tons of garbage and five derelict vehicles from the the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve forests when it acquired the property in 2011. It has also taken measures in the past few years to limit access points through its Robert and Shauna Makaroff Nature Reserve.

"The donor families of both reserves were in support of finding ways to reduce the garbage, illegal firewood poaching and habi-

tat damage from off-road vehicles on the reserves in order to honour the conservation legacy of family members," said conservancy biologist Laura Matthias. "To address the issues, hydrological restoration of old logging roads was implemented to help restore the natural water flow and address compaction of the areas. It also had the benefit of significantly reducing garbage deposition, firewood poaching and ORV habitat damage, although I imagine these will continue to be ongoing issues anywhere on the island."

Increased vigilance in protected areas and the gating of private properties may push recreational users to punch new trails through Crown lands, making the remote wilderness campers seek even less likely to find.

Individuals who damage an ecosystem on Crown land (such as wetlands, grasslands, and alpine areas) are subject to penalties. Off-road vehicle registration and safety provisions became mandatory on Nov. 1, 2015.

Anyone who witnesses someone using Crown land without authorization, or who is misusing Crown land or causing damage, can make a report to 1-844-676-8477. Illegal dumping and damage to wildlife habitat can be reported anonymously to the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277.



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United Church acts to reclaim Ganges green space

Cleanup and landscaping planned

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Citing stress to the neighbourhood and damage to a popular downtown green space caused by "groups of marginalized people," members of the Salt Spring United Church have launched a campaign to restore the peace. Following consultation with Salt Spring RCMP, parishioners will host a landscaping work party in the United Church Meadow on Thursday, May 26 between 9 a.m. and noon. The project's goal is to improve sight lines in the park. The drive to eliminate dark corners

and hidden nooks is hoped to deter inappropriate and illegal behaviour, according to Pat Webber, vice chair of the Salt Spring United Church board of directors.

Webber said the project was prompted by comments from many park users who felt compelled to share their "difficult experiences." "It was a timely nudge," she said.

The small park is a popular shortcut between Hereford and McPhillips avenues. The site is also a much-appreciated green space in the village core where islanders and visitors can seek relief from the hustle and bustle of downtown Ganges. Markets, church services and special events are often held at the site.

Webber said parish members have spoken with many of its users to develop a way for all to enjoy the park, which is privately owned by the Salt Spring United Church.

"We are working to establish a dialogue with these people, many of whom are receptive to our approaches," Webber wrote in a statement released late last week. "Some of them see the meadow as a safe and sacred space."

Parishioners want people to know the meadow is made available to the public for quiet contemplation and community activities. Church members will install signs that outline appropriate behaviour in the park. Webber asks that park visitors and passers-by report any suspicious activities to the Salt Spring RCMP detachment by calling 250-537-


5555.

The group has installed a pair of garbage cans and will monitor their use.

She invites all islanders to use the meadow as before and encourages everyone to work collaboratively toward keeping it a well-enjoyed space for all to enjoy.

"We would welcome [the community's] help in reclaiming this lovely green space for all of us," she said. "If you would care to contribute your efforts to help us finance the larger tasks, we would be most appreciative."

Meadow rentals and information about the cleanup effort can be obtained during regular business hours from the Ganges United Church at 111 Hereford Ave. or by calling 250-537-5812.



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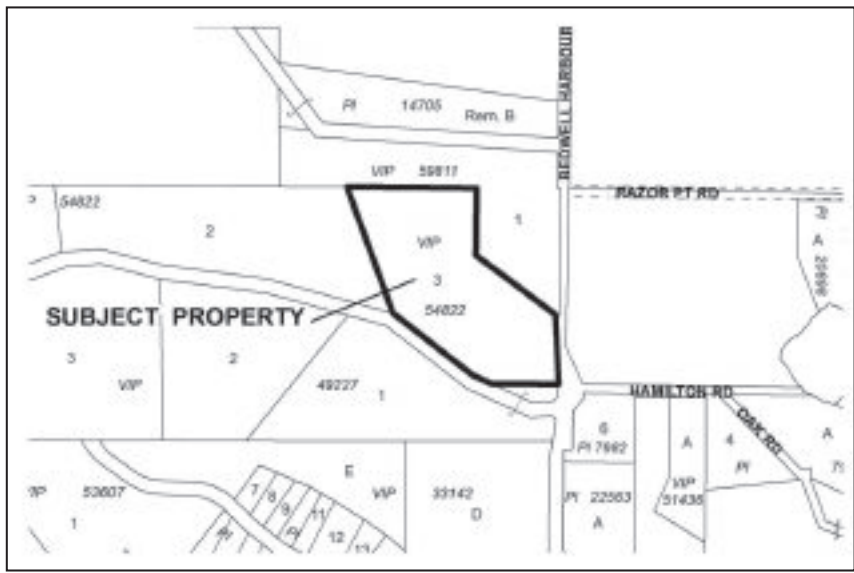
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The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit:

- a) The storage and processing of landscape materials (soil and mulch).
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The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for three years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing **May 13, 2016** and up to and including **May 25, 2016**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Phil Testemale at (250) 405-5170, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m., **May 25, 2016**. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, **May 26, 2016**, at the Pender Island Community Hall (Lounge) 4418, Bedwell Harbour Road on North Pender Island.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

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"It's a key economic hub," he said. "It represents our island character."

Jim Standen, who also helped organize Monday's event, said he wants to see the access road transferred from HASSI to the Capital Regional District. He hopes the regional government could then develop a long-term contract with the LeCorres for use of the site.

"I think action is what we want," he said. "I'm very impressed with trustees and the CRD director setting a clear agenda. This guy needs to know how he can run his business."

HASSI board members, who oversee the use of the Manson Road laneway, want to ensure emergency access for users of the Kanaka Wharf by limiting the restaurant's use of the right of way. Board members worry the restaurant's tables and patrons will get in the way of rescue personnel who need to access the

nearby dock in case of a fire or medical emergency.

"The purpose of the Harbour Authority is to work at keeping the laneway public regardless of jurisdiction," said Kathy Scarfo, HASSI chair, on Tuesday morning. "It is always essential to balance the needs and desires of the community and users with the primary goal of maintaining public access to the water and boardwalks for now and future islanders."

She said any decision over what can and cannot happen on the laneway will be based on facts and a solid business case rather than reacting to protesters.

As the Driftwood went to press on Tuesday afternoon, Scarfo and the LeCorres confirmed that work on a contract signed by both parties was under legal review. Neither party would specify terms of the contract before it's approved.

The Tree House Cafe opens its summer concert program on Thursday, May 16.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sandwich signs booted



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Sandwich boards no longer welcome on school board property.

Gulf Islands School District trustees have made a dent in the hazardous prevalence of sandwich boards on the island.

Trustees meeting on Mayne Island last week voted unanimously to prohibit the installation of the advertising boards outside the school district office at the corner of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads in Ganges.

"We came to the decision that the proliferation of signs has led to a safety issue," said school board chair May McKenzie.

Twelve signs were lined up outside the school district office when trustees met to discuss the motion on May 11.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARC approves Rotary liquor request

Pool closure moved to April

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Rotary Club's plan to host a crab festival at Rotary Park this summer received a helpful boost from the island's Parks and Recreation Commission Monday evening, with commissioners voting to grant an exception to the total ban of liquor in park space.

The Rotary Club had presented a request at PARC's April meeting to host the fundraiser event over the Canada Day long weekend. The group intends to serve crab dinners and have alcohol sales for ticket holders.

Information collected by PARC manager Dan Ovington showed local liquor policies have changed several times over the years. A Capital Regional District regional bylaw permits consumption of liquor in park properties during special events with a park use permit. The Salt Spring commission established policy banning alcohol in its

parks in 1990-91 and then amended it to allow special permitted events in 1999. The policy was reviewed in 2003 and reversed in 2011.

Speaking at Monday's monthly PARC meeting, Ovington said a thorough review of park guidelines and policies is needed, but he recommended granting an exception to the Rotary Club in the meantime. The club must still meet requirements of the park use permit, acquire a liquor license from the RCMP and obtain insurance.

Commissioners noted the Rotary Club is experienced in hosting events, which should alleviate any worries about safe alcohol service. Funds raised through such events go back to the community, including island parks at times.

PARC ponders Cusheon dock

Commissioners considered two matters related to island watersheds that double as popular recreation areas. The more significant involved a request to support a grant proposal by the Salt Spring Island Water-

shed Protection Authority (SSIWPA) to replace the dock at Cusheon Lake. If the grant is successful, SSIWPA proposes PARC take over annual maintenance and liability associated with the dock.

A majority of commissioners supported the application contingent on six conditions, including a full assessment of potential costs and that any reports must be paid for by the applicant. CRD director Wayne McIntyre voted against the request. He noted concerns about too many unknowns about what PARC might be taking on.

"To not have a copy of the grant application makes me nervous. I mean, what does it say?" McIntyre asked.

PARC has authority over the Cusheon Lake beach area through a license with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. There is currently no organization responsible for the dock, and there are reports it is becoming dangerous.

PARC commissioners agreed costs could be a concern but felt the dock

is a valuable piece of recreational infrastructure. They noted most users probably don't realize that PARC's responsibility ends at the shoreline.

"I think it's actually appropriate for us to take on that responsibility, but whether we can afford it or not ..." commissioner Brian Webster said.

Pool closure moves to April

PARC commissioners decided to change the Rainbow Road Pool's annual closure schedule, voting to accept a staff recommendation to shift from September to April. The need to access water to refill the pool after draining it prompted the change following two drought years, with April selected as the month with the least impact to users.

Ovington discussed opinions gathered from regular pool users that showed a preference for December as the closure time but he noted getting contractors at that time of year can be difficult. As well, having the pool open during school holidays is desirable.



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READY TO ROLL: Islanders get pumped for Bike to Work Week outside the Islands Trust office, which hosts a "celebration station" for the event. This year's biking action takes place from May 30 to June 5.

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EDITORIAL

Sacred space

For many it's a shortcut between Hereford and McPhillips avenues. Some are drawn to its tranquil surroundings for a picnic lunch or coffee break. Others drop in for market days, rummage sales or other community events.

What most of us don't realize, however, is that the green space tucked away behind the Islands Savings Credit Union is private property owned by the adjacent Salt Spring United Church. Access to the United Church Meadow is granted to the community at large as a gift from the church's board of directors and parishioners.

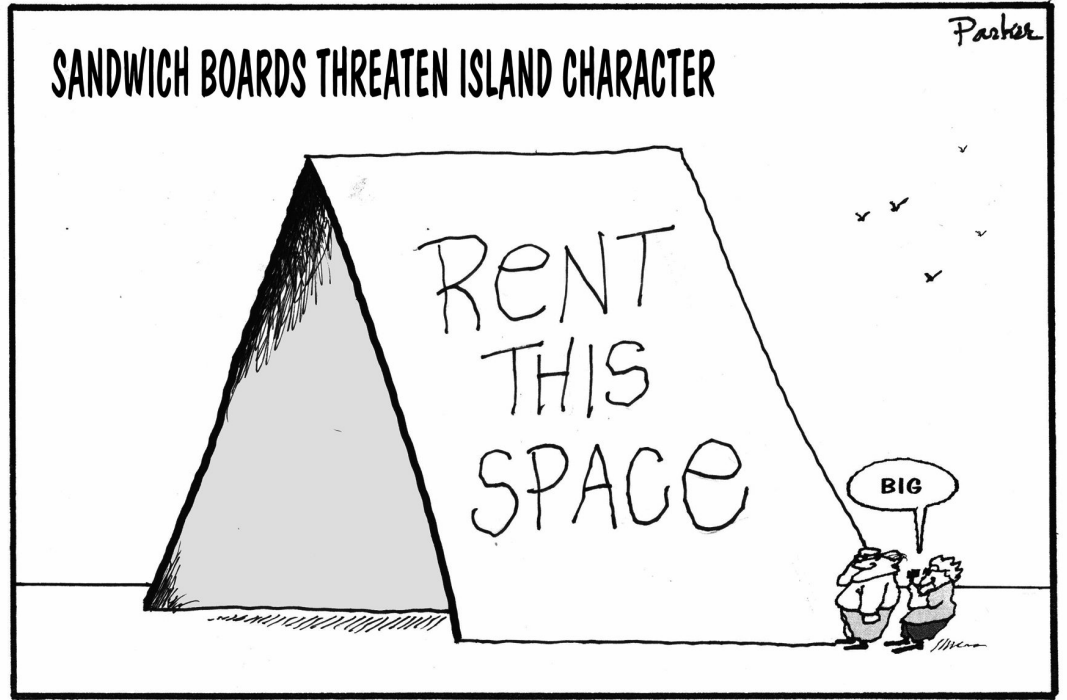
Recent weeks have seen a spike in questionable behaviour by some of the meadow's visitors. Reports of drug use, public urination and disorderly conduct have cast a shadow on the space, and neighbours insist that action is needed to reclaim the park.

The church has launched a cleanup campaign that will see installation of new signage and a pair of large garbage bins. Regular work parties are hoped to improve sightlines and open up the park.

Of notable significance is the church's effort to reach out and talk to park users. Parishioners want all visitors to know the property is provided as a sacred space to inspire reflection, tranquility and enjoyment. Fortunately, it sounds like the message is getting through to most park users. If mischief in the meadow is really caused by one or two bad apples, then a dedicated community response to reclaim the site should be an easy coup.

The modest and aging Salt Spring United Church congregation has asked for the public's help to pay for and undertake the cleanup, but they also ask for help to monitor the goings on in the park. This can mean anything from paying more attention to one's surroundings while shortcutting through the park to participating in park cleanups, the first of which starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 26.

The meadow is a gift to all of us, and it falls to each of us to give the property the respect its owners so rightly request.



VIEWPOINT by David Rapport

Trudeau's actions must match words

The following was sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I recently caught on CBC your remarks in New York, on the signing of the Paris Agreement on climate change. You said emphatically that this is the "right thing to do" - and other words to the effect that it is the ethical thing and will relieve human suffering. Why then did I learn shortly thereafter that your government is intent on fast-tracking the proposed Energy East Pipeline, as well as the Trans-Mountain expansion - both designed to take Canadian oil to market elsewhere? And I understand you are not totally opposed to the Northern Gateway pipeline either, so long as the route were altered to not go through the Great Bear Rainforest!

Mr. Trudeau, is there not some disconnect here? If the old saw "actions speak louder than words" applies here (and I surely believe it does), promoting oil and gas pipelines is a retrograde step. If you were to be true to your words, wouldn't you follow the advice of many, including Mark Carney, that the only responsible thing to do, given the risks associated with rapid anthropogenic climate change, is to leave fossil fuels in the ground?

You speak in a clear and heartfelt way. What is needed now are actions matching your words. I'm sure your father would be proud of your sentiments. Now is the time to also make him proud of your bold actions - actions that are the right thing to do. The argument that our economy is resource-

based, and that necessitates its over-exploitation to create jobs, just doesn't wash. One simply has to work harder to create jobs that enhance the vitality of all life on which our own long-term survival and thriving depend.

I am familiar with the argument for seeking "compromise" when it comes to negative impacts of economic activity on the environment. But looking back over the past half century, compromises have destroyed, bit by bit, the health and integrity of many of our vital ecosystems. One must conclude that there is no scope for further "compromise" if we are truly to meet the needs of the present without short-changing future generations. In contrast to the prevailing and highly flawed philosophy that "the function of the environment is to serve the economy" we need to re-invent an economy that serves (sustains) the environment.

We are fully capable of achieving this. What is needed is to set our minds to this vital task. I urge your government to take up the challenge of transitioning the economy from one that continues to sap the remaining vitality in our life systems to one that curtails the anthropogenic stresses and restores health to our ecosystems and biosphere.

The writer served as senior science advisor to Statistics Canada, co-authored Canada's first State of the Environment Report, and held the first Canadian research chair in the field of ecosystem health.

The argument that our economy is resource-based ... just doesn't wash.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you satisfied with Trudeau's first six months? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you have stable housing on Salt Spring? NO YES

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "To not have a copy of the grant application makes me nervous. I mean, what does it say?"

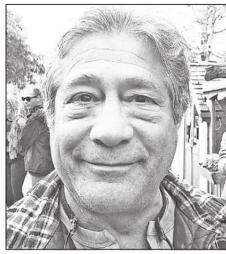
WAYNE MCINTYRE, SALT SPRING ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What's your vision for the Tree House Cafe laneway?



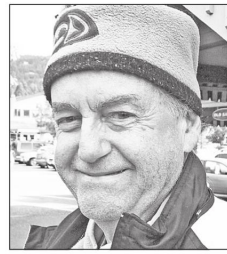
EDGAR HANN
Without music, the love and soul is taken out of Salt Spring Island.



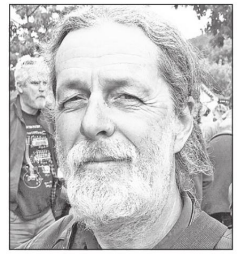
MICHAEL ARONOFF
I'd like to see it used for a public purpose. It seems like everyone wants it used for public purposes rather than solely for emergency purposes.



JANICE SHIELDS
I want to see what's been happening for the past 20 years.



JOE DERRAUGH
The music component is an assumed given, but in an emergency there needs to be an immediate ability to get a truck in.



CLAUDE MILLER
I think we should be able to have tables along both sides of the lane. Anybody who sees a fire truck coming [to attend an emergency at the Kanaka Wharf] can get out of the way.

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**

Be ashamed

I find it hard to believe that any group of volunteers serving the Salt Spring community at large could be vilified as the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island board has been recently.

They have served the community for 25 years — promoting tourism, ensuring harbour access for locals and tourists alike — with no compensation and no recognition from the community for their efforts. Salt Springers should be ashamed of themselves for abusing these people.

The HASSI board has been addressing their responsibilities with no cost to the Salt

Spring Island taxpayer.

Everyone should offer their thanks to the HASSI board members for their dedication and commitment to preserving public access to our marine environment.

PAUL SINCLAIR,
SALT SPRING

Self-inflicted?

Re: Peter Codling's May 11 letter wherein he describes CRD and Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission involvement in the Tree House Cafe issue as "a well-thought-out, elaborate, self-serving ploy and power grab."

Speaking of which, at one time people were just sitting around, listening to

music, not bothering anyone. As they had done for years. When someone from HASSI showed up and said basically "You can't do this and you can't be here because... part of it is ours."

The justification for this (we won't call it a power grab) was, and still is, if there came a time when someone needed immediate access to Kanaka wharf that people would have to move their chairs and tables. This might take all of four minutes. If a meteor happened to land in the harbour, or a flock of wild seagulls were attacking someone that would be too long. But the situation is far from humorous. Hard to believe this was on

the DFO radar but if HASSI had indeed received a directive from the DFO regarding access which would impact what he describes as being "at the expense of music lovers" and "the wonderful little Tree House Cafe," instead of taking it upon themselves, it would have been an opportunity to notify the community to find a solution. The community would have appreciated and been responsive to that. That describes engagement. A term that has been banded about recently... but that didn't happen.

Now, when we read further that Mr. Codling, a HASSI board member, calls both organizations now expressing interest in finding a solu-

tion to the problem (which may have been unnecessary to begin with and self-inflicted by HASSI) "truly evil" you have to wonder if he is a typical example of those chosen to be board members, and what they discuss at their meetings. Other than controlling a problem they played a large part in creating. Further, I don't recall CRD or SSITC becoming involved. Until it was made into an issue.

A. CREASEY,
SALT SPRING

Save the holly

Whilst I do find it totally admirable for people to dispose of invasive and unwanted species at Portlock Park, I find it somewhat ludicrous

to find that holly is included with broom, gorse, etc... Where will this list end?

I suggest that anyone advocating the elimination of the holly trees on this wonderful island take a really long look in the mirror to see an example of the "invasive species" that has done far more damage to this land than ever a humble holly tree has.

Old British folklore suggests that anyone who cuts down a holly tree will be forever cursed with bad luck. I personally hope this legend stands in this part of B.C. that I now proudly call home.

TUDOR DAVIES,
SALT SPRING

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AGING with GRACE: Here We Come, Ready or Not

"This is perfectly lovely," my mother said, smiling sweetly, "but I'm not ready yet."

We were visiting Silvergate, an assisted living residence in southern California, the week after her 90th birthday. The suite overlooked a courtyard garden on the ground floor. They serve three meals a day and offer a wide range of activities. We visited three times that week and, on the latter occasions, my mother didn't remember having come before.

Living there had become essential for her. We'd been celebrating her birthday for a week — a lunch here, dinner there. She was enjoying the attention, but she awoke to each new day having forgotten yesterday's guests and events. One morning, she asked me her age. "Well, let's see, Mom," I replied. "How old do you think you are?"

Hoping for a hint, she smiled at me, her eyes pleading. I smiled back until she guessed, "I think I'm in my 80s."

Having stayed with her for

two weeks by then, I could see she needed more assistance than once-daily home support. She knew that too, and wanted me to live with her. "Just think!" she mused. "We'll be two little old ladies together. It'll be fun." She was hoping for a 100th birthday, so I could envision 10 years of it — exhausting!

But, even if guilt had got the better of me, I couldn't move in with my mother. Not only had I made my life here on Salt Spring Island, but I also had a conflicting obligation: my loving partner, Murray Anderson, by then living at Greenwood, also wanted and needed my attention.

So my mother moved to Silvergate and I stayed with her for a week, helping her get used to new locations and programs. Later, we talked by telephone on Saturday mornings and she'd tell me about her new friends and how happy she was. "I look at the garden," she'd say, "but Mary looks at a parking lot. How did I get such a nice suite?"

"Oh, I don't know, Mom.

You're just lucky, I guess."

And she was lucky! Oldsters living on Salt Spring Island these days have to wait. A friend has been waiting several years for a suite at Meadowbrook. Now her house is on the market and her name is near the top of the list. "What if your house sells before your number comes up?" I asked. "Oh, I'll just stay at Heritage Place," she guessed.

"Not possible!" I replied. "Heritage Place has a wait list too."

Several months ago, a frail friend in her mid-80s was complaining over a cup of tea that house and garden work exhausted her. "I've been thinking about assisted living," she confided, "but I don't think I'm ready yet." Next thing I knew she'd been admitted to Lady Minto Hospital suffering from her inability to care for herself at home. Now she's waiting for a suite at Braehaven.

Meadowbrook, Heritage Place and Braehaven each offer different types of assisted living arrangements, amenities

and prices, but they have one thing in common: wait lists.

My head's been stuck in the sand recently, so I missed the first wave of the silver tsunami that's been sweeping over the island this spring. Maybe you missed it too.

Coming up for air, I surveyed the scene. Here's my report. Whereas eight townhouse complexes once displayed up to six For Sale signs each, on May 1 only four condos were available in all of Ganges. While most aren't designated seniors only, that seems to be how they're populating. I live at Brinkworthy Place, modular homes specifically for those over 55. Two years ago there were more than 20 houses on the market. On May 1, there was one. Rumour has it that one sold in April after being on the market only 17 hours.

At lunch on Sunday, I was remarking on our-filled-to-capacity seniors' housing and someone commented, "I'm fed up hearing about housing for seniors. I mean, how much housing do they need?"



BY
HELEN
HINCHLIFF

Obviously, more than we have! Island Health has known for more than a decade that we'd need another complex care facility by now, but nothing's been done. So residents in assisted living (or still at home) needing complex care have to wait and the pipeline is now bursting at the seams. Meanwhile, younger islanders are bringing their aging parents to Salt Spring — and not just for the fun of it!

What can we do? Lobby the Liberals! Urge North Salt Spring Waterworks to allow hookups to Heritage Place so it can complete its last two pods. Suggest to Islands Trust that it consider ways that zoning can help. Seniors' co-housing anyone?

Clearly, we have to do something soon because ready or not, here we come!



JIM DICKINSON,
BRINKWORTHY RESIDENT

Harbour mandate

Tom Toynbee, a long-time islander and business owner, provided historical context to the small craft harbour agreement in last week's newspaper. HASSI concurs that this agreement has functioned very well over the last 25 years to the benefit of the community.

The harbour authority and local government are in agreement that access to these docks is critical to a myriad of user groups, including the school district, emergency services and outer island access.

As board members, we carry out our fiduciary duties, acting in the best interests of the organization. As directors, we act with competence and diligence, abide by an obligation of loyalty, honesty and good faith, and

operate in a manner that we believe is in the best interests of the organization and community.

The mandate of the harbour authority is to operate, maintain and manage the public fishing harbours of Salt Spring Island. Of utmost importance to the harbour authority is the safety of the community and visitors on the land and docks that fall under our management. It is our social responsibility and due diligence as board members to ensure that all businesses operating on leased land are conducting their operations in accordance with the law.

Through the interference and meddling of local government, here we are two years later with a group of well-intentioned board members feeling defeated, exhausted and disenchanted with a community we chose to be part of years ago. Additionally, this issue is only a sampling of the larger problem of governance on the island and as an organization, we will not tolerate being labeled as the poster child for incorporation.

With persistence, there is a draft lease for the Tree House's continued use of small craft harbour land to

continue operating a valued community business. The conclusion of this chapter in the island's history will be as a result of dedicated board members' efforts and patient owners of the Tree House and their landlords — not local government bodies.

Although often forgotten, we must remember that there are many contributing sides to an issue. Before forming an opinion, it is important for us to do our due diligence as community members, particularly to understand each side's position because behind each story, there are always well-intentioned community members.

CHRIS ACHESON,
DIRECTOR, HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF SALT SPRING ISLAND

CRD harbours

In the May 11 issue of the Driftwood a submission by HASSI chair Kathy Scarfo titled "Do we want more or less public space in 2066?" stated that the CRD "has no mandate, knowledge or principles on coastal transportation." It is important that these misstatements be addressed.

The CRD is responsible for managing 12 docks in the Southern Gulf Islands area (11) and Salt Spring Island (one). Both have volunteer commissions with broad-based skills and professional operational support as well as CRD headquarters support. As elected local government officials, both the CRD director for the SGI and myself sit on our respective commissions and have the link to the CRD board. These docks are administered transparently, accountably and with public participation, including the ability for the public to attend commission and board meetings. Agendas and minutes are public and posted online.

We have also been made aware that the CRD SGI Harbours Commission has initiated actions to build new facilities in Horton Bay on Mayne Island and has declared the intent to also improve facilities in Miners Bay and in Lyle Harbour on Saturna Island. As well, an engineer-

ing study is being conducted by the CRD on the other SGI docks to potentially provide other upgrades. From the regional perspective, the CRD appoints a board member to sit on the Victoria Harbour Authority Board.

I leave it up to the reader to evaluate the accuracy of Ms. Scarfo's statement.

WAYNE MCINTYRE,
SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

Circus thanks

Tsunami Circus students at Salt Spring Island Middle School would like to thank our incredibly generous community for all the help in getting our circus started, and for making one of our major fundraising events for Tsunami Circus at SIMS such a great success.

We had a full house to our show "22", which showcased Circus Surreal students from Kelso High in NSW, Australia, as well as the opening act by our very own Tsunami Circus. We raised enough funds to help rig our gymnasium with ropes, trick lines and a safety billet system.

The raffle baskets were extraordinary, and we had enough donations to be able to save lots of great prizes for our next event. Thank you again, Salt Spring!

See the Rants & Roses column in this issue for a list of the generous donors and supporters.

TIFFANY WIGHTMAN,
TSUNAMI CIRCUS, SIMS


Forest fire grief

I have great sympathy with William Brown's letter of grief over the clear-cutting of trees in the forest.

When after a forest fire it is reported that "no lives were lost," of course we're relieved to hear no humans died, and sorry that homes were destroyed, but do we even think to mention how many creatures must have perished, too young and helpless to avoid the flames? Couldn't we say "no human lives," just to acknowledge that we are not the only beings on the planet?

ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,
SALT SPRING

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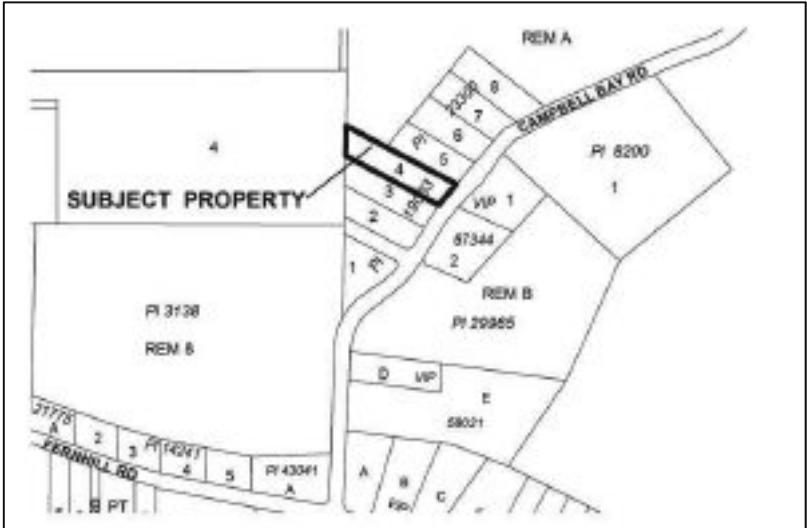


NOTICE
MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
MA-TUP-2016.2

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot 4, Section 11, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 19033, (PID: 003-713-008), 407 Campbell Bay Road.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit "short term vacation rental" on the subject property. The establishment of the temporary use would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:




A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, **May 13, 2016** and up to and including **May 27, 2016**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494(1) (a) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island, B.C., commencing, **May 13, 2016**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Phil Testemale, A/Planner 2 at (250) 405-5170, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before **4:30 p.m., May 27, 2016**. The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **1:00 pm, May 30, 2016**, at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario
Deputy Secretary



D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column,

Streets of Salt Spring Island

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at:
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RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the young man whose truck was parked under the no parking sign outside of Island Savings with the metal rods sticking out of the truck, a simple "Sorry" or "Are you okay?" would have been sufficient. Yes, I'm fine, just slightly dented. Thanks. Lynne Terry

Roses

A field full of roses to Cirkus Surreal, Sean Mulligan at Outspokin Bikes, Country Grocer, Thrifty's, Ben at Fieldhouse Knife and Tool, TJ Beans, Salt Spring Golf and Country Club, Key Pavn Trucking, Harosef Designs, Destination Om, Studio Coney, Om Grown, Creative Flow Glass, Amber Casa: Miro Mroziak, Rise to the Top, End of Her Rope, Bread and Salt, Mari-ah MacDonald, Saltspring Artisan Vinegar, Glassperation, Caught in the Wild, Saltspring Stone Studio, Pharmasave, Love My Dog and Cat, Monster Lab, Cute Glass: Neacol Miller, Island Soapworks Soap Co., Roberta Temmel jewelry, Sunset Farm, Bright Farm, Laurie's Kitchen, Suncatchers, Saltspring Soapworks, Gardener's Dream, Foxglove, Moutat's Home Hardware, West of the Moon, Island Soap, Stirrazy, Mommy Penny and Penny's Pantry, Cosy Toes, Persnickity, Linda James Jewelry, onion Coast, Saltspring Sea Salt, Grace Anchor, The Shop, Pomodoros Pizza, Emby Bakery, Golden Island Restaurant, Dagwood's Diner, Seaside Restaurant, Deanna Milligan and Cherry Blossom, Dawn Sawchuk, Jenn and Corbin Scott, Kym and Greg Bellavance, Brenda and Ted Bartrim, Kate Richer, Aron Dalton, Kim Dalton, Jekka Krayenhoff, Christina Penhale, Oriat Atkinson, Kira Schaffer, Ardice and Bryan McCrea, Victoria Mihalji, all the host families for the Australian cir-

cus performers, Holger Hermann, Tasha and Matt Rissling, Plant Services at SD64, SIMS staff, Keiko Taylor, Jude Shugar, Lisa Halstead, Martin Thorn, Bryce Woollcombe, Christianne Wiigs and Ben Velthuisen.

A ballerina bouquet of "frappe" coloured roses to Neale Smith and Evan for a "precise" and superb painting job. You are artists! The vocals were a bonus. I enjoyed the whole experience. Thank you! Jenny Penney

A dozen red roses to TJ Beans for the beautiful new red deck chairs. They are so comfy to sit in while having a coffee after our runs.

A huge bunch of roses and hugs to a wonderful man named Ken who rescued me last Saturday afternoon. Not only did he pick me up and drive me home (my truck key broke in half so I had to get a ride home to get the other set of keys for my old red 4Runner). He insisted on driving up my very steep and bumpy driveway in his beautiful convertible and then he waited for me to get my second set of keys and then drove me back to Ganges! Thanks so much Ken for being so kind and helpful. It was very much appreciated!

A bouquet of long-stemmed chocolate roses to Dan Phelan in thanks for the decadent birthday treats sent from the April tennis birthday girls.

A huge bouquet of good karma to the very honest person who found my red wallet in the Upper Ganges parking lot and handed it in to Pharmasave. Thank you so very much! Also thank you for the very prompt call from Pharmasave to say they had it. I was pan-

icking and searching everywhere at home. Elaine

Roses and thanks to RCMP Const. Gerard Kopperud, who works out of the detachment here on Salt Spring Island. I was impressed by Const. Kopperud's professionalism and his judgment in dealing with a complex and unfortunate incident that I was a witness to. He was the investigating officer and, based on my contact with him, he is a credit to the RCMP. Roses as well to all the RCMP officers and personnel who staff the detachment here. The job they do can be very difficult, far from glamorous, and they help to "keep the peace" here on Salt Spring with less resources than many other places in the province. You are all appreciated!

A shopping cart full of tulips for Charlotte Akerman of Thrifty Foods. You helped touch the heart of all of our female residents and staff of Greenwood and Braehaven on Mother's Day. Thank you.

An enormous bouquet of multicolored roses to everyone at Black Sheep Books for their integrity, honesty, thoughtfulness and care when finding and returning items left in a book. Thank you so very much. You are a wonderful part of our community. Phyllis & Matthew Coleman

A full library of roses to the One-to-One volunteer reading tutors that came and read with our Salt Spring Elementary School students, organized by Stella Weinert from Salt Spring Literacy.

Fragrant Nootka roses to the many people who brought broom, gorse, holly, ivy, spurge laurel, blackberry and lamium to the annual Invasive Plant Drop-off for chipping and disposal. Extra roses and thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible! The

Stewardship Committee, Salt Spring Island Conservancy

We would like to sincerely thank our community for coming together in unity this first Monday evening of Not-So-Silent Nights in support of the Tree House Cafe and in support of reinstating their 111+ Consecutive Nights of Music Under the Stars program in 2017. We are grateful for all of the continuing emails, letters, and phone calls to Peter Grove and George Grams of the Islands Trust, Wayne McIntyre of the CRD, our MLA Gary Holman, and our MP Elizabeth May, all of whom have expressed their appreciation for your continued support to enable them to permanently resolve the Tree House Cafe laneway issue by transferring the laneway to the CRD. We are all fortunate to live on an island where community-minded restaurant owners such as Shawn and Lis of Auntie Pesto's, Jeremy of Salt Spring Inn, Barry of Oystercatcher, and Mickey of Salt Spring Coffee express their positive support for us coming together to share our voices and in support of their friends Mark and Terena of the Tree House Cafe. Each of these restaurants were so very kind to send food and coffee over to our rally this week, free of charge. What a fine example of this unique and supportive community we share. Thank you and thank you to all of your staff as well. The Many Friends of the Tree House Cafe

Sparkling roses to all the kind supporters of the Phoenix Elementary School carwash on Saturday. The kids really appreciate the help toward their trip to Quadra Island. It was a first-time experience for many of us, so we hope your cars looked better when you left than when you arrived! More roses to Country Grocer for supplying the hoses, water and sponges, and everything you do to support youth programs on the island.



Steveston, B.C.

Tree House has options

Once again and still the issue of 111 consecutive nights of music at the Tree House Cafe is not resolved and much finger pointing is underway.

The photo above, taken on May 7, 2016, is of Steveston Harbour in Richmond where the required access to docks is being provided while at the same time tables with food and alcohol are being served. Tables on both sides with access through the centre.

The same parties are in play here: Department of Fisheries and Oceans, a harbour authority and a restaurant.

This same option is contemplated by the recent licence of occupancy agreed by DFO and put forward to the Tree House Cafe by HASSI. Obviously the user of the property, the Tree House Cafe, will need proper insurance to operate on the access and will need to fund modifications to the land-

scaping to install modifications that suit their purpose. Why is the Tree House not proceeding with this? Is it for business reasons?

If the Tree House Cafe doesn't want it, possibly the licence of occupation could be taken up by the Oystercatcher Restaurant. They could expand their service area and plan a lot more music nights. That sounds like a good opportunity to provide the community with what they are missing.

If CRD chooses to step in and control the property they will require proper liability coverage and modifications by whoever occupies the access.

BILL COTE,
SALT SPRING

Less than 1%

Once again, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is attempting to provide Salt Spring's young people with adequate playing fields. And, as was so often the case in the past, the now proposed site is

considered by some to be inappropriate and even immoral. As both a past member of PARC and a senior many years over, I shall refrain from taking any public position, one way or the other, on the appropriateness of the now proposed Brinkworthy site. However, Ms. Charlton's column in the May 11 Driftwood raises broader issues to which I must respond.

First of all, I cannot accept her argument that when children reach a certain age and level of ability, "they will need to train and practice off island; this is a reality of living on an island." Yes, that painful reality may have been the case up to now, but why must it continue to be the case? Certainly a community of 10,000 can do better; indeed it must do better.

I also cannot accept the position others are advancing that our using 15 ALR acres for a playing field will contribute significantly to world hunger and/or undermine Salt Spring's effort to raise more of its own food. A recent Islands Trust report drawing on BC Ministry of Agriculture data suggests that 3,011 hectares (one hectare equals just under 2.5 acres) is currently being farmed on Salt Spring with 56 per cent within the ALR and 44 per cent outside it. The same report reveals an additional 884 hectares of ALR land is available for agriculture but currently not being farmed. Surely, six of those 884 hectares, less than one per cent of the total, could and should be devoted to providing our young people with long overdue playing fields

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Brinkworthy community on the brink

BY SHARON BRONSTEIN

Last Wednesday Brinkworthy residents spoke with heartfelt passion and eloquence at the second meeting concerning CRD-proposed ball fields that would abut their properties.

All but one of the 50 residents in attendance stood up and expressed opposition to the proposal, some in tremulous voices, some leaning on canes, some with shaking hands. The message was the same: "No, we do not want ball fields beside our homes."

Brinkworthy, the most densely populated neighbourhood in all of Salt Spring, has nearly 200 residents and is home to the largest population of elders on the island.

I have always thought of Salt Spring when I hear L'Arche founder, Jean Vanier's quote: "The quality of a community is revealed in how it treats its most vulnerable members." Salt Spring is a community of people that uphold deep values, care about one another and honour their elders. It benefits all of us when the elderly are treated with respect.

Here are a few examples of what Brinkworthy residents said at the meeting:

"We have worked our entire long lives to enjoy peace and quiet. We love our view to the open field and treasure our meditative time in our gardens listening to birds chirp and the sounds of silence. Beer leagues are rowdy and it scares us. We do not want to hear car motors and logging trucks. We do not want construction noises for years as the various 'phases' come in."

"My life savings are invested in my home. I cannot move. There is no other place on Salt Spring that I can afford. No one is listening to me. The owls' and herons' needs are considered in the preliminary study. Are humans not a

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part of the environmental impact to be assessed here?"

"No has asked us what we need."

The so-called "consultations" in truth offer a series of unappealing choices that the CRD is determined to impose: "Paved parking or trees cleared on this side of the field or the other?"

**We propose that
the CRD curb their
zeal to pull out
the bulldozers and
steam-roll ahead
with this plan.**

Each assurance from the CRD raised more anxiety. The only road for cars and buses is outside their doors, but residents are assured, "Don't worry about ambulances getting blocked by the crowds who are coming from off-island to see games. Don't worry about vandals or drunkenness. Security will be considered much later. This is really just a conceptual model and we really cannot say what will happen at the end."

The message was clear. The CRD can now tick the "consultation" box off the list that the Islands Trust required of them and move forward. And the residents are powerless to stop them. However, their true concerns are not being addressed.

Public amenities should be accessed via main roads rather than invading neighbourhood streets. Look at Portlock Park, the Rainbow Road pool and the golf course. Brinkwor-

thy residents will be forced to see their road widened and paved so hundreds of cars can get in more easily and speed past their wheelchairs and walkers to make it for the first inning.

They should not be forced to have eight acres of trees logged next to them. They should not be forced to live with a mosquito-producing pond adjacent to their homes to provide water to the public bathrooms. Nor forced to hear crowd noise, every day in the spring and summer.

One elderly woman stated that the Brinkworthy residents were being talked down to by the paid consultants and the manager of the project; that no one considers them seriously; that their needs are less important to the CRD than those of the younger generation.

We are setting a poor example for our youngsters when they learn that the elderly can be expected to sacrifice their quality of life to meet younger people's recreational desires. This reinforces ageism and the notion that our seniors are second class citizens.

When asked about specific alternate locations, the CRD response was that \$100,000 was spent on reports for the current site already in addition to the non-refundable \$25,000 deposit on the land. They were not interested in following up on alternatives as they have already too much invested in this site to explore other alternatives. These monies were allocated prior to any notification to stakeholders and comes from our taxes.

Many expensive assessments and reports for this questionable proposal are required, which we will all be paying for in our taxes.

The 15 acres belongs to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). It is also the site of sacred headwaters (the meet-

ing of three streams). The Salt Spring Island Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended strongly against changing the use of this land for non-essential services. There is almost no farming land like this one left in the ALR to provide water and food security. Clearly signs of imminent climate change are appearing.

The CRD is applying to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), the provincial agricultural committee, to override this local opinion and approve non-farm use for this land. Is it really a good idea to "Pave paradise and put up a parking lot" for the sake of a baseball field?

We propose that the CRD curb their zeal to pull out the bulldozers and steam-roll ahead with this plan. Instead we ask that they make a commitment to consider the other options available. Islands Trust owes it to the community to insist on a real effort to find alternatives that will not destroy the quality of life for our most vulnerable members and will support food security in these uncertain times. We propose taking the time to find a consensus solution to this issue where values on both sides are at stake. Negotiated compromises do not resolve disputes of values. A win-win solution would align with the values of respect that islanders hold dear.

Please add your voice to this growing movement, by signing the online petition at: www.ipetitions.com/petition/support-brinkworthy.

Express your support and receive the petition link at: friendsofbrinkworthy@gmail.com.

The writer is a counsellor, retreat leader and mediator in private practice and has been living on Salt Spring for 22 years.

POETRY

Paradox BY H. BARRY COTTON

In Canada we've a paradox, as plain as black and white'
Though pundits seem to disagree in stating it outright;
The fossil-fuel industry's part of our GDP,
Promoting, selling, coal and oil, and even LNG;
With energy resource for sale, our economy is sound -
And therein lies the paradox - how do we change around?

But change around we have to do, our power must not
pollute -

This is a matter widely known, not open to dispute.
Just take a look at Germany, to see a change of pace
Their power's now in renewables, and oil has lost its place;
They've done it in a time-frame too, before their deadline
nears,

This has to be much easier than it at first appears.

There was a manifesto* made, last fall it had its say -
How we could face the future in a non-pollutive way -
'Twas signed by the environmentalists in Canada,
And served to show how public thought was keeping
up to par.

Yet money talks in media, although this all made sense,
And dim-wit writers hammered it, regardless of expense.

The future's in renewables, look at the choice of things -
With solar, hydro, wind, the tides - all waiting in the
wings;
And geothermal power as well, for which there's lots of
data -
From former BC Hydro studies, hopefully kept for later;
New Zealand's had it many years, BC's got several venue.
Where we could use it just as well to supplement the
menu.

So that's the paradox we've got, and unless you're a
romancer,
You'll have to realize, with me, there's only one good
answer.

So when you hear a politician starting a debate,
And he starts sitting on the fence or to prevaricate,
Just shout him down; the voters want alternate energy;
And it is NOW we have to end this fossil-fuel spree!

* the "Leap Manifesto".

Incorporation group offers update

Feedback items analyzed

BY MARK ASTON
CHAIR, SALT SPRING INCORPORATION
STUDY COMMITTEE

What We Did with What You Told Us

The Incorporation Study Committee took the community feedback collected starting the fall of 2015 through to Feb. 14, 2016 and sorted the feedback into categories. In all, there were over 700 pieces of feedback received and analyzed. All of this feedback will be included as an appendix to the final report; some has already been posted on the website.

Given this amount of material, the ISC could not respond individually to all items. Rather, our response was by category. Both the categories themselves, and the actions subsequently taken by your committee, are summarized below.

Feedback for Final Report

By far, the largest category of feedback related directly to the preliminary report. We received 330 pieces of feedback and suggestions on a variety of topics not addressed in other feedback categories described below, to be considered for the final report.

Sixty-three of these items related to content that was already addressed in the report, which the ISC con-

firmed with the consultant. The remainder of the feedback in this category has been forwarded to the consulting firm for its review and inclusion, to the extent appropriate.

In addition to the community-supplied feedback, the ISC undertook its own thorough analysis of the preliminary report, including identifying opportunities and recommendations to make the final document easier to read and understand.

Roads

We received 60 questions and pieces of feedback related to roads, including condition, capital and maintenance costs, and responsibilities for maintenance. This is obviously a significant subject for the committee, as well as for the community at large.

In response, the ISC successfully lobbied for both the additional funding and the time required to conduct an independent road condition assessment (RCA), a study which is now underway. The ISC incorporated a number of suggestions received from the community as it formulated this study's terms of reference.

ISC will also provide the community with opportunities to give input on the draft RCA report, and will continue to insist the Province recognize its financial responsibility, past and present, for road upgrades and maintenance.

Questions as Regards Other Municipalities

There were 42 pieces of feedback asking questions or expressing concerns regarding Bowen Island and other municipalities as compared to SSI.

The ISC has directed the consultant to undertake a cost and tax change comparison between Salt Spring, which had voted not to incorporate in 2002, with Bowen Island and two other recently incorporated communities.

Unfortunately, following extensive consideration, the committee was unable to identify reliable information available on how satisfied or dissatisfied Bowen Island residents are now with the decision to incorporate made 17 years ago.

Impact on Salt Spring's "culture"

We received 20 pieces of feedback expressing concerns or calling for an assessment of the potential impacts of incorporation on Salt Spring's "culture." Even some of those submitting this feedback acknowledged the challenge of trying to undertake such an assessment; however, the terms of reference for our committee do specify that "social" implications of incorporation should be included in the analysis. As such, the committee continues to consider what would be a reasonable response to this category of requests.

Beyond our mandate

We received 82 pieces of feedback on matters that fell outside what we were established to consider. The most common were concerns about the impact of incorporation on the Islands Trust, and whether there are other governance options we could consider. As this category of feedback was outside our mandate, we limited our response to a few quick and simple actions that we could carry out which might be helpful. We then forwarded this feedback to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and, to the extent appropriate, to the Islands Trust for comment should they so desire.

Suggestions for the Committee

We received 30 pieces of feedback dealing with suggested procedural actions the committee should take. We have accepted some of these suggestions, including establishing and publishing the committee's criteria for recommending a referendum, and will consider other recommendations as we plan future public events.

The committee appreciates the community's ongoing involvement and feedback, and acknowledges the variety of opinions that exist on this important subject. As such we are making every effort to treat each submission with respect and consideration.

The committee also received 114 comments and opinions not requiring a response.

Transgender people need human rights

BY MONIK NORDINE

The following letter was sent to Suzanne Anton, Attorney General of British Columbia and Minister of Justice.

Dear Ms Anton,

I was interested in your comment in the Times Colonist on Thursday, April 28 at the press conference held at the BC Legislature the day before. In that comment you stated, "Transgender people are already protected from discrimination [by the BC Human Rights Code] on the basis of sex."

According to the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders many people who have gender identities and/or gender expressions that don't fall into the category of either male or female, or whose gender identities or gender expressions differ from their sex, can easily suffer from something known as gender dysphoria. Gender dysphoria is unhappiness. An unhappiness that can lead to depression, self-harm and even suicide. An estimated 40 per cent of people who identify as transgender have attempted suicide at some time in their lives. The question I would invite you to ask is, "why?" My guess is discrimination. If, as stated,

the purpose of the BC Human Rights Code is "to foster a society in British Columbia in which there are no impediments to full and free participation in the economic, social, political and cultural life of British Columbia," then why are transgendered youth from various parts of the province showing up on the steps of the legislature asking for help?

The BC Human Rights Code protects citizens on the following bases: race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age of that person or that group or class of persons. Gender identity is missing from the list. Do the people who are not on this list have the same rights as the people on the list? The British Columbians not on this list are, for instance, people who are transgender, gender variant or gender fluid (who identify as neither male nor female, or who are identify as either male or female). For this group we don't even have accurate statistics in terms of census data or vital statistics because in order to register for a drivers' licence or for a BC Care Card you must check either the "male" or "female" box. In order to fill out a census form you must also check either the "male" or the "female" box. Even at the doctors' office you must also check one of only

two boxes. You say that transgendered people have the same rights under the BC Human Rights Code, but yet they are not on the list. So now I am asking you to be a decent person and do the right thing by adding gender identity to the list. It really wouldn't be such a burden on you, would it, just to be kind?

I had a conversation just this morning with an employee at Revenue Services of British Columbia regarding my child's BC Health Care card. My transgender child recently had a legal name change. His name is now a boy's name as opposed to the girl's name I gave him at birth. His gender is male, his sex is female. The employee I spoke to didn't know the difference between sex and gender. When I fill out the Census Canada form I received in the mail there is no box for my child.

My tax dollars pay your salary. Please stop discriminating against transgender and gender variant people and help to stop the discrimination against transgender and gender variant people at all levels of administration by adding gender identity into the BC Human Rights Code. Is it really so much to ask?

The writer teaches saxophone, jazz combo and ear training through the Camosun College Professional School at the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

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West Coast Django and Jazz heats up ArtSpring stage

Multiple performers for matinee event

The West Coast Django and Jazz concert has been running to great acclaim for the past four years in Victoria. This month the show goes on the road, including a matinee stop at ArtSpring on Sunday, May 29.

Performers include the legendary Juno award-winning guitarist Oliver Gannon; Cory Pesaturo, the



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Award-winning and popular jazz performers from Victoria will be on Salt Spring Sunday afternoon for a stop on the West Coast Django and Jazz tour.

world champion in digital, acoustic and jazz accordion; and the award-winning multi-instrumentalist wunderkind Quinn Bachand and his sizzling hot gypsy jazz ensemble Brishen.

Gannon, who graduated from Berklee College of Music in 1969, has been very active in the Canadian jazz scene since the early 1970s.

He has performed at major jazz festivals

in Europe and North America. Gannon has five stellar recordings to his name and is on over a dozen recordings by some of the world's greatest jazz players, including Fraser MacPherson, Ian McDougall and Ross Taggart.

Pesaturo is a graduate of the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where he was the first musician to major and graduate in the accordion. He is also the only person to ever win world championships on acoustic accordion, digital accordion and in jazz. He is based on Rhode Island and has performed on five different continents, from Italy, to Canada, to New Zealand, to Japan and Tunisia.

Twenty-year-old Quinn Bachand is one half of the symbiotic brother-and-sister talent-trust Cristina and Quinn Bachand. The pair have released three genre-busting albums to global acclaim. Quinn's gypsy-jazz side project, Brishen, has likewise turned heads to this master of musical styles and all things stringed.

According to press material, Brishen members "burn and swing their way through Reinhardt covers, freshly constructed originals and trad tunes in the Hot Club tradition of 1930s Paris, including the twisting of more contemporary numbers."

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EXHIBITIONS

Pegasus hosts Inuit Art show

Decades-long collection results revealed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pegasus Gallery is offering visitors a full-spectrum perspective on the art of Canada's northern people with an exhibition called Uncover Inuit Art opening this Friday, May 20.

Gallery co-owner Ian Sigvaldason has been collecting Inuit art for more than a decade, starting when he lived in Winnipeg. Access to Inuit art is generous in that city due to the presence of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, which has the largest such collection in the world.

Sigvaldason has continued to build on the core during his past 11 years at Pegasus. He was fortunate to acquire an important private collection representing 60 to 70 pieces that was originally put together by the art historian, writer and collector George Swinton.

"We thought it was a good nucleus to start amassing even more of them," Sigvaldason explained.

The addition of two more

private collections, including one amassed by the Hudson Bay Company's manager for Montreal in the 1950s and '60s, has made Pegasus Gallery a major player in the field. The Salt Spring space can boast pieces by all the best known Inuit artists, time periods, and mediums, from stone sculpture to the famed Cape Dorset printmaking workshops.

"This whole place will be filled with a little bit of everything from the north," Sigvaldason said. "If people want to just get a primer to what Inuit art means, this will be comparable to what the National Art Gallery would have, with the same names. We're pretty excited about it."

The show includes artists like John Pangark, Paul Kavik and Kenojuk Ashevak. Historic Canadian art from the Group of Seven will also be exhibited to give context to what was happening in the rest of the country at the time, as well as Inuit artifacts dating as far back as the 19th century.

According to the Inuit Art Institute, "the hunt, domestic and camp life, shamanism and legend,

the animal world, the family, and the methods and tools of survival remain the predominant themes," of both historic and contemporary northern art. Two special events taking place at Pegasus on Saturday, May 21 will help viewers get a firmer grasp on the background history.

Sigvaldason will give a lecture on Inuit art at 1:30 p.m., covering topics such as how sculpture evolved from small, handheld pieces to the larger pieces being produced today, and why printmaking was introduced in the late '50s. The Inuit influence on European modernists will also be discussed.

Then at 2 p.m., Fraser Hope will host a storytelling session to describe the meaning behind Inuit sculptures. Islanders are invited to bring their own pieces. Hope worked as an educator in the north for 20 years, speaks Inuktitut and is an expert on Inuit art. He can interpret syllabics to determine the makers of art pieces.

Coffee and refreshments will be available at the gallery throughout the day. The exhibition carries on through June 26.

ARTSPRING

Treasure Fair: ArtSpring's lifeline

Donations needed for annual fundraiser

BY JANE MCCOY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

When people ask me where I live and I say "Salt Spring Island," the response is often "lucky you," and I know they are visualizing this small island of ours as an oasis of green tranquility set in a shining sea.

They want to hear more, so I tell them about our vineyards and our farms and the Saturday market and the library and hospital — but when I really start waxing lyrical I am telling them about ArtSpring. It was when, during a month-long visit to Salt Spring in 2014, my husband and I were pondering where to spend our retirement, that we discovered ArtSpring.

We attended two performances by first-rate visiting artists and, having grown accustomed to the very high cost of attending concerts in Edmonton and Calgary, we could hardly believe the ticket prices. That an island of 10,000 people could support an arts centre/concert hall and attract artists of the calibre we had seen told us a great deal about Salt Spring Island. By the end of our stay here we had become not just avid supporters of ArtSpring, but the happy owners of what is now our Salt Spring home.

But back to those ticket prices: I haven't done the research, but anecdotally I believe one would be hard pressed to find another concert hall in the country where one could hear, for example, internation-

ally famous pianists like Jan Lisiecki or Janina Fialkowska for under \$30. Indeed, neither our rental rates for local artists (also significantly less expensive than many other B.C. arts centres) nor our ticket prices, have been increased for years. Naturally we all want to maintain that kind of affordability, but I have it on good authority from executive and artistic director Cicela Månsson that ticket sales comprise less than 30 per cent of the revenue required to operate ArtSpring, and operating costs continue to climb year after year.

Which brings me to the point of this piece: ArtSpring's annual fundraiser, Treasure Fair. Simply put, to quote ArtSpring board president Donald McLennan, "Without Treasure Fair, which consistently contributes \$50,000-plus on an annual basis towards the operational and maintenance costs of the centre, and without our loyal volunteers and the generosity of Salt Spring donors, ArtSpring could not continue to operate."

Which is, reader, where you come in. ArtSpring, which continues to provide an affordable venue for local artists and performers as well as so many enjoyable music, dance, drama and art events for our small island, needs your support. If you run a business that provides goods or services to our community, you might consider donating a gift certificate. If you are an artist, why not donate a work? If you are a Salt Spring resident who enjoys what ArtSpring has to offer and have, stashed away in the attic, a treasure large or small that rarely sees the

light of day, why not liberate it for a very good cause?

If you can volunteer your time you might want to consider helping at our auction or serving food to our hard-working team throughout the week of July 10. We invite all of you to join us in our mission to support and grow the performing and visual arts here on Salt Spring.

Contact Christie Roome at 250-537-2102 or christie@artspring.ca

Treasure Fair Dates

The 2016 Treasure Fair will take place on July 14, 15 and 16 — three days of silent auction culminating in a live auction with a wine reception on Saturday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m. The live auction begins at 7 p.m. with Scott Merrick as auctioneer and Hannah Brown as his assistant.

We hope to see you there, and bring your bids — there's treasure to be found!


Some Treasure Fair Finds

ArtSpring development manager Christie Roome and her hardworking team of volunteers have already received some special donations to Treasure Fair 2016. They include:

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Corrections:

Please note corrections to the following arts event dates and times.

The Helix Dance Theatre show is running this Saturday,

May 21, at 8 p.m.

The double book launch for Gregory Ast and R. Bruce Logan, set for the Salt Spring Public Library on Saturday, May 21, begins at 1 p.m.



AUTHOR EVENTS

Golden age of medicine recounted

Nanaimo author gives reading at library

Helen Webster is the latest author to hold a literary event at the Salt Spring Library Program Room, with her book *Medicine Man* being presented on Thursday, May 26, beginning at 5 p.m.

Webster will talk about the book's creation and read a selection from it.

Medicine Man is the story of a young physician and surgeon who arrived with his family in the new Canadian province of Alberta in 1909, and set out to establish himself as a doctor during the turbulent years of

early settlement and on into the 1950s.

"Between 1900 and 1950, the western world experienced a burst of medical advancements," explains a press release. "This was known as the 'golden age of medicine.' But what was it like to practise medicine just as aspirin, vitamins, insulin, vaccines and antibiotics started to find their way into a doctor's medical bag?"

Webster is the granddaughter of the book's protagonist, Dr. Robert Ross.

"Thanks to her relationship with her grandparents and access to original source materials, Helen was able to compile documents to create this fasci-

nating account of her grandfather's life and career," explains a press release. "This is Helen's first book, though she has a long history with writing and has taught writing to both students and teachers during her career in education."

Webster currently lives in Nanaimo, although she was born and raised in Drumheller, Alta., where her grandfather practised medicine for 30 years. Her family moved to the west coast in the '50s and she was educated in Sidney. She studied Journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa and received her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Victoria.

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what's on this week



Wed. May 18

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. Open Wed., Thurs. and Fri. through June 30 at the Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn How to Write Your Advance Directive. A presentation by the Salt Spring chapter of Dying With Dignity. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Free Genealogy Research. Family History Library is open Wednesdays at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Vesuvius Bay Road from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Film Screening: Alive Inside. A joyous cinematic exploration of music's capacity to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. Part of SS Hospice's End of the Reel film series. Following the film Michelle and Laura from Victoria will share their experience with the Music and Memory program at their residential care facility. Questions will be encouraged. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Poker. Hosted by Albert and Rebekah every Wednesday at the Legion lounge at 7 p.m. (Note location change. This event was previously held at The Local.)

SongJam. On hiatus tonight and May 25.

Thur. May 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Richard Cross. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Cicela Mansson, Arthur Rowe and Luanne Katz. Cicela, Arthur and Luanne return to the ArtSpring stage to share some of their favourite music. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night. At Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.



ACTIVITIES

Awaken Yoga. This is a special class for the learning and practice of "Aqurian Sadhana." Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre. 5 a.m. Info: 250-653-4867, or www.shannoncowan.com.

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

Medication Safety Awareness Workshop. Free workshop with tips for ensuring safe and effective use of medications. Presented by Seniors Wellness Program at the Portlock Park portable. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Complimentary light lunch included. Please RSVP to 250-537-4607.

Dance Temple Thursdays. A lightly facilitated community gathering to tune in, join in, celebrate, meditate and unwind. Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

Fri. May 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Valley Jazz. Live at The Oystercatcher Bar & Grill. 6 to 9 p.m.

The Barefoot Thieves. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

The Coalition. Rock/dance band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

The Ducks. Live band at The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Art Show Opening: David Wisdom. David Wisdom presents London Belongs To Me, Photographs and more, at the new Fault Line Projects Exhibition space at 3106 Grace Point Square. 5 to 8 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Gillean Proctor. Exhibit called Great Guitars by photographer Gillean Proctor at Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.

SS Forum Presents Monia Mazigh: Muslim Women in Canada. Author and human rights advocate Dr. Monia Mazigh speaks at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



Sat. May 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Brothers. Every Saturday at The Local. 3 to 6 p.m.

Sky Valley Jazz. Live at The Oystercatcher Bar & Grill. 6 to 9 p.m.

Duck Creek. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Doug & the Thugs and Happy Daze. Live bands at The Legion. Doug & the Thugs at 7:15 p.m. and Happy Daze at 8:30 p.m. Happy Daze is doing a whole set of Grease songs. Legion Lounge. 7:15 p.m.

Helix Dance Theatre. Vancouver Island dance theatre group presents 'fusion & Form' show at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

Dope Soda. Live ska/reggae band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Round Salt Spring Sailing Race. Boats leave from Ganges Harbour at 10 a.m.

Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. Games to watch on major Salt Spring soccer fields. All day.

Book Launch: Bruce Williams. Former Salt Spring resident Bruce Williams talks about his new book called Was it Worth it: Mill Farm Salt Spring Island. SS Library Program Room. 10 a.m.

Book Launch: Gregory Ast & R. Bruce Logan. Double book launch of two Salt Spring authors: Gregory Ast with Carey's Trade, and R. Bruce Logan with Finding Lien. SS Library Program Room. 1 p.m.

Sat. May 21

ACTIVITIES

Uncover Inuit Art. Lecture on Inuit art by Ian Sigvaldason from 1 to 1:30 p.m., and an invitation to bring your Inuit art pieces to Pegasus Gallery for discussion with Fraser Hope from 2 to 4 p.m. Part of Uncover Inuit Art - Art and Artefacts from the 19th century to the 21st century exhibit running at the gallery.

Art pening - 'New Work.' Featuring Paul Burke, Anna Gustafson and Sofia Burke, three artists from one family who work in different mediums showing together for the first time. Duthie Gallery. 5 to 8 p.m.

Sun. May 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Valley Jazz. Live at The Oystercatcher Bar & Grill. 6 to 9 p.m.

Bobfest. Live music from various local artists celebrating Bob Dylan's 75th birthday. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.

Ange Hehr. Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Live Ballet Broadcast: Frankenstein. Co-production of the Royal Ballet and the San Francisco Ballet. ArtSpring. 10 a.m.

Mon. May 23

ACTIVITIES

Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. Final games at GISS fields.



Tue. May 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Transportation Commission. Regular business meeting at special place and date. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Angela Cheng Piano Concert. Program includes Haydn C Major Sonata, Beethoven 110 and Chopin Polonaise Fantasy in A Major. ArtSpring. Garry Oaks Winery tasting 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30.



ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Incorporation Study Committee. Meeting at Lions Hall. 4 to 7 p.m. Public welcome.

Wed. May 25

ACTIVITIES

Transition Salt Spring AGM. Annual general meeting at Portlock Park portable. 10 a.m.

Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

Film Screening of Solace: Wisdom of the Dying. From Camille Adair's intimate experiences with people facing the end of their lives. Part of SS Hospice's End of the Reel film series. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Garden Club. With guest speaker Bill Terry, author of The Carefree Garden: Letting Nature Play Her Part. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

New Work - Artists' Talk. Featuring Paul Burke, Anna Gustafson and Sofia Burke. Duthie Gallery. 7:30 p.m.

Free Genealogy Research. See last Wednesday's listing.

Poker. See last Wednesday's listing.

SongJam. On hiatus tonight.



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artspring.ca/events/

ArtSpring - Salt Spring's Centre for the Arts
The performing arts centre hosts concerts, theatre and exhibitions. Includes a calendar of events and artist information.

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CINEMA

- The Jungle Book** — A live-action/CGI film about Mowgli, an orphaned human boy who, guided by his animal guardians, sets out on a journey of self-discovery while evading the threatening Shere Khan.
- A Hologram for the King** — Starring Tom Hanks. A businessman sent to Saudi Arabia to close the deal of a lifetime Fights local customs and bureaucracy, eventually finding help from a wise-cracking taxi driver and a beautiful Saudi doctor.

EXHIBITIONS

- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents Uncover Inuit Art - Art and Artefacts from the 19th century to the 21st century from May 20 through June 26, with special events on Saturday, May 21: Lecture on Inuit Art by **Ian Sigvaldason** from 1 to 1:30 p.m.; Uncover your Inuit Art Story with Fraser Hope: bring in your Inuit art piece.
- Gallery 8** presents Great Guitars, an exhibition of photographs by **Gillean Proctor**, beginning with an opening reception on Friday, May 20, 5 to 8 p.m., and running daily through June 3.

- David Wisdom** presents London Belongs To Me, photographs and more, at the new **Fault Line Projects** exhibition space at 3106 Grace Point Square. Opens Friday, May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. and continues until the end of June.
- Duthie Gallery** presents New Work, featuring three artists from one family showing together for the first time: **Anna Gustafson, Paul Burke** and **Sofia Burke**. An opening reception is set for Saturday, May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m., and an artists' talk takes place Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30.
- Contemplations on Nature and Spirit, mandala and abstract paintings by **Dara Clayden** is in the **library program room** through May.
- Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** shows **Susan Haigh's** acrylic and oil paintings of wildflowers through May. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-ish.
- The Mardi Mob Collective** presents Island Faces — Portraits from Life in the **ArtSpring lobby** areas in the month of May.
- Salt Spring Gallery** artists have work hanging in **Island Savings**.
- Megan Manning** has photographs at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe** in May.
- SOLID** shows African art by **Louise Adele**.

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ALL SAINTS MUSIC

Dedication of new organ and recital set for All Saints

Special event on May 28

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH

For more than 20 years the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island and music lovers in the community have been enjoying the wonderful sounds of the only pipe organ on the island, installed in All Saints By-the-Sea in 1994 during the time when the Rt. Rev. Barry Valentine was priest. With the good fortune of superb acoustics in the church, the organ has contributed to the rich musical life in the parish.

Originally from Holy Trinity, Vancouver, the instrument was rescued from imminent destruction by a work party from Salt Spring during the time of the church's transformation from St. George's to the current All Saints. Having already been transplanted to Holy Trinity from another church, it is believed some of the pipes are in their second century of service.

At the time of installation in All

Saints, a veritable chain of pipes was carried to the organ loft via ladders by the willing hands of volunteers, young and old, skillfully supervised by organ builder David Quinton, who was familiar with the instrument from its days in Holy Trinity.

When the cathedral in Victoria replaced its organ with a brand new one, some of those pipes, which may well be over 100 years old, were donated to the All Saints instrument. Not only that, several ranks came from Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Victoria when some of its smaller ranks were replaced with some from the cathedral.

Over the course of the renovations from its original creation, the All Saints organ is a composite of at least six instruments and has valiantly withstood the stresses of these creative exploits. However, it was decided in 2015 by the parish that a new intervention was required to bring the instrument into the modern era as maintenance and tuning become ever more costly.

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In the spring of this year, a brand new Rogers 4 manual digital organ was installed. This organ is a hybrid, utilizing the original six ranks of pipes from the great organ and combining them with Rogers' digital-modelled sounds. There are 51 speaking ranks, or stops, but the Rogers organ also contains the equivalent of four organs (over 300 sounds!) allowing the playing of French Romantic, German Baroque, English Cathedral and American 20th-century music.

Virtually any repertoire can be played with the sounds that the composer would have envisioned. The variety is stunning and the sounds very realistic and beautiful. This is truly a magnificent instrument.

On Saturday, May 28, a celebration and dedication of the new organ will take place and includes a recital with organist, Don Conley, at the console.

Well known in the musical circles of the island, Conley began his career at the age of 12, when he was asked by his pastor to play for Sunday liturgy at the local Roman Catholic Church, where his improvisational skills, even at this tender age, were set in motion as the church struggled to implement new forms, language and style as it moved from Latin into the vernacular.

Conley became a recognized leader in liturgical music within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver and after completing a masters degree in music in 1981,

he was posted to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, Minn., followed by a two-year voluntary ministry across Canada.

When Conley moved to Salt Spring Island, he brought with him an extensive repertoire and knowledge of music, as well as skills as a teacher, coach, organist and pianist. He established himself with a studio, became the director of Salt Spring Singers subsequent to the retirement of Mitch Howard, and in 2010 he began playing at Simply Organic, the organ recital series made popular by Barry Valentine when he became organist and choir director after his retirement as priest of the Anglican parish. Conley was warmly welcomed and he charmed the fans of the genre with his delightful sense of humour and presence, and thrilled them with his accomplished playing.

Everyone is welcome to the May 28 concert, which begins in All Saints at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

LIVE MUSIC

Tree House Café hosts seventh annual Bobfest event

Dylan fans celebrate 75th birthday

Music fans are invited to kick off the summer at the Tree House Café

this weekend by coming to celebrate Bob Dylan's 75th birthday two days early on Sunday, May 22.

The event from 6 to 10 p.m. will feature a variety of island performers singing their interpretations

of Dylan songs, including David Jacquest, Sharon Bailey, John Duffy, Robert Johnson, Andy Meyers, Trish and Gord and a house band for the

occasion featuring Darren Linnell, John Johnston, and Jacquest called the Freewheeling Girls of North County Fair.

Previous Bobfests have been considered island

milestones and too fun to be missed, so people are recommended to come early to grab a table before they fill up.

Anyone who might like to perform that hasn't

signed up yet can contact Jacquest care of Facebook or call 250-653-9172.

The Tree House has also opened for its summer music program Thursday through Sunday nights.

CONCERTS

Islanders team up for musical feast



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Coloratura soprano Cicela Månsson gives a concert with Luanne Katz and Arthur Rowe this Thursday.

Månsson, Katz and Rowe

What happens when a coloratura soprano, a marimba soloist and percussionist, and a pianist join forces?

Audiences can find out this Thursday, May 19 at ArtSpring when coloratura soprano Cicela Månsson (who is also

ArtSpring's executive and artistic director), percussionist Luanne Katz, and pianist Arthur Rowe perform some of their favourite music together.

In this innovative collaboration three fine musicians explore beautiful music together that ranges from contemporary to folk to classical.

"In my life I've had wonderful opportunities

to work with many great musicians and whether I'm listening, working, or performing with them, it's all a thrill to me," said Månsson. "On Thursday I will be singing with two such wonderful musicians."

Salt Springers are invited to take a musically exhilarating ride through songs of love by Strauss, Schubert, Fauré, Bernstein, Copland, and Barber and some gorgeous contemporary pieces including a solo by Katz. The pieces tell stories of love lost, hoped for, and found; songs that will be sure to elicit a chuckle and warm the heart.

Månsson is a graduate of the Faculty of Music at McGill and an accomplished coloratura soprano whose tastes range from musical theatre to jazz to classical repertoire.

She looks forward to performing with Canadian pianist and Steinway artist Arthur Rowe, who is a critically-acclaimed

recitalist, soloist with orchestra and chamber musician. Rowe is a professor of piano at the University of Victoria and the artistic director of the Victoria Summer Music Festival. He returns to ArtSpring for the concert after having performed a solo concert earlier in the season.

Månsson said she is also honoured to perform with marimba soloist, percussionist and Salt Spring resident Luanne Katz, who is no stranger to ArtSpring. She has performed her dynamic music at ArtSpring's annual Chamber Music Festival, and has performed for many years with orchestras and ensembles across the USA.

Katz has also co-founded two contemporary music ensembles, recorded on numerous film sound tracks, performed in the Beijing New Music Festival and was a soloist with the Oregon Symphony in Portland.

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TOURISM

Organizers gear up for memorable Tour des Îles 2016

June festival celebrates Gulf Islands connections

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Planning is well underway for the second annual Tour des Îles, a three-day inter-island celebration set for June 24, 25 and 26.

“There will be fun things to do organized on each of the islands,” said Darryl Martin, chair of the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission.

Martin leads the newly formed Salish Sea Inter-island Transportation Society. The group has been established to facilitate the Tour des Îles experience and encourage broader public participation. For a \$20 fee, society members can hop aboard any of the many passenger-only



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Pender Island’s Sea Star Vineyards was one of the places to hold Tour des Îles events in 2015.

boats that will ply the waters between the Gulf Islands during the festival. Shuttle buses and special activities will offer visitors the chance to experience life on another island for a

of establishing a passenger, bike and goods transport system to enable stronger economic and social links between these islands.”

The initiative is a joint venture hosted by the Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands electoral areas and private donations.

Salt Spring transportation hubs will be based at Fernwood Dock (for travel to and from Galiano Island) and Ganges Harbour for travel to and from North Pender Island. More details about activities and travel options will become available in the coming weeks.

The 2015 event drew hundreds of people to activities on the five Southern Gulf Islands. The list of experiences included concerts, arts and crafts, farmers’ markets, wine tastings, hiking, golfing and much more.

David Howe, electoral area direc-

tor for the Southern Gulf Islands, said this year’s event is shaping up to be even more successful. He’s optimistic the project will reconnect islanders and stimulate activity across the entire region.

“The Tour des Îles is an innovative initiative to restore the social and economic fabric of the Southern Gulf Islands that was once interconnected but has suffered over the years due to service cuts and fare increases,” Howe said. “We hope this tour will showcase the islands and spark people’s imaginations about how this region could use innovative, low-carbon transportation options to get visitors and locals to and between these magnificent islands that make British Columbia the envy of the world.”

Further details about how to get involved in the 2016 Tour des Îles are available at www.gulfislands.org.

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IDEAS

Human rights heroine speaks at Forum

Monia Mazigh at ArtSpring this Friday

BY JULIAN PAQUETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Maher Arar was abducted at New York’s JFK Airport in 2002 while travelling home to Ottawa after a vacation in Tunisia. The CIA took the Syrian-born Canadian citizen to Syria, where he was imprisoned without charge and tortured.

These events presented his wife — Monia Mazigh — with a very difficult choice. She could keep quiet, raise her children, and hope for her husband’s release. Or she could speak out and fight for justice.

Mazigh chose to defend her husband, human rights, and the Canada that she wanted to live in — the Canada she envisioned she was immigrating to when she was twenty years old. She worked tirelessly to raise awareness of Arar’s plight, to have him returned to Canada, and then to clear his name. She succeeded on all fronts, and in so doing, exposed a secret US policy for the entire world to see.

“Extraordinary rendition” — defined as government-sponsored abduction involving the transfer of a person from one country to another

country — is a clear violation of international law. Yet in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, the George W. Bush administration took this approach to hundreds of people, including Arar. He might well have died in Syria but for the vigorous campaign mounted by Mazigh, who turned his plight into an international news story.

Later, a Canadian judicial enquiry found that Arar had no connections whatsoever with terrorism. Prime Minister Stephen Harper formally apologized to him on behalf of the Canadian government, as did the Judiciary Committee of the US Senate on behalf of the United States.

Mazigh has since authored a memoir called *Hope and Despair* (2008). She has continued her work on human rights as the National Coordinator of the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group. And she has written two novels: *Mirrors and Mirages*, which tells the stories of four Muslim women from different walks of life living in Canada, and *Du pain et du jasmine*, about the events of the Arab Spring.

Mazigh holds a Ph.D. from McGill University and is uniquely qualified to speak about incredibly difficult and topical subjects including refugees, the niqab, Bill C-51, and the



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Monia Mazigh, human rights advocate and wife of Maher Arar, makes a visit to the Salt Spring Forum on May 20.

balance between security and human rights.

Please join the Salt Spring Forum in discussion with Mazigh on Friday, May 20 at at ArtSpring.

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HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

Big Bike rolls back onto Salt Spring

The Heart and Stroke Foundation’s biggest fundraising event of the year stops in Ganges on Friday, May 27.

“By fundraising and taking a seat on the Big Bike, you can be in the spotlight and have a blast riding the biggest bike in Canada,” said Janice Krall, Vancouver Island Area Manager for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. “You will also help create more survivors coast to coast by sup-

porting life-saving research on heart disease and stroke.”

Teams representing Salt Spring businesses and organizations will make two circuits through Ganges village to honour pledges and raise awareness of heart disease and stroke.

For more information or to register, please visit www.bigbike.ca

CELEBRATIONS

Sparkfest celebration returns with music and laughs

Pass it On fundraiser and party May 26

BY FIONA PIRIE
PASS IT ON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Community members are encouraged to support the Pass It On mentorship program by coming to Sparkfest Thursday, May 26 at Barb's Bakery and Bistro.

Live music, a silent auction, and inevitable fits of laughter: what better way to spend a Thursday evening? Sparkfest is fast approaching and it has all of those things and more. This inspiring evening is how we fundraise for our program. Kate Nash facilitates and runs this undeniably impactful program through

SWOVA, and aims to empower and unite young women at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

As high school students, we often feel divided from our peers by a silly unspoken rule or binary; as if who we hang out with or what we look like should dictate who we can talk to. I understand that birds of a feather flock together, but don't opposites also attract? Even if you know nothing about a person you pass in the hallway, it is all too easy to make an assumption or judgement about them which often is very untrue. Pass It On helps to deter that attitude.

A group of high school girls from different walks of life, with different hobbies and initia-

I was fortunate enough to be a little buddy, and it helped me more than you could imagine.

tives, who hang out with different people, who have different styles, get together every Tuesday after school to share and discuss the challenges we face as young women. Believe it or not, we all face the same hardships no matter how different we seem to be.

Kate works with the group collectively to encourage strong mentorship and ambassadorship

which we carry into the relationships we form with our buddies.

Our buddies are a very diverse group of middle school girls. The two groups are paired off so that everyone has a new friend for the year and (hopefully) for years to come. Our goal is to make the transition from middle school to high school as easy as possible for our little buddies, as it's a daunting time and a bigger leap than one might expect. I was fortunate enough to be a little buddy, and it helped me more than you could imagine. That was nearly three years ago and yet I am still very close with my mentor today. Now, I get to be a mentor for a Grade 8 girl, and I hope we are fortunate enough to continue

out our friendship after this program ends. I also hope, more than anything else, that this program will continue next year and for many years to come. To do this, we need funding raised by our annual Sparkfest.

If you want to simultaneously support this one-of-a-kind program while enjoying inspiring music from Marta of e.s.l., Billie Woods and Julia Beattie, Trinity Forbes, and The Wild Romantics, then Sparkfest is the place for you! Tickets are at Barb's in advance or at the door. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

All ticket and silent auction proceeds go to the Pass It On program and enable the empowerment of young women.

WORKSHOPS

Editing turns straw to gold



PHOTO BY PHIL GOODGER

Salt Spring writer and editor Lorraine Gane will share her skills at a May 28 workshop

Lorraine Gane hosts workshop

Writers, editors, artists, and anyone else seeking ways to enhance the cohesiveness and clarity of their writing are invited to a self-editing workshop with writer/editor Lorraine Gane Saturday, May 28 at the library.

"Participants will come away with some practical tools and techniques, as well as new perspectives on editing," said Gane, who has worked as an editor for magazines, book publishers, and individual writers for more than thirty years. "My approach allows for greater creativity and enjoyment, which becomes alchemical so the gold of the writing is left on the page."

Gane will talk about finding the natural overall shape for writing of all kinds, then focus on specifics, such as ways to sharpen and strengthen sentences, word precision, and punctuation. Writers will have the chance to apply what they learn by editing a page of their own writing during the workshop.

Gane is the author of numerous articles and essays, as well as six poetry collections and chapbooks, among them *The Blue Halo* (Leaf Press, 2014), *The Way the Light Enters* (Black Moss Press, 2014), and *Beauty and Beyond: Songs of Small Mercies*. She is completing a book on writing, among other projects. She also mentors writers through retreats, online courses and manuscript development.

For more information or to register, contact Gane at lorrainegane@shaw.ca, 250-537-5294 or www.lorrainegane.com.

2016 Retreats & Classes with Dorothy

May 20 - 23, 2016 Yoga on the Farm, SSI
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WEDNESDAY - 9:00am - 10:30am
All levels
Stowel Lake Farm, 190 Reynolds Road

TUESDAY - 9:30 am - 10:45 am
All levels; SS Wellness Centre, 120 Hereford Ave, Ganges

THURSDAY - 4:30pm - 6:00 pm
All levels
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Belonging is important - of course - but to what?

Adrienne Clarkson, the latest famous person to visit Salt Spring Island, talked about citizenship and belonging. I listened, read her book ("Belonging"), and found lots of connections with stuff I had mulled over a while ago.

We are social animals, she said, a simple truth with great consequences. Belonging, the link between the person and the group, is more complicated than you'd think. From years of participation in Canadian national affairs, Ms. Clarkson concludes that the bigger and more varied (inclusive) the collective, the less we can rely on personal contact and shared experience to bind us together. We have to lean ever more heavily on mutual acceptance of broad principles like the right of free speech, rules of negotiation and on civil behaviour by everyone most of the time.

The naturalist in me wondered if the lifeways of wolf packs, orca pods, elephant herds and chimpanzee societies could give useful perspectives. They all need to be glued together. It turns out that they rely on spatial boundaries (defended territories or just familiar features carried in adult memory); frequent contact and shared experiences; and



Bob Weeden

CONNECTIONS

genetically selected rules of behaviour. In all cases the group, often an extended family plus a few others, is between 20 and 200 individuals, vastly smaller than human collectives these days.

Human societies were held together in much the same way for 250,000 years or so. Very recently, farming fostered bigger communities and regular trade, which brought strangers into our daily lives.

We might have continued to organize society so that the primary collective was the city with its neighbouring countryside, as with ancient Athens, Sparta, Carthage and Venice. Instead, the felt need for power propelled us toward empire and nationhood. The unit needing coherence grew very big. Face to face contacts, mutual experiences, and genetically based behaviours couldn't (and can't) cope with the stresses.

Today we often feel like strangers in a strange land. We can be brainwashed as children to chant abstract slogans, even to feel an ersatz patriotism for a nation, but rarely have real experiences to give them substance. As a lad, I put my hand over my heart and recited, "I pledge allegiance . . ." Eighty years later I still haven't set foot on half of the 50 states nor shaken hands with more than one out of every 100,000 fellow citizens.

Ms. Clarkson never questions that we owe primary allegiance to a nation, no matter how trivial or venal the reasons for its boundaries, no matter how unlike ourselves almost everyone else may be, and no matter how little we know of the community and countryside we are asked to embrace. She admonishes us that emotions like friendship and love have minimal value in keeping us together. We have to coolly accept "others," acknowledge mutual rights, and construct elaborate legal and political systems to navigate differences. Belonging is a head-trip. No wonder we careen from dispute to dispute.

Joe Akerman, on-stage host for Ms. Clarkson and a First Nations man, suggested that we might come to understand, act

consciously within and eventually belong to, a region. His example was his home region, the Salish Sea. (You could stretch its north and south ends and call it Cascadia.)

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Similarly, Jeanette Armstrong, of the Okanagan First Nation, wrote in YES magazine about belonging to a home region. To her, belonging means that she and the land dream each other, imagine and remember each other. Together, person and land make a new unit, as if they were

tufts of wool rubbed together to make a strong yarn. The body, emotions, intellect and spirit take up the task together.

Ms. Clarkson and Armstrong both strive to define and live "belonging." It's hard to imagine two paths more different. We are stuck with nationhood for now, although we don't have to struggle to make a virtue of it. We need the nation mostly because that's what everybody else has in international jockeying. At home, the unit I call a home region could be emphasized. When I think of these regions I think of city and country — culture and nature — in some sort of interactive balance, big enough to give full scope and challenge to lives lived within them, reducing the extravagant "otherness" that nations now struggle to negotiate.

It isn't a new thought. Every one of us identifies with one or two regions where we grew up or spent memorable years, and these often are geographic, not political. "I'm a prairie girl." "I'm from the Maritimes." "My heart is still in the Lake country." A bit of time and attention could expand those bonds of feelings into realms of individual and communal action. Then, we could belong.

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If you really want to split hairs, Leonardo da Vinci is the man who deserves top spot in the Automobile Hall of Fame. He sketched plans for a “self-propelled vehicle” in 1478, more than four centuries ahead of the competition.

Whoever gets the nod for thinking up the car, it’s a mixed blessing

they left us. On one hand, the car has been utterly transformative for the human race. As an American writer by the name of John Keats puts it: “The automobile changed, our dress, manners, social customs, vacation habits, the shape of our cities, consumer purchasing patterns, common taste and positions in intercourse.”

But more than that, and eerily unnoticed, the automobile became one of the greatest serial killers mankind has ever known. In his book *Door to Door* Edward

Humes writes, “Annual highway fatalities in the United States outnumber annual combat deaths throughout the Vietnam War (as well as the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Korea). Cars currently kill 3,000 people a month.”

The latest figures I could find for Canada show that in 2014 there were 1,834 fatalities nationwide. Modest by U.S. standards, but you’d think any device that snuffed out the lives of nearly 2,000 Canadians a year would be viewed with a certain amount of alarm.

Want to see how much the car has changed our lives? Visit the Italian town of Lucca. It’s surrounded by a high medieval wall punctuated with only a couple of gates too narrow to admit any vehicle wider than, well, a medieval wagon I guess.

“Leonardo da Vinci is the man who deserves top spot in the Automobile Hall of Fame.”

Ergo, no tankers, trucks or taxis. Once through the gates a visitor is met not with daisy chains of honking, stinking chrome and metal behemoths, but pedestrians. People walking, not driving to their destinations.

This is how we used to live, before the car.

And tomorrow? Cars for sure,

but driverless cars. Cars that allow suddenly superfluous “drivers” to read a book, play the harmonica — even catch 40 winks while their pre-programmed car delivers them to their destination. Some experts predict that by 2070, traditional cars will be illegal; only self-driving vehicles will be permitted on our roads.

It seems unthinkable for people who grew up with free-wheeling, hard driving, four-on-the-floor, stick-shift sedans and coupes and roadsters and hotrods. Driverless cars? Are you kidding me?

Some folks might have foreseen it. Why, ‘way back in the 1920s, some nutcase in Detroit was going around pitching personal airplanes for everyone. “A Model T of the Air” he called it.

His name was Henry Ford.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

May games bring bright smiles

Players happily get the hint about setting up

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
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“Oh the Maytime is a Gaytime” (in the old sense because this comes from the 1921 musical called Blossom Time) and on May 2 those who were not exhausted from dancing round the Maypole on the previous day went to Seniors for a game of duplicate bridge.

The usual suspects, George Laundry and Jeff Bell, claimed first place, followed by Terry Clement with

Brent Vickers. Liz and Oleh Mycyk occupied the third place and Nick Beringer with Patricia Sutherland came fourth.

By May 9 the wind had changed or something, and blew the Beringer-Sutherland pair into the winning spot, with the Mycyks coming second, the Laundry-Bell combo in third place, and Vic Parks with Stuart Farson in fourth.

Let’s hope a gay time was had by all participants, and it was good to see Terry Wilkinson returning to the fold for her usual spring-summer sojourn. It was also good that there were helpers at 6:30 for setting up, and that the games started on time.

If you’re looking for a partner, please call 250-537-1398, and for info try George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

GARDEN CLUB

Native plant expert speaks to club

Bill Terry appearance
May 25

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club s delighted to welcome author Bill Terry as speaker at their meeting next on May 25 for a presentation is based on his new book *The Carefree Garden: Letting Nature Play Her Part*.

According to press material, Terry and his wife Rosemary retired to the Sunshine Coast in

1994, intent on pursuing their life-long passion of gardening to the full and in so doing, create the perfect garden.

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Copies of Terry’s new book will be available for sale at the meeting. He is also the author of *Blue Heaven: Encounters with the Blue Poppy*; *Beyond Beauty: Hunting the Wild Blue Poppy and Beauty by Design: Inspired gardening in the Pacific Northwest*

The meeting takes place at Meaden Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. and new members are always welcome. For more information visit www.ssigardenclub.com.

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June was born in Vancouver and married for over 50 years. She loved Island life from a very young age and spent summers on Bowen and Thetis, in Victoria and Port Alberni, and lived on Salt Spring Island since 1974, where June and Cec built their Lindal Cedar Home.


Hazel was an avid gardener, card player, bowler, scorekeeper, Tourist Centre volunteer, avid art lover and enjoyed the local Jazz Festival.

Predeceased by her husband Cec Webb in March 1999, her father Orland Ziegler, mother Hilda (Petriti) Brusk & step-father Gunnar Brusk. She is survived by sons Dave (Jan), Rick (Jo-Anne), Chris, Terry (Amanda) and Alan. Grandchildren - Nicole (Ganbat), Kyle, Paul, James, Kristin (Shannon) and Stewart.

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Constance Beverley Kelly

Jan. 13, 1918 - May 11, 2016



Connie was born on January 13, 1918 in St. John, New Brunswick, and died on Salt Spring Island on May 11, 2016. Her family moved to Montreal while Connie was a girl, and she attended Westmount High School there.

Connie had a love and talent for art, developed further after her family moved to Vancouver in 1936. She was self taught, and enjoyed her skill over many years, until she lost most of her sight. As a young adult, Connie worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the offices then at the foot of Granville Street, as a dispatcher working shifts. During that time, she drew a pencil drawing of C.A. Cottrell, who was Assistant General Manager of the Mountain Railway, and Connie's picture was featured in the railway's advertising. She loved to do landscapes, but she developed real skills as a portrait artist too. One of her best was of Norma Shearer, which was actually purchased by the actress herself. She painted Margaret Trudeau, and received a personal letter of thanks when she sent the portrait to her.

Connie married Leonard George Kelly at St. John's Anglican Church in North Vancouver on September 16, 1950. They soon moved to Salt Spring Island to start a new life there. Connie continued her painting as she raised her family; her postcards were sold in the local stores as were her oil landscapes. Connie was always an active member of the Anglican Parish and its choir, and was a founding member of the Salt Spring Singers. The first choir she joined was in 1936 in Vancouver.

Connie leaves behind her three children: Patrick of Victoria, daughter Asia Moore (Jim) also of Victoria and Michael (Marianne) of Courtenay, as well as grandson Aaron McKenty & great granddaughter Galia McKenty of Nanaimo. Her sister, Joan, of Pasadena, CA will miss their frequent phone visits.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Barclay, our Ambulance crews, the nurses and staff at Lady Minto Hospital and at Greenwood, to the members of the Anglican congregations and choir and to Connie's friends & caregivers at Meadowbrook, especially Sylvain and Yvette.

Funeral service will be at All Saints by the Sea in Ganges, on Friday, May 27th at 2:00.

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Jake will be missed most of all by Michelle, Raja, Bella, Snoopy, Molly, Jane, Cocoa, Marian and Ken, Jacque and Mark, Judy, John, Lisa, Julia and Ethan, and a host of other two-legged and four-legged friends.

Special thanks to Marian and Ken, Digger, John, and Harold, Malcom and Stephanie and the SS. Vet clinic for their outstanding care and compassion.

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FASTPITCH

SSI Dynamite gets explosive results



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The Salt Spring Dynamite U16 girls sport big smiles after their bronze finish at a Saanich tournament this weekend.

U16 girls team wins bronze medal in Saanich

The Salt Spring Dynamite squad came out with a few amazing wins at the U16 girls fastpitch tournament in Saanich over the weekend.

Brianna Cudmore made three double plays, and Kaitlyn Lazzarotto got several runners out at first base.

Charlie Aston and Bronte Mah caught tricky pop-flies while Brianna Wilson, Emma Hambrook, Ella Baker and Cassidy Bellavance struck out countless batters.

Wilson and Hambrook spurred a fantastic defensive effort in innings where they threw fewer than four pitches before the inning was over. Catchers Maddy Smith, Lilly Campbell and Lazzarotto played hard and defended home plate.

The team's bats came alive during the weekend tournament as Campbell, Bellavance and Baker hit to the outfield. Linnea Barrett punched a hit through three layers of defence out in right field. There were some great bunts from Cudmore and Grace Shure.

Smith and Campbell aggressively slide through-out the weekend and were called safe.

Kate Ponsford won the

tournament's first Most Valuable Player award for defending home plate while risking her safety by playing with her injuries. Mah won the second MVP award for her all-around skill in the game.

The third award went to Campbell for her skillful defence and great batting. Despite many injured players, Salt Spring finished third among six teams and played a total of five games.

GOLF CLUB

League play in full swing on local greens

Erickson eyes chance at cup

With a few course adjustments and excellent weather conditions in April, the handicap system at the Salt Spring Golf Course has opened two to three weeks earlier than in past years. The membership has invested heavily in the new irrigation and drainage systems and it has paid off with an increase in players and a decrease in scores.

All the leagues in the men's division are now in full swing. The Tuesday afternoon "Therapeutic Nine" is the most accessible for male golfers (member or non-member)

wanting to play and socialize.

The second round of the Bambrick Cup was played on Pender Island and Ardmore is now ahead by 55 points. Todd Erickson has a chance for the Alf Evans Cup as the current Low Gross leader. SSI continues to top the Low Net competition.

Twenty-five ladies turned out for the Rose Bowl qualifying round last week. The qualifier determines the match play pairings for the single elimination tournament, which takes about four weeks to play out.

Following lunch on the patio, play of the day winners were announced. First Gross winner was Marcie Hogan with 91, second Gross went to Jane Hickie with 94, and third Gross went to Franki Johnstone with 95. Net winners were Dora Reynolds with 75, Joni White with 76 and Elaine Shaw with 77.

In Interclub play, Salt Spring 18 Hole Ladies defeated Olympic View on home turf. However, OV may snatch the victory away next week when Salt Spring plays there. The visiting players were very impressed with course conditions and commented on the beautiful scenery on all the holes.

GOLFTEES

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BATTER UP: Salt Spring Mosquito baseball player Sam Barrett winds up for a pitch against a visiting team from Duncan on Saturday while Red Sox teammate Selamu Patterson looks on.

SAILING

SSI Club welcomes racers

More than 100 boats registered

Organizers anticipate a splendid weekend regatta as the Salt Spring Sailing Club prepares to host the well-known, annual rite of spring known as the Round Salt Spring sailing race.

One hundred and four boats are registered for Saturday's race, which is set to get underway at 10 a.m. in Ganges Harbour.

Pete McGovern, chair of this year's event, said many familiar competitors will make their return to the island, including

Baaad Kitty!, Valkyrie and Mischief.

Boats will depart in seven five-minute intervals on their way to circumnavigate the island. Race organizers will announce which direction the boats will travel based on prevailing conditions on Saturday morning. The current weather forecast for Saturday is for cloudy skies with sunny periods. McGovern said it's too early to tell what wind conditions will be like.

McGovern said some of the most popular race-watching spots along the route include Ruckle Park, Southey Point and Vesuvius Bay. People with binoculars

can get a great view of the ships passing by Burgoyne Bay from the summit of Mt. Maxwell, McGovern added.

The fastest boats are anticipated to complete the journey between 7 and 8 p.m., with most finishing before dark and all but a few coming home by midnight.

"But anyone who's taken on the tactical challenge of Round Saltspring knows this: conditions are unpredictable and it can be anybody's race from year to year," McGovern added.

For more information about the race as well as updated course information, check www.saltspring-sailing.ca/roundsaltspring.

ROWING

GISS rowers head to nationals

Fundraising for trip to Ontario continues

A pair of aspiring rowers from Gulf Islands Secondary School have qualified for a prestigious national competition in Ontario next month, but they need the community's help to make the trip a reality.

Rory Johnston and Alexander MacKenzie are only the second set of rowers from Salt Spring to qualify for the Canadian Secondary Schools Regatta Association's national championships. This year's event, the largest of its kind in the country, is at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta course in St. Catharines, Ont. from June 3 to 5.

The regatta is open to high school students throughout North America, with

crews from as far as Western Canada, the United States and Mexico in attendance.

Johnston will compete in the senior mens single event and MacKenzie will represent Salt Spring in the senior mens doubles event.

The young men are among 17 members of the GISS 2016 rowing team. The club was formed in 2008. Hal Cook was the first GISS athlete to compete at the CSSRA competition. He finished in 20th place as a Grade 11 student competing in the 2009 regatta.

Johnston and MacKenzie will host a series of community fundraisers at the high school and around the island in the next few weeks to cover costs for their trip. For further information, contact the GISS athletics department by calling 250-537-9944.

This Week's Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK

The storm of 5 planets retrograde is slowly lifting. The first to resume its forward motion was Jupiter on May 9th. Now Mercury on Sunday the 22nd under the light of the Full Moon in Sagittarius completes its 2nd of 3 retrograde cycles for 2016, the next occurring in late August. Then only on June 29 Mars will turn direct again and not before re-entering Scorpio on May 27th.

Although not an entirely rare occurrence, this time-window emphasizing planets retrograde included a powerful conjunction between Mars and Saturn in Sagittarius with Jupiter compromised in Virgo, which is one of its two most challenging sign positions. This complex pattern will continue well into summer and, at best, is serving to bring accumulations and issues to the surface to be cleaned, cleared, recycled, renovated and repurposed and on both individual and collective levels.

The Sun entering Gemini on May 20th on the eve of the Full Moon Sagittarius on May 21st will contribute by way of supporting clarity and social brevity.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Perpetuating your focus to be grounded and centered continues. Your sights are set on investments and long-term plans and establishing new foundations. Circumstances are preventing you from hovering in dreams of possibility and are demanding a realistic focus and attitude.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21) You are undergoing a steady and measurable flow of change due to current cycles that are commanding your attention. Whether within or without, or both, you are challenged to yield. This is less a time of trying to control circumstances and more one of adapting to them. Yet, personal empowerment is part of the plot.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) The Sun entering your sign will activate a pioneering urge. With Mercury also turning direct on May 22nd, what may be described as a foggy period will begin to dissipate this week, as well. There remain, however, certain players on your stage who may be posing challenges. Avoid confrontations and quietly watch, listen and learn instead.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) New interests, investigations, and adventures are more than just on your mind. Perhaps you are simply bored and restless. The challenge now may be deciphering your focus. With a variety of options gaining your attention, deepening your focus on time management may prove necessary.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23) Regaining a sense of confidence will coincide with a cycle of social activity. Sometimes it is what you know while at others it is who and this is likely to be a time for the latter. As important as are dreams and even fantasies in life, the times comes when we must test them against the rigors or reality, like now.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Over the course of this week, you should experience a new sense of clarity and purpose. You may have felt a little lost over the past few weeks but that cycle is now ending. Already, inspirations to socialize and engage is cultural activities are uploading in your mind. Tune-in and make the most of this opening.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22) Many new ideas and intellectual initiatives have begun to take root. Perhaps you have just begun with them or are resuming what was started in the past. Either way, you are in a visionary mood. You may still be in the research and investigation phase but over the coming weeks, you will be ready to increase your popularity.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21) You have been called to a new level of participation in the world. It could manifest as a new job, or relationship, or purpose, or a new lifestyle altogether. This turn of destiny defies mere notions of chance. Your challenge now is to simply respond, yet with determination and by way of new associations.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21) A summons from on high to be more grounded and realistic is underway. While it began a while back, it is now entering its next effective stage of development. It is as though the weekend celebrations are over and it is early Monday morning. With a good attitude, you will hear the birds and answer the call with enthusiasm and gratitude.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19) The time has come to implement new ideas and strategies into your game plan. Fortunately, you are in a creative mood. Deliberately cultivating your skills and talents and other resources is featured. The deep end of this process includes confronting inner doubts, blocks, and fears. Identifying them is the first step.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19) Following through with establishing a more realistic and satisfying home base continues. Yet, now it is entering an even more creative phase. This may include simply having more fun, socializing and enjoying entertainments in the comfort of your own home. Perhaps the time is right to host a party.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) A steady stream of fresh ideas and perspectives are flowing in. Whether by inspiration or desperation you feel the need to act upon them. Getting organized may be the best first measure. This includes outlining plans and setting goals. You may also feel the need to diversify and perhaps to activate new streams of income.

FIELD HOCKEY

Salt Spring Islander scores big in tourney Down Under

Andrew Haigh lifts team to victory

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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A Salt Spring bookseller with a penchant for field hockey hit the big-time last week by scoring the game-winning goal for England in the bronze medal match of the 2016 WGMA Masters World Cup Mens O60 in Newcastle, Australia.

Andrew Haigh scored the match's lone goal at the 53-minute mark of Thursday's game against the Germans.

"The goal was a pass across the net just in front of the goalie," Haigh said on Monday evening. "I had to deflect it around and behind the goalie."

The win for England followed Tuesday's hotly contested 3-2 semi-final loss to the Netherlands, who went on to win the tournament by defeating second-place Australia.

"Some of our players

did not play as well as expected," Haigh said. "I was told that letting the opposition score three goals is something the team has not done for several years."

The trip to Australia caps months of training for Haigh, who was named to the English squad in 2015. Most of the long hours devoted to getting in shape for the tournament have been spent at the Portlock Park "lacrosse box" with the family dog. He credits the work of local trainers Bruce Grey and Dan Speiss for keeping him in top shape for the competition.

"It was a relief to get there and be relatively injury free."

Haigh said he's happy with his performance and feels like he gained confidence with every match.

"The weather was fantastic with highs in the mid-20s, and the international atmosphere was exciting," he said. "I just need to play more games."



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England's World Cup Mens O60 field hockey team, seen after winning the bronze cup in Newcastle, Australia last week. Salt Spring's Andrew Haigh, far right, kneeling, scored the team's winning goal.

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