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**SPRING CLEANING:** Bryan Adderley and Kelly-Ann Haslauer were among about 20 volunteers who gathered to prune, chop and lop overgrowth in the United Church Meadow during a May 26 work party.

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**BC FERRIES**

## Through-fare connections to islands improved

Pilot project sees use of new ID tags and reservation lanes

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ferry passengers travelling by vehicle from Tsawwassen to the Gulf Islands via Swartz Bay will finally have something to help ease the transfer, with a new pilot program starting this Monday, June 6.

BC Ferries executives announced the pilot at a public meeting with Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee held Monday evening. The FAC has continuously asked the ferry corporation to put measures in place to aid its through-fare customers, who must leave the ferry terminal at Swartz Bay and drive down the highway to a turn-around before boarding a ferry to one of the Gulf Islands. The pilot project will help those customers get a jump on traffic with identification tags and preferred loading in the reservation lanes on vessels leaving Tsawwassen.

FAC member John Wakefield took the lead on applauding the corporation for the measures.

"It's a step in the right direction," he said, adding he hoped the pilot project would continue if successful.

"I think it's a big improvement," committee chair Harold Swierenga agreed, speaking after the meeting.

A new system of communication between the ticket booth in Tsawwassen and the control tower in Swartz Bay will help ferries personnel know how many through-fare passengers to expect on a given sailing. For the last sailing of an evening, a new practice will see vessels going to the Gulf Islands wait for known through-fare vehicles for a reasonable amount of time, if circumstances and space allow.

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**WATER**

## NSSWD ups water restrictions

Province also puts Gulf Islands in Level-3 category

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
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The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has implemented Level-3 conservation precautions based on low water levels in St. Mary and Maxwell lakes.

"Although nearly 60 per cent of average annual rainfall had arrived by the end of March 2016, that water flowed out to the ocean through Duck Creek or Cranberry Creek months ago, and the rainfall

deficit in April and May has significantly impacted water supplies," said NSSWD environmental manager Meghan McKee in a statement issued on Monday.

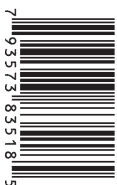
The NSSWD's Level-3 water conservation measures take effect today (Wednesday, June 1).

The decision means residents can only use residential sprinkler systems between 6 and 10 a.m. and 6 and 10 p.m. and for no more than one hour per period. People

can still wash vehicles and boats as long as they use hand-held containers or a hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle. Sidewalks, driveways and exterior building surfaces cannot be washed with water obtained from the district. The filling of swimming pools, garden ponds and other water features is banned, though wading pools and hot tubs can still be filled.

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# No guarantees made

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"It's not a guarantee. It's giving you the best chance of getting on the vessel you're getting at Swartz Bay," explained BC Ferries' public affairs manager Darin Guenette.

Past and current FAC members at the meeting were most concerned about the possibility of passengers being stranded in Swartz Bay overnight if the transfer didn't work out. Swierenga said a guaranteed connection would be needed under the new Gulf Islands route schedules going into effect next year: a later ferry arriving at Long Harbour on off-peak Fridays means more people could be choosing to travel through Swartz Bay instead.

Mark Collins, BC Ferries' vice president of strategic planning and community engagement, insisted the corporation cannot make guarantees, but said that ferries staff would make case-by-case decisions on when to hold ferries, taking maximum customer welfare and safety into account.

The pilot project is open-ended and will run for at least six months.

## Schedule changes for 2017 almost ready

The final edition of the new schedules for ferry routes serving the Gulf Islands will be posted to the BC Ferries website's projects page in July and will be available on the schedules page by mid-October. Changes will take place when the new Salish class vessels go into service in 2017.

"Not everybody is happy with everything. In fact, some people aren't happy with anything, but the schedules are the result of a year's work," said Swierenga, who sat on the Salt Spring scheduling committee with Bob Jones and Ellie Thorburn.

"The end result is still controversial, as you'll see," he added, noting the process was one of the most difficult he's experienced in many years of community, national and international committee work. Conflicts arose due to competing needs of the five different islands involved.

"It's an understatement to say it's been a long process," said Dave Hendry, BC Ferries' director of strategic planning. "It's always going to be a compromise [but] I would say we have listened."



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Members of the Lady Minto and Island Savings team are pumped by their ride on the Big Bike for Heart and Stroke in Ganges on Friday. The annual fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. sees the 30-seat bike travel around the province as riders who have collected pledges for the foundation get on board.



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# District hopes islanders 'step up' again

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The restrictions ban watering of public parks, open spaces and sports fields.

Ron Stepaniuk, NSSWD general manager, said he's hopeful islanders can implement water conservation tactics like those practised last year. NSSWD ratepayers lowered consumption by approximately 30 per cent during the summer of 2015.

"We will again be appealing to our ratepayers and the general public," he said. "People stepped up last summer, and we squeaked through. Time will tell whether that happens this year."

Measurements collected as of Monday show the St. Mary Lake watershed received 41 per cent of its average rainfall in May and only about 36 per cent of the average rainfall for April and May.

"We're behind last year's precipitation levels, and the lakes are lower than at this time last year," Stepaniuk said.

The NSSWD's announcement coincides with the province's drought declaration for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. The provincial government is encouraging people to voluntarily reduce water use by at least 30 per cent.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Nat-

ural Resource Operations said Monday that the region will experience significant water shortages this summer without adequate June rainfall.

The complete list of Level-3 water conservation measures is available under the bylaw tab at [www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca](http://www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca).

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## FERRIES

# Fulford terminal upgrade delayed

Property purchase required

Plans to expand the terminal at Fulford Harbour have been pushed back a year as the ferry corporation works to secure a piece of adjacent property.

The project will increase space inside the terminal area to allow up to 145 vehicles, removing waiting ferry traffic from the roadway, and will improve the bus turn-

around and passenger drop-off/pick-up areas. The estimated date of completion is now the winter of 2019-20.

"We'd like to proceed as quickly as we can, but we need to walk through the steps," said BC Ferries' director of strategic planning Dave Hendry.

Steps include public consultation and approvals from various agencies. Hendry noted there are probable First Nations concerns and a pollutant risk to be solved.



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**HEALTH**

## Salt Spring's first responders receive opioid toolkit

New training part of harm-reduction strategy

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring first responders have a new tool to save the lives of victims who face the potentially lethal effects of opiates like Fentanyl.

"Just last week, Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue crews responded and assisted BC Ambulance with a successful overdose patient using naloxone," said acting fire chief Arjuna George.

The drug naloxone, which is also known under the brand name Narcan, is sometimes all that's required to resuscitate overdose victims.

Opioids like heroin, morphine, methadone, OxyContin and Fentanyl suppress the user's ability to breathe and can eventually lead to respiratory distress. By blocking an opioid's effect, naloxone rapidly restores the victim's capabilities.

About 30 first responders attended a special Tuesday, May 24 training session to become

licensed to administer the drug. First responders learned to identify a potential overdose victim and used needles to deliver test doses to oranges and pork hocks.

**"I think it's easy to not be aware, but we are not unique."**

JENNY REDPATH  
Public health nurse

"As part of the treatment protocol, when SSIFR first responders recognize an overdose victim, they will notify an emergency physician on call, and administer naloxone," George said.

Each fire department first-responder vehicle will be equipped with the lifesaving drug at a cost of less than \$20 per kit.

More than 200 overdose deaths were reported in B.C.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Firefighter Jason Gaffney, left, and Capt. Dominique Gaudet inject saline into a pork hock at a Salt Spring Fire-Rescue naloxone training session.

during the first four months of 2016. About 140 people died of opioid-related overdoses during the same period in 2015, and 119 died in the first four months of 2014. As a result, British Columbia's provincial health officer declared a public health emergency in April.

Jenny Redpath, an Island Health public health nurse, said

training first responders is an important step forward.

"I'm really excited that they're getting trained in this," she said.

Redpath said the benefits of offering naloxone have been shown to far outweigh any risks. Naloxone is also available behind the counter at pharmacies in B.C.

Redpath oversees the island's

Toward the Heart program, a province-wide initiative that focusses on harm reduction. Among its many services, the program enables opioid users and their friends and family members to obtain naloxone kits and education for free.

Lady Minto's Toward the Heart project is one of more than 300 such facilities in the province. About 170 of these sites offer take-home naloxone kits.

"I think it's easy to not be aware, but we are not unique," Redpath said. "We are very similar, as far as statistics go, to other communities."

Toward the Heart tries to help addicts access support services and reduce the number of drug-related fatalities. Redpath said the harm-reduction model is based on acknowledging an individual's circumstances and making sure they are served in the healthiest and safest possible manner.

Toward the Heart also provides supplies to promote safer sex and drug use. Visit [towardtheheart.com](http://towardtheheart.com) for further details.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## Desalination report identifies higher priorities for CEDC

Water shortages hit economic development agenda

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Community Economic Development Commission members are stressing the need to seriously consider the economic impact of water shortages on the island.

"I think everybody would say water supply is a key issue," said CEDC chair Darryl Martin at the commission's monthly

meeting on May 19.

The discussion arose following presentation of a desalination feasibility study commissioned by the CEDC. The 35-page report suggests that, although construction of a desalination plant on Salt Spring is technically feasible, costs associated with the project warrant consideration of other alternatives such as water catchment or greywater recycling.

"The report says two things: one, that it's feasible, and two, that the costs are pretty high relative to getting water in other ways," Martin said.

The report suggests con-

struction of a facility capable of producing 150,000 litres of potable water per day would exceed \$1million and cost about \$15,400 per year in power costs. Calculations rely on data from 2009 to build a similar facility in Puget Sound and are subject to inflation.

The report identifies at least seven desalination plants that operate in the San Juan Islands and Puget Sound. The first such plant was built in 1991.

"It seems to me that for the money you're going to spend on desalination, if you captured the rain in the winter, you could spend half as much money on twice as much

water," said CEDC member Bruce Cameron.

The CEDC commissioned the \$1,000 report based on questions from community members about the prospect of desalination during the dry summer of 2015.

Though the report suggests desalination may play a role in the island's future, it recommends an economic analysis of using effluent from the Ganges Sewer wastewater treatment plant and studying water storage opportunities.

Dan Ovington, the CRD's parks and recreation manager, told commissioners the use of treated wastewater for

landscaping and agricultural purposes is a natural first step.

"I think if we're trying to make it potable, first we take the step to be able to use it for irrigation," he said.

Martin said the commission's motion about the relationship between water scarcity and economic development is intended to kickstart a broader conversation about the importance of water in the community.

"We're an economic development commission, and this issue has drawn us into areas of water and sewage. I wonder how far we

should go and what our role should be," he said. "Clearly it's really important for the island that all options for water be investigated."

Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring electoral area director, said he will present the desalination report at SSIWPA's next meeting for information.

A full copy of the desalination report is available from Salt Spring's CRD office at Portlock Park or within the CEDC's May 19 agenda package, which can be obtained through the "agendas and minutes" tab at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca).



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## REAL ESTATE

## Island's hot real estate market now favours sellers

Activity but not prices rival past peak

BY SUSAN DE STEIN  
REALTOR, PEMBERTON HOLMES  
SALT SPRING

The fast and furious Vancouver property market is fanning the flames on Salt Spring, producing the hottest real estate market since 2007-2008.

The migration of buyers from Greater Vancouver seeking more moderately priced housing outside of the Lower Mainland is being compounded by our unusually low inventory of current listings. The basic rules of supply and demand apply — to Salt Spring and to the entire Victoria area market — thus driving up prices.

In terms of activity (number of sales), in almost every category of sales of both homes and bare land, we are setting new records in

the first five-plus months of 2016. (The data in this report reflect sales transactions reported as "pending" (an unconditional sale) or "sold" (completed) from Jan. 1 through May 28.)

Year to date, 119 sales of homes on Salt Spring have been recorded through MLS, plus two additional non-MLS sales known to the writer. Sales to date this year total just over \$67 million. That's higher than the \$59 million in the same time frame in 2007, which was at or close to our market's peak.

Those 119 sales (totalling \$59 million) this year compare to 79 sales in the same period in 2015 (totalling \$40-million) and 59 sales (<\$30 million) in 2014. Although we shouldn't draw too many conclusions from a small sample, the 2016 statistic is a clear signal of a market turnaround.

As a ratio to the assessed value, 2016 sales are averaging a little over 120 per cent

of the July 1, 2015 assessment. That's the highest variance between sale price and assessed value since 2007 and 2008.

To May 28, seven homes on Salt Spring sold for over \$1 million; one large non-waterfront home on 15 acres sold for \$3 million. The higher end is recovering its footing after several fairly dismal years, with seven oceanfront homes selling at an average value of just over \$1.1 million.

While prices are continuing to rise, they are still not yet close to the peaks of 2007 and early 2008.

The average price for a non-waterfront home so far this year is just over \$465,000, or \$295 per finished square foot. In 2008 that average was over \$600,000.

Reflecting in part the tight supply for single family dwellings on the island, sales of bare land have skyrocketed over previous years, with 29 sales reported this year, for a total value of \$8.4 mil-

lion. If you wonder why our best contractors and trades professionals are swamped with work, the activity in the category of bare land is likely the highest ever for this time-frame. Prices for bare land are averaging 175 per cent of assessed values.

Townhouse sales have been brisk too, with 12 selling this year, at an average price of over \$415,000. Only six townhouses are currently listed, much lower than the 15 or so that are usually on the market at any given time.

These are all strong indicators of a market that is out of balance and one that favours sellers, with demand outstripping current supply. It's also making buyers a bit cranky, as they feel the need to make more than the usual compromises, and pressured to make decisions quickly and stretch their budgets. (It's also making realtors cranky too as we're having a harder time finding homes that match our buyers' criteria and budgets!)

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Some other interesting statistics point to a reality that favours sellers. Of the 119 properties sold to May 28 this year, 55 were listed for the first time in 2016. These 55 properties averaged just 50 or so days on the market (DOM) before being categorized as "pending," compared to my estimate for last year of over 150 days. (These stats are difficult to monitor through the MLS data, as the DOMs for properties that are relisted do not reflect previous listing periods.)

Sought-after listings in the mid-market (up to \$600,000), priced right and offering favourite characteristics like good locations and ocean views, are flying off the shelf. While we are not experiencing the multiple offer frenzy seen in Vancouver and Victoria, we see more competitive offer situations, and prices being offered are typically closer to asking prices, and at times over asking.

If you are curious about where buyers are coming from, there is not a lot of difference from previous periods, in that Vancouver buyers make up the largest number of off-island purchasers. Salt Springers still account for the largest number of sales, as locals upsize, right-size, and down-size, but stay on the island.

Are Americans coming in droves? Not! Using Victoria Real Estate Board information, we've had one foreign buyer and one U.S. buyer among this year's buyers, with a light smattering from Alberta, Ontario and elsewhere in B.C.

Summer tourism traffic may result in greater interest in our market as visitors from south of the border see the incredible value here, but so far, there has been no stampede north.

This is most definitely a seller's market — for the first time since 2007 and early 2008.

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## LONG HARBOUR TERMINAL

## Trestle extension project gets underway

Service interruptions not expected during first phase of work

BC Ferries will begin Phase 1 of a trestle and marine structure life extension project at the Long Harbour ferry terminal this Monday, June 6.

According to a BC Ferries news release, the work will be conducted with no anticipated impact to the regular sailing schedule.

The work for Phase 1 is expected to take six weeks. Phase Two is scheduled for September 2016.

Customers are asked to follow the directions of staff to ensure safe and efficient movement around the ter-

terminal while the work is being done.

In the release, BC Ferries thanks its customers for their patience and understanding while the improvements are completed.

For traffic updates or more information, travellers can call toll free at 1-888-BCFERRY (223-3779) or check the BC Ferries website at www.bcferries.com.

## WATER RESOURCES

## SSIWPA plans water systems study

Supply question under microscope

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Low levels of precipitation and an insatiable demand for water have encouraged the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority to undertake what may be its most significant project to date.

The new "integrated water systems study" is all about getting some much-anticipated answers to some fundamental questions.

According to George Grams, a member of Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee and SSIWPA's chair, the study should provide a better picture of how much water is available on the island and what that means for Salt Spring's development potential.

Once the researchers satisfy the quantity question by studying lakes, groundwater and rainfall, they'll have a better picture of how much development the island can sustain and whether that meshes with the island's current official

community plan.

"We will seek to reconcile the aspirations expressed in the OCP for modest improvements to the built environment with the quantities of water available for further development," Grams said. "An OCP review is overdue, and the amount of harvestable water available to us is likely to be a key determinant in shaping a revised OCP"

Salt Spring's OCP was last reviewed in 2008.

**"These efficiencies are part of ensuring we make the best use of the water resources that are available to us."**

GEORGE GRAMS  
Salt Spring LTC member

The study will be undertaken with participation from representatives at the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District, North Salt Spring

Waterworks District and Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The study will also examine a range of water conservation opportunities.

"These efficiencies are part of ensuring we make the best use of the water resources that are available to us," Grams said. "We are establishing a new committee that will be responsible for leading this work."

Information about how to get involved in the Water Conservation and Efficiency Committee, which will contribute to the study, is available at ssiwatersheds.ca.

Work is underway to find ways to fund the new study. Grams said he suspects the project will become SSIWPA's top priority as questions swirl about the limiting factor water resources will play on the island's development potential.

"The integrated water management program is essential work for our island and we are hoping we can undertake it without increasing the current tax requisition," Grams said.

## SSI Residents are Prepared

Salt Spring Island has a neighbourhood program called POD which connects neighbours to neighbours specifically for emergency preparedness/mitigation. There are currently 54 PODs identified on Salt Spring Island with 350 leaders. If you would like to be a part of the POD program or find out more information please contact Laurel Hanley at [ssidepc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssidepc@crd.bc.ca) or leave a message at 250 537-1220.



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## TRANSPORTATION

# Forests and lands ministry joins Manson Road debate

Bus shelter funds approved

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The issue of Manson Road jurisdiction and usage has become even more complicated with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations entering a debate between the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island and local business owners.

"It's the biggest issue on the island, without a doubt," Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair Robin Williams said at the body's May 24 meeting.

During an update on SSITC's bid to secure a licence of occupation for the unconstructed right-of-way, Williams reported the ministry had called into

question a legal agreement being negotiated between the harbour authority and Tree House Cafe owners Mark and Terena LeCorre.

The MFLNRO owns the infilled foreshore area that is leased to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and through it to HASSI as the holder of a DFO Small Craft Harbours lease. According to the lands ministry, the DFO's lease does not allow it to arrange licensing agreements.

Mark LeCorre confirmed the Tree House's licence with the harbour authority has been postponed at the advice of the provincial government. Outdoor tables at the cafe continue to be placed on the portion of the lane owned by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

A meeting between all government agencies involved, including the Capital Regional District, is planned

to take place after Salt Spring's CRD manager Karla Campbell returns from vacation later this month.

"It sounds like we're in a holding pattern. I'm hoping they come up with something soon," Mark LeCorre said Tuesday.

Also discussed at the transportation commission meeting was a letter from HASSI board member Peter Codling, who apologized for using offensive language in a series of comments connected with an online Driftwood poll earlier in the month. The commissioners agreed to accept the apology with no further action.

In other SSITC business, commissioners voted to allocate \$10,000 for a bus shelter for either temporary or permanent placement on Lower Ganges Road across from Country Grocer, and to get started with a steering committee to oversee a

bus shelter design competition. The commission will further discuss whether the location for the winning design should be moved to the bus stop outside the former Fulford Inn, as proposed by Scott Simmons for having greater impact on island visitors.

Commissioners voted to invite Ryan Evanoff, the regional manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, to attend a business meeting for an update on local projects and needs. CRD engineer Keith Wahlstrom noted that SSITC reps had met with someone else formerly in that position and it would therefore be appropriate to do so again. The status of several sections of pathway on Rainbow Road is of particular concern, including a drainage study needed for the mid-section. The status of pathway proj-

ects around the Ganges village core was also discussed.

Commissioners agreed to send back an Islands Trust referral on new commercial zoning for the Ganges boardwalk area with comments of concern related to parking and access to the intersection at Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads. Commissioner Ross Simpson was opposed, citing potential problems with water transportation access in addition to overloaded parking in the downtown core and other concerns due to the zoning's maximum development guidelines.

"If the planners want specific comments I'm very happy to come and meet with them," Simpson said.

The next SSITC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27 at the Portlock Park Portable at 4:30 p.m.

## HEALTH

## Brackett Spring project delayed by asbestos

Regulations changed during construction gap

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Concerns about the improper removal of asbestos-laden material at an affordable housing development on Rainbow Road have added further delays to a project that was on hold for several years due to funding issues.

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society's Brackett Spring project at 584 Rainbow Rd. plans to repurpose 13 units of affordable housing using recycled houses and trailers moved from other properties. WorkSafeBC issued stop work orders for three of the units being renovated in March and April after an inspection found hazardous materials might have been removed without the proper precautions.

WorkSafeBC reports cite a beige trailer, a single-storey green, white and blue building and a white two-storey home as areas of potential concern. Of the three, the two-storey home posed the highest risk to workers through high-percentage asbestos-laden materials.

According to an inspection report dated March 9, 2016, the SSILBS submitted a hazardous materials survey stating one of the buildings had asbestos and lead-containing materials but "failed to ensure that workers required to work with this material were properly instructed,

trained and supervised to ensure that there were no exposure hazards to the workers."

"Workers who were spoken to on site had received no information regarding the fact that there were hazardous materials located in the materials they were demolishing or renovating," the report adds.

WorkSafeBC also found the land bank society did not fulfill the requirement for a qualified person to collect samples of potentially hazardous materials at either of the two houses.

Based on the violations, WorkSafeBC concluded there was a high risk of serious injury, serious illness or death to a worker at the site, and ordered the buildings under renovation be cleared of persons and isolated by barricades, fencing or other means to prevent access.

Eric Booth, president of the land bank society, explained in a May 16 email that some of the work on the recycled houses was done before asbestos regulations changed. In regard to the one-storey home that was moved from the BC Ambulance property on Park Drive, a pre-demolition report was undertaken by Lewkovich Engineering Associates in 2010.

"The original report identified traces (one to five per cent) of asbestos encapsulated in the dry-wall filler and textured ceiling in the front hallway," Booth said. "The trace amounts are considered safe if left 'in situ' (in place) . . . Since the textured ceiling was

removed in 2011 and rules have changed, an air test is required prior to commencing on any interior renovations."

A WorkSafeBC inspection report dated April 29 also identified the front hallway as containing trace amounts of asbestos in the drywall mud, but stated the risk was considered low hazard.

In the case of the two-storey house, which was moved from the library property on McPhillips Avenue, Booth said a pre-demolition hazardous materials assessment was conducted for the CRD by Golder Associates in March of 2011.

"It identified asbestos tape around ducting and vents in the crawl-space which were mostly removed by hazmat-certified workers before it was moved," Booth said. "Some of the vents had not been removed at the library site. They have since been encapsulated. These remaining vents were identified in the second recent report as well as identifying some of the paint in the building containing lead, both of which are required to be dealt with according to regulations, with encapsulation or removal."

The stop work order was lifted with the filing of a hazardous material investigation report.

WorkSafeBC also found the land bank society did not conduct the required hazardous materials inspection before starting renovations on a trailer recently moved on to the Brackett Spring site. An

April 8 stop work order was lifted on April 29 after an inspection showed no asbestos was detected in samples taken of the flooring and ceiling tiles, which were the only materials being removed.

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# OPINION



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## EDITORIAL

# Smoothen sailing

The pulse of any home-bound Gulf Islander inevitably quickens at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal.

That's when the minds of drivers planning to transfer to a Gulf Islands ferry in Swartz Bay start calculating and assessing the odds of making a seamless connection.

Every traveller has their formula, a familiar algorithm that considers one's rank in the ferry line-up, the speed required to execute a turnaround at Swartz Bay and the time between sailings. Vessel arrival and unloading time is the great variable over which drivers have no control and it's difficult to predict what will happen.

The through-fare experience surely ranks among the great headaches of island life. The situation reached critical levels when BC Ferries closed "the gap" near the Swartz Bay ticket booth some years ago. The move forced drivers to speed several hundred metres down the Pat Bay Highway to turn around via the Land's End Road overpass.

### THE ISSUE:

Through-fare connection

### WE SAY:

Review is appreciated

Members have lobbied for a lifeline ever since, so news of a possible solution is promising.

Travellers headed from Tsawwassen to Fulford Harbour or the other Gulf Islands as of June 6 will receive a dashboard tag to ensure priority boarding and swift unloading. Staff at Tsawwassen will give folks in Swartz Bay a heads up about the number of through-fare vehicles on board and whether boats are running late. In some circumstances, we're told, connections will be held back to accommodate minor delays.

The pilot project precedes new schedules and routings for Long Harbour sailings that take effect in 2017. With more Salt Spring-bound travellers from the Lower Mainland anticipated to travel via Swartz Bay, it makes good sense for BC Ferries to find a way to keep people moving efficiently.

It remains to be seen how Lower Mainland-bound travellers will benefit, but more communication between the terminals and BC Ferries' acknowledgement that through fares exist will be a great place to start. Through-fare drivers will soon begin to refine their calculations. Hopefully the pilot project will supply the winning formula.



VIEWPOINT by Michael Wall

# Governance tune-up only needed

Like most immigrants, I was fascinated by the words and sayings I heard for the first time when I came to Canada from the U.K. 37 years ago. One of my favourite proverbs was: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I enjoyed the logical absurdity — obviously it is impossible to mend something that's not broken — and the gentle implication that attempting to do so could cause unfortunate, and perhaps costly, unintended consequences. I often find myself thinking of this phrase as I watch the unfolding of the incorporation debate on Salt Spring once again. A great deal of energy has been expended on trying to convince us that our unique system of government in the Gulf Islands is broken and the only possible repair is incorporation.

Along with the rest of the developed world, our island economy suffered following the banking crisis of 2008. To a vociferous few it was obvious that the crisis was caused by the Islands Trust, without whose meddling ways Lehman Bros. would still be a going concern and our businesses would not have flat-lined. Of course the Islands Trust was responsible for the rise of the Canadian dollar and the consequent reduction in tourism. BC Ferries raised its fares on the direct instructions of whom else but the Islands Trust? Retail and hospitality businesses closed because of high rents charged by — you guessed it — the Islands Trust. Well, if one level of government can cause such havoc, why don't we add another level? That will certainly solve the problem.

Last week I heard that the ferry traffic to Salt Spring over the long weekend broke all records. Naively, I believed that this might have something to do with the fact that visitors found

our island an attractive destination because the Islands Trust system is achieving what it was intended to — maintain the distinct rural character of these special islands for the benefit of residents and the rest of the province.

Building trades are very busy again and real estate is selling fast. Is it not logical that if the Islands Trust is responsible for economic decline, it must also be responsible for economic growth?

I'd say that this renewed activity is a result of people wanting to live and build on this island when their personal finances will allow. They want to live here for the same reasons I wanted to three decades ago: it's a beautiful and vital community. Certainly, Salt Spring has changed during this time, but development has been largely sensitive and sustainable. We now have many amenities we didn't have then. I feel immense gratitude to our governance whenever I go to communities of a similar size outside the Trust area. Were it not for the Trust and the wisdom of our official community plan we could be overdeveloped just like them.

Now, I know that our current governance system is not perfect. What system ever is? But I certainly don't think it's broke, and I don't think it needs major fixin' — just a little tune-up is all that's needed to make a good thing even better. And tune-ups are much cheaper than repairs.

The writer is a long-term resident of Salt Spring, a design consultant and photographer.

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

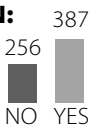
## Does the assisted dying bill need further amendment?

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Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

## Should sandwich boards be banned in Ganges?



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We're behind last year's precipitation levels, and the lakes are lower than at this time last year."**

RON STEPANIUK, NSSWD GENERAL MANAGER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:**  
What's your best water conservation tip?



**ROSS HOWARD**  
*We try to use less water in the garden, especially on grass.*



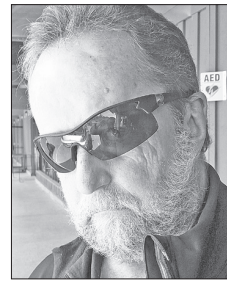
**LEEANN VERBOOM**  
*I always use the dishwasher in the garden and try to keep many of my plants in pots.*



**TERRY HORAN**  
*I try to limit my water use wherever possible.*



**SHEILA SAYER**  
*I'm conscious of the water I use, and I generally hand water the garden instead of using a sprinkler.*



**JONA PILHEDEN**  
*Heavy mulching in the garden and bathing in our pond.*

## 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](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

### Brinkworthy assets clear

For the past five years Brinkworthy has been my home. During these years I have been asked many times how I like living in Brinkworthy.

The people asking the question have often been surprised at my enthusiastic response. "I love living in Brinkworthy," I say. "The people are wonderful. My neighbours are considerate, friendly and kind. No one is ever 'in your face,' they do not intrude in one's affairs nor give unwanted advice."

It is not unusual to see groups chatting in the streets or around the post office. The news of the day is often the topic for discussion, opinions are exchanged without rancour and very often gales of laughter can be heard.

This question from local friends and associates as to whether or not I am happy

to live in Brinkworthy has caused me to realize that even "seasoned" Salt Spring residents, who have lived on the island for many years, are unaware of the pleasure of the lifestyle in this safe, peaceful and delightful place. There is no end to the activities enjoyed by the seniors, including a variety of games, afternoon teas and special occasion dinners. This happy social life even includes dances!

Accepting then, that many of the islanders are not familiar with or concerned with the value of the safe and peaceful aspect of Brinkworthy to its residents, is it surprising that the CRD Parks and Recreation Commission members were completely unaware and unconcerned with the impact of constructing a sports venue next door? Others, Wendy Charlton (May 11 Driftwood Viewpoint) and Sharon Bronstein (May 18 In

Depth) have already pointed out in graphic terms how hurtful and damaging this project would be to the lives of the seniors who reside here.

It is unfortunate that \$100,000 has been spent on reports for this site along with a \$25,000 non-refundable deposit.

Consideration of the wisdom of these words of Henry E. McCandless might have avoided this conundrum: "Thus the essence of public accountability is the obligation of authorities to explain publicly, fully and fairly before the fact what they intend and why." (Henry E. McCandless is the author of A Citizen's Guide to Public Accountability.)

It appears the process has been flawed and a more thoughtful approach would have saved the emotional and financial distress.

**PHYLLIS WAKELYN,**  
BRINKWORTHY

### Being green in SD 64

I recently attended a health and safety demonstration about new cleaning protocols that are further enhancing our green approach to having healthy surroundings in our schools.

The program, successfully implemented at Salt Spring Island Middle School last November, will be expanded district-wide this fall. Building service workers will play an important role in this project.

The new protocols use mineral salts, tap water and electrolysis. This reduces the surface tension of water and gives the sensation of "making water wetter." The cleaning process is a simple application of this solution to a surface. A hospital-grade fogger will also be used when necessary.

The technology promotes

healthy bacteria in the environment and reduces those bacteria identified as harmful. The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System rates the toxicity of the product as having zero physical hazard, zero health hazard and zero environmental hazard. This approach is based on a new understanding of bacteria and "quorum-sensing" communication.

The demonstration made me think about the many ways that we practise being green in Gulf Islands schools. In partnership with communities, solar panels are installed on schools on Pender and Salt Spring islands. The solar installation at Gulf Islands Secondary, the largest school-based installation in B.C., supports an annual scholarship for students pursuing studies related to sustainable technologies.

The district has recently

expanded its commitment to place and nature-based learning for all students, where literacy and other skills are developed through experiences in nature. The Carbon Neutral Action Report addresses carbon emissions by improving mechanical and heating efficiencies, and reducing energy use. The district also supports recycling of paper and cardboard at each of our sites.

Being green is an important goal reflected in the strategic plan of the Gulf Islands School District. These sustainable practices exercise responsibility towards the natural environment, promote employee wellness and reflect a good sense of economy.

**DOUG LIVINGSTON,**  
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION -  
LEARNING SERVICES,  
SD 64

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Public feedback on roads assessment wanted

**SUBMITTED BY SSI INCORPORATION STUDY COMMITTEE**

As part of the Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study, the provincial government provided funding to the Incorporation Study Committee to complete an independent road condition assessment. This road condition assessment is currently being completed by McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.

McElhanney has now completed its initial field work and we would like your feedback on the draft findings.

This work is important because responsibility for roads would change if Salt Spring Island were to incorporate. In an unincorporated governance structure, road maintenance and rehabilitation works are the responsibility of the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. In a municipal governance structure, the ownership of roads would transfer from the province to the local government and the local government would become responsible for road maintenance and rehabilitation.

## INCORPORATION STUDY CORNER

For the road condition assessment, a key goal is to provide information on required road improvements and associated costs in relation to the current condition of Salt Spring Island roads. This work will inform the province of B.C. as it prepares a Provincial Offer of Restructure Assistance outlining its potential commitments to a new municipality in the event that Salt Spring Island incorporates.

This work will also inform the study committee and the public about potential capital expenditures that a municipality might incur if it wishes to increase spending on road rehabilitation (as compared to current provincial spending under the current unincorporated

governance structure).

Note that the road condition assessment is focussed on identifying deficiencies and problem areas based on the current, agreed upon, rural road standards. The study will identify the need for potential road improvement projects, such as maintenance (e.g. crack sealing, pothole repair, line marking); rehabilitation (e.g. surface replacement, drainage repair); and reconstruction (e.g. road base and sub-base repair).

The road condition assessment does not review the need for new infrastructure such as sidewalks, pathways, cycle lanes, crosswalks, etc. as these needs are not unique to the question of incorporation. The need for these types of improvements is currently addressed separately by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission of the Capital Regional District and in plans such as the Salt Spring Island Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan.

To date, McElhanney has provided draft road condition ratings for all roads

on Salt Spring Island. Please use the following link to review the draft road condition ratings and provide your feedback: <http://vertisee.mcelhanney.com/SaltSpring>.

This online link will be available until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. Up until June 15, feedback can also be provided in person using 11x17 posters available at the Salt Spring Island Public Library in the pocket of the Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study binder. Instructions for completing these are located in the binder.

McElhanney will use this information to review and refine the road condition assessment, and to assist in prioritizing road improvements. Once complete, the Final Road Condition Assessment will also include order of magnitude cost estimates for identified road improvements.

Further information on the road condition assessment methodology is available through [www.ssiincorporation-study.com](http://www.ssiincorporation-study.com).

## Slug's pace is plenty fast enough!

'Tis the active season for banana slugs on Salt Spring, and I did duly espy my good friend George sedately making his way across my Jacalan Drive rock garden on Saturday evening.

We often hear terms like "Things are moving at a snail's pace," or that "Life is so sluggish here on Salt Spring." I thought I should get George to help me find out just what that really means.

What I was able to demonstrate (using a tape measure as in the attached picture) is that George actually timed out at a sprightly 15 feet or 4.5 metres per hour!

I guess the moral for readers is, when you're feeling frantic, take a tip from George and glide blissfully into the sunset.

**MICHAEL MORSE,**  
JACALAN DRIVE



PHOTO BY MICHAEL MORSE

George the banana slug submits to the tape measure in a speed demonstration that determined he can travel at 15 feet (4.5 metres) per hour.

## Get acquainted with nettle joys

BY JUDI STEVENSON

I'll bet you didn't know that last week was Be Nice to Nettles Week. In Britain anyway. Actually, I think it might have been the previous week, but it's a good hook to talk about one of my favourite plants.

Growing up in Nanaimo, and having at least one falling-into-the-nettle-patch crisis every summer as a child, they were one of my least favourites. But I was trained to the wonders of zoology and marine biology, not botany. That has come later, especially once I started to cook and learned to love the offerings of the domestic plant kingdom.

It took longer still to appreciate and trust the possibilities of the wild plant kingdom.

Here's what I really appreciate about nettles. Like most greens, they can be cooked in many delicious ways, needing only brief blanching of the leaves to tame the stinging hairs that show no mercy to tender human skin. Handle them with gloves when picking and washing, but after blanching show no fear.

I love them as the main ingredient (or mixed with

other greens) in pesto, which is wonderful on pasta. They are also great in green soups, in egg dishes, and as a highly nutritious tea. But I didn't know until recently that they have been used traditionally in making cheese and beer. (Recipes are on the internet, of course.)

**Handle them with gloves when picking and washing, but after blanching show no fear.**

Nettles are full of vitamins and minerals, including A, C, D, E, and also iron, calcium, copper, potassium and others. Even more surprisingly, they contain a lot of protein. So they are a good energy picker-upper.

They have a long and interesting history of use in herbal medicine, particularly in relation to the control of inflammation, urination problems, allergies and many other

ailments — the very idea of which would no doubt make your GP's hair stand on end.

More easily welcomed is the news that, according to Kew Garden scientists, nettles support at least 40 different insect species, including many types of butterflies and moths as well as lacewings and parasitic wasps. Some kinds of aphids love to shelter and lay eggs on nettles, which should be seen as a good thing, if they are growing near your garden, as they act as a lure away from your precious flowers and vegetables. They also attract ladybugs.

And that's not all! The fibres from the stems can be used to make cloth, the leaves and roots yield interesting dyes, the leaves inhibit mould when used to pack fruit, and their high nitrogen content makes them a superb addition to the compost bin.

So "happy Be Nice to Nettles Week" Salt Spring. I was happy to recently toast the Queen, but nettles have done more for me lately.

How about you?

*The writer is a Salt Spring resident who loves her nettles.*

## Field proposal has much more impact



Aerial photo of the proposed Brinkworthy-area playing fields site (outlined in white), located north of the Brinkworthy Place retirement community.

BY KRISTINA NILSSON

I'm writing in response to Jane Horsburgh's May 25 "Anti-playing field logic questioned" piece.

Ms. Horsburgh does not appear to be familiar with the proposed development, so I can only conclude that she has not attended the meetings or seen the plans, so I will attempt to address the gaps.

Brinkworthy Place is quite a dense area, and since there are so many homes in a small area, it's a bigger development, and I believe there are more residents than either Roscommon or Grace Point, the two comparisons she made.

There are actually 11 Brinkworthy homes backing directly onto that field. My parents live in one of them, with an open view of the deer browsing in the field between the trunks of a few mature trees.

Ms. Horsburgh did not see the original plans for three ball fields and two soccer fields, in two phases of development, which could easily result in vehicular traffic of over 400, especially on a Saturday.

She may not have seen the revised plan, which requires the removal of all of the forest for an access road and the primary regulation-size baseball field in phase 1. Forest destruction is not compatible with the Salt Spring image of "living green."

Baseball would make use of the facility about four months of the year: I believe it would become a secluded place for people to congregate and party most of the year. It is, after all, an easy walk to the liquor store, and not visible from any major public roads.

Road widening and development plans are underway for cars and bus traffic, as the plan has always been to be able to host tournaments for off-island teams. The current parking lot design will hold about 100 vehicles with the option to enlarge it with phase 2.

There are 12 homes in Brinkworthy Place with their back yards directly along the road, and those residents would completely lose their privacy

### IN RESPONSE

and peace. This brings the total of affected homes to 23 in Brinkworthy Place. I also live on Brink-

worthy Road, surrounded by the proposed development, and three sides of my property will be affected!

Ms. Horsburgh correctly states that there is currently no pond on the property in question. Both development plans have included drainage ponds along the south border (by Brinkworthy Place homes).

The main reason the property has remained unused (other than the tenants currently in the house, slated for demolition) is that it has been held by land speculators, not farmers, and they now want to make the sale to the CRD for their long-awaited profits.

There is no one in the area who would be using the baseball fields. It would make sense that they be located in an area where families might make use of them, or near current facilities. There is a lovely piece of gently sloping land on Baker Road for sale that is almost 14 acres in size, near the main road (no access issues) and walkable from Portlock Park. PARC and the CRD have been made aware of this.

I hope this clears things up a little.

ALR land is hard to come by, there is a waiting list for community gardens and young people can't afford to buy land. There is a need for more leasable land; the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust should be encouraged to buy it. If the open field portion of the property in question was leased in one-acre parcels, for example, we would be supporting the young people who want to farm rather than play baseball. This is definitely more compatible with the island's lifestyle.

Please read and sign the petition at this link: [www.ipetitions.com/petition/support-brinkworthy](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/support-brinkworthy).

Email [friendsofbrinkworthy@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbrinkworthy@gmail.com) for more info.

*The writer lives on Brinkworthy Road.*

## Spirit of Salt Spring



Liam, 9, and Ewan Docherty, 6, receive the Cooperative Youth Award from Mid-Island Co-op board member Barb Peters and Salt Spring station manager Joel Shaver. The boys earned the honour by raising \$1,200 for the In From the Cold emergency shelter through their busking and a matching Country Grocer grant. Winning youth are selected based on cooperative spirit, team work; and/or demonstrated leadership and service in the community.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits. CALL DRIFTWOOD EDITOR GAIL SJUBERG FOR DETAILS.

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# Memories of Burgoyne Valley's Dave Harris recalled

BY ROGER BRUNT

Oh Dave, you've really done it this time!

I remember when you broke your wrist and were still hauling and splitting firewood — cords of it — too stubborn and cussed and proud to go to the hospital. Brian Little made you get in his car and he drove you there, you grumbling all the way. The doctor said if you had waited one more day you would have lost your arm. Try to picture a one-armed Dave Harris — unimaginable.

I remember the time you were on a rant about hippies and I showed up at your place wearing a mala — a string of rose-petal Buddhist prayer beads. You ripped them off my neck and threw them onto the front seat of my car, saying, "There'll be no 'f-in'" hippies on my farm!" I got behind the wheel and drove away and didn't see you for a long time after that. I missed you then, Dave, but I miss you more, now that you are gone, old friend.

I remember when my kids were small, how good you were to them. You would always get



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Dave Harris with rooster Tie Domi in 2003.

your salmon net from the barn and catch a lamb so they could feed it with a bottle. And so generous — you would load us up with honey and eggs and plums and apples and hazelnuts. Like getting a care package from mom every time we came over, which was almost

every weekend because we were commuting from Vancouver, building our house on Reynolds Road.

Remember when you and Brian came over to help me fall that tricky arbutus tree and you walked right into that wasp's nest hidden in the ocean spray? You didn't holler and you didn't run. You were tough, Dave. Maybe too damn tough for your own good in the end.

Oh Dave, you've really done it this time.

I remember when the weather was crappy and you would invite me and the kids into your kitchen, shrouded in the black mould and funk of your bachelor life. Kaitlin and Samantha would sit on the kitchen floor and try to lick the mixture of honey and dirt and sheep manure off the bottom of their bare feet while you sloshed a couple of coffee cups through a bucket of water on the porch and made us toast as black as a well-digger's ass.

Oh Dave, you've really done it now! I loved you then, Dave, and I love you more now, now that you are gone.

Remember your big ram named Downtown Leroy Brown? Leroy'd try to flatten you every time we turned around, but you would hoist him up by his front legs and stare into his devil-eyes and remind him who was boss. It was you, Dave. It was always you.

Remember your rooster, Bill Clinton, and his three hens Gennifer, Paula and Dolly? Bill would fight to the death protecting his little flock, until the day an eagle grabbed him near the bridge across Fulford Creek. Bill barely got away, but that eagle fried a few of Bill's circuits, and he was never the same after that, barely even coming out of the hen house to eat.

And your letters, Dave, your beautiful letters that you shared with so many people. All the photos you sent, and clippings. "No letter is complete without clippings," you used to say, and you were right.

You really did it this time, Dave. I saw the notice in the newspaper. You've up and died and left the rest of us still here, so much poorer now without you.

## Not so simple

Thank you to the Salt Spring Forum for bringing such an amazing human rights activist to our community in Monia Mazigh.

However, I find it disappointing that in our community, which prides itself on valuing equality, acceptance and open-mindedness, that we still hear comments and questions worded in such a way that suggests we still have a long way to go in understanding other cultures and religions. The jist of one question proposed by an audience member was that terrorists come out of

Islamic countries.

In the 16 years I have been on this earth I have been witness to such horrific violent acts that show not just followers of Islam have created such devastating events, but rather, people of all faiths. It is my opinion that religious fanatics of all faiths have throughout history caused and participated in violent acts, which in today's terms would be called terrorism.

Terrorism is not an Islamic issue. It's a world issue with root causes in religious fanaticism.

**JONAH BAKER,**  
SALT SPRING

## We could use school grants

*The following was sent to Premier Christy Clark and filed with the Driftwood for publication.*

Dear Ms. Clark,

On reading of your trip to Haida Gwaii to present a cheque to a First Nations school for \$150,000, I would like to know how my grandchildren's school can apply for similar funding.

What is the procedure for applying for the grant? What are the parameters of the applica-

tion? Are there restrictions on who can apply? As I understand it, the school that got the grant is under federal jurisdiction and not a provincial responsibility, so I am sure there must be even more money available for provincial schools.

Please tell me how I can help my grandchildren's school access this special funding. If their application is successful you won't need your jet to deliver the cheque. BC Ferries has service direct to our island from just outside Victoria.

**CAROLE EYLES,**  
MORNINGSIDE ROAD

## Humble holly pie

Thank you to Rick Laing for the very informative letter on the problems with holly ("Holly no friend on the islands," May 25 Driftwood).

I was totally and ignorantly unaware that one of my favourite trees could be such a villain. I will still marvel at the splendour of the trees in the grounds of the red Ruckle house when they are festooned with berries.

I will eat my humble pie, but would prefer a "gurr" dollop of good Devonshire clotted cream on it.

**TUDOR DAVIES,**  
SALT SPRING

# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

A squashed bouquet of rants to those who have abducted four of our roadside "Squash Guys," who stand outside day and night in every condition to help us bring squash to Salt Spring in 2016. Please drop them at the golf club, no questions asked! SS Squash Club

Why do people leaves boxes of books on the floor in the book shed at the recycle depot? Please shelve your donations! If you don't, we all risk having that fabulous place closed down! Margriet Ruurs

## Roses

A bouquet of long-stemmed yellow roses to the Salt Spring Fire Department heroes who came to our property so wonderfully promptly on May 7. Job well done and we are eternally grateful. Jo and Tom

So much in our community to warm our hearts. Thank-you to these businesses who sent food and drink to the rally for the "not-so-silent-nites" in front of the Tree House: Oystercatcher, Salt Spring Inn, Auntie Pestos and Salt Spring Coffee.

A big bouquet of roses to the generous donors who made Salt

Spring's community squash club silent auction a huge success: Bill Brownridge, Julia Lucich, Peter Vincent, Gabrielle Jensen, Hastings House, Salt Spring CNC, Tish Vogel, Sacred Mountain Lavender, Herb Otto, Soul-ar Excursions, Lyndsay Mundy, Karl Otto, Investors Group and Ted Grand. We are getting closer!

Bouquets of fragrant roses to our teachers, friends and relatives who all helped make our year-end production featuring "Narnia" such a success, including the businesses and individuals who contributed to our silent auction. Among many we would like to thank are Embe Bakery, Elizabeth Buchanan, Dave Carlson of Celebrity Accents, Marilyn and Mike Dawson, John Dolman and Tim O'Connor, exitStageLeft Productions, Edgar and Gloria Hildebrandt, Gretta Hildebrandt, Susan Kernaghan, Lady Minto Thrift Store, Maureen MacKay, Jen MacLellan, Gillian McConnell, Pegasus Framing, Sue Newman, Sarah Nugent, Claire Robertson, Salt Spring Centre School, Alison Sparshu, Bob Twaites, Kelly Waters and Windsor Plywood. We are also grateful for the ongoing support of our 2016 sponsors: Lions Club, Country Grocer and Bohemia Consignment. Thank you all, from the StageCoach Theatre School Family

The Ramblers of the Trail and Nature Club wish to send a yard full of red roses to Frauke Prystawik for her continued wonderful job as co-ordinator. She goes beyond what is expected. Thank you, Frauke. The Ramblers

We would like to send bushels of roses to the Salt Spring Fire-Rescue, BC Ambulance Service, Lady Minto emergency doctors and nurses, and the nursing staff for the excellent care given to my husband during the recent emergency. We have nothing but praise for them. Marilyn Harding and family

A garden of botanical beauties to Brandy Borley and all other helpers for all their unselfish time and work in making the Braehaven/Greenwoods garage sale such a tremendous success!

Bouquets of roses to all the wonderful folks who came to my mum's aid when she fell across from Thrifty's last week. She is recuperating well at Lady Minto. Gillian M.

A dozen red roses made of exquisite chocolate with Phoenix Tears filler for Dave M. of Polaris Plumbing, who had our hot water tank replaced with three and a half hours from breakdown time. Kris and Corie

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## ART REVIEW

# Family members reveal linked and individual paths

Gustafson and  
 Burkes at Duthie  
 Gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Three family members working on different topics and in different mediums have put together a beautifully cohesive group show at Duthie Gallery this month.

Curated by David Cook, the New Work show featuring Anna Gustafson, Paul Burke and Sophia Burke reads like an installation that transforms the small gallery into a magical landscape. Though the components work well together, the concerns and expressions of each artist involved are individually fascinating.

A strange set of circumstances and coincidences linked by the dream world led to Gustafson's new series called *Travels through Time & Space*. It's a complicated story, but it involves historic photographs of the Koryak people of Siberia, which Gustafson first encountered in a book on costume and design. The book would have profound influence on her life as an artist, starting with her entry into the fashion world as a young woman. The Koryak people whose ceremonial costumes were among those depicted would meanwhile have a recurring role, including in



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Ghost Wolves by Paul Burke, and some paintings from Anna Gustafson's *Travels through Time & Space* series.

### Gustafson's dreams.

Gustafson's new series centres on an image of two female shamans wearing long grass masks standing side-by-side, facing the camera straight-on. Their role was to comfort and call home the spirit of the whale that would sacrifice its life to the male hunters. Gustafson's *Whale Dancers* is a diptych of the scene, with one image shown in negative. She has created pieces in vari-

ous levels of magnification as studies for much larger works to be produced in the future.

Other images capture the whale hunt and other aspects of Koryak culture, such as a wide shot of the landscape as the hunters return towing their catch by sled, women ice fishing and other activity on the tundra.

The source images for the project came from the Jesup North Pacific Expedition

from 1897 to 1902, a landmark research project of the American Museum of Natural History and its Division of Anthropology. Gustafson has solved a double problem in how to treat them as her own art expressions. She has reduced the photos to their furthest point of low contrast and recreated them as pointillist works on plaster and wood. Using mostly white paint with sparing black contrast, the forms emerge like shadowy figures in a blizzard.

This strategy suits the theme of meaning that rises through the murky layers of the dream state and the past, and it is movingly mysterious on the aesthetic level.

The deep cultural significance of the women's costume and the intention of their ceremony and the whale hunt is therefore protected and honoured under Gustafson's brush, while the viewer is invited to enter a type of knowing that goes beyond the merely visual. The fact that Gustafson is able to marry keenly considered concepts with such beautiful expression makes her one of the island's most impressive artists today.

As a very suitable match, Burke is another artist with a lot of thought behind his work. His carved folk art figures with their visible tool marks are expressive in revealing the hand of the artist, and seem

alive with innate personality at the same time. New for this show are seven *Ghost Wolves*, who pace through the gallery as the seemingly proper denizens of Gustafson's ghostly landscape.

Burke's sculpture is underlaid by a strong interest in nature from a scientific perspective. He has travelled to Africa with Peter McAllister and has followed his son Ian McAllister's research and photos on the "sea wolves" of the Great Bear Rainforest with interest.

"I come to my artistic practice as a person who could have become a field biologist," Burke explained at the show's opening. "My interest is a balance between a passion for plants and animals and a passion for sculpture."

The *Ghost Wolves* have cedar bodies and legs made from juniper that Burke gathered while kayaking. The way these two woods work together informs part of the sculptural process.

"Juniper is sort of a sacred tree, in my opinion," Burke said.

*Ghost Wolves* is bound for installation at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver.

Burke and Gustafson's daughter Sophia Burke has been busy pursuing her own art practice. She graduated from Concordia University's fine art program, did a study year in France and was award-

ed a residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Now living in Toronto, her part of the exhibition was a collection of photographs reflecting on the theme of "home."

Burke transformed the gallery's small back room with a thick carpet of fresh cedar boughs and a video loop of the sea in motion projected onto the back wall, representing her many crossings of the Strait of Georgia. Photographs are not framed or mounted on the wall, but instead are scattered on a picnic table for people to browse at their leisure and read the journal-like entries written on the back.

The photos themselves recreate a sense of the particular times and places Burke has lived, usually without people directly involved. There are several that feature food or table settings and a few of cities seen from an airplane window. A shot of the Queen of Nanaimo's cafeteria includes a cup of coffee and a book on the table with waves visible through the window, with hints of warm evening light. The photo back reveals Burke always sits in that same place when she's on the ferry.

New Work also includes an outdoor signpost installation by Gustafson that cites the paradoxical isolation and connection for an island artist, with signs pointing to contemporary art galleries both near and far.

Salt Spring Island

2015 Incorporation Study

## Road Condition Assessment

An independent Road Condition Assessment (RCA) is being completed as part of the SSI Incorporation Study. The initial field work for the RCA is now available. The Incorporation Study Committee would like your feedback on the draft findings.

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This link will be available until 4:30pm on Wednesday, June 15.

You can also review the findings and comment in-person at the Salt Spring Island Public Library (129 McPhillips Ave.) until 5:00pm on June 15.

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

# Island shoreline captivates

Gallery hosts two photographers

The beauty of Salt Spring Island is celebrated by Kim Stewart and Jana Zachariou in their *Ebb and Flow* exhibit, which opens this Friday at Salt Spring Gallery in Ganges.

The collection will showcase landscape and nature photographs taken on the shores of Salt Spring Island.

According to press material, "Stewart's visual talent can be seen in her photographs as she has a keen eye for the myriad moods of the natural world. Her quest to capture moments of simple beauty has become a daily adventure of joy and discovery.

"Jana Zachariou's visual drama and artistry of her photographs are fuelled by her passion for and deep con-



The Strand of the Waters by Jana Zachariou.

nection to the natural world. Her rich and vibrant colours of dawn and dusk recently became one of the most recognizable photos on the island.

They like to say, "Our goal as photographers is to create images that will draw the

viewer in, as well as to share the wonderful scenery that surrounds us here on Salt Spring Island."

*Ebb and Flow* runs daily from June 3 to 16, except on Mondays when the gallery is closed. Friday's public reception runs from 5 to 7 p.m.

## MUSICAL CELEBRATIONS

# Music and Munch marks 20 years with all-day party

Memories celebrated

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A community and cultural tradition that began as a casual gathering with a “temporary” moniker comes to a close after 20 years with a special all-day celebration next Wednesday, June 8.

“Music and Munch was a temporary name until we could come up with something better,” recalled Lottie Devindisch, one of the Music Makers of the Anglican Parish who helped initiate the well-loved musical series held at All Saints By-the-Sea. “I remember saying if anybody comes up with a better name we will use it.”

Music and Munch got its start when former Anglican Rev. Barry Valentine agreed to share his talent on the pipe organ with the public. Then he thought it would be a good idea to offer a meal after the free recitals, so he asked Ed Petty, a parish member with solid catering experience, if he would take on the “munch” part of the event.

“Ed said he would do it if I helped him,” said Marjie Radford, who has been a M&M stalwart in the kitchen ever since.

In the past 20 years, Radford and her fellow volunteers have prepared lunch for between 35 and 80 people on close to 500 days.

“The odd time we’ve had to turn people away,” said Radford.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

From left, Al Robertson, Marjie Radford and Lottie Devindisch are set to change gears from lunch to tea as Music and Munch at All Saints winds down with a special June 8 event and Tea à Tempo takes over in August.

All kinds of homemade salads, sandwiches, quiches, pot pies and desserts have been on the menu, and the cooks have adapted to please vegetarian and gluten-free eaters too.

“Marjie’s homemade bread is always popular,” adds Devindisch.

Some 140 different musical groups, soloists, ensembles and choirs have performed at the free recitals that ran on the first Wednesday of the month (except in January) and every Wednesday during summer months.

“Women of Note, Alan Moberg and the Salt Spring Vocal Quartet presented 10 or more recitals, and Barry Valentine and David Storm accom-

panied dozens of individuals and groups,” said Devindisch. “The Anglican Parish itself presented 38 events, including the Flower Festival, the Remembrance Day Program and the special Summer Program.”

Al Robertson has long been a member of the Music Makers coordinating team, and currently serves with Devindisch, Linda Floyd, and Duncan and Sarah Mathieson.

Robertson points out how M&M was a particularly terrific venue for student performers.

“We have had a lot of young people over the years and they were good,” he said, “and one of the reasons is

they got good teaching from the high school and the elementary school, so they were ahead of the game.”

Organizing the musical acts takes quite a bit of work, but for the most part it’s been a joy to do.

However, there was that time when the slated performer hadn’t appeared five minutes before showtime and Devindisch and Valentine were set to “wing” a performance just as he came breezing in.

Another time the group faced a late cancellation that was solved by then committee member Joyce Ditzler when she picked up a guitar-toting hitchhiker. After learning Toby Beaulieu was a guitar player and storyteller from Québec, she convinced him to grace the All Saints stage a few days later.

“We just picked him up literally on the side of the road and he came and played,” said Devindisch. “He was a delight.”

The Music Makers group has also benefitted from a deeply loyal fan base.

“Regulars have held the whole thing together because some of them have come even if it isn’t particularly their type of music,” said Devindisch. “They come because they like meeting their friends and such.”

Music and Munch in its current format may be retiring because its volunteers are unable to commit to another decade of work, but that doesn’t mean music and socializing

opportunities at All Saints are over. A new series called Tea à Tempo will start on the first Wednesday in August, featuring a free musical performance followed by tea and a cookie. It will run in the afternoon on the first Wednesday of every month.

“We had so much disappointment from people — both the audience and performers — about shutting down Music and Munch that we wracked our brains and came up with Tea à Tempo,” said Devindisch.

More details will be forthcoming about the new event, but in the meantime people can load up on music at the all-day Music and Munch 20th anniversary celebration and open house at All Saints next Wednesday, June 8.

## June 8 Celebration Schedule

10 to 10:30 a.m.: Coffee, tea and muffins

10:30 to 11 a.m.: Reeds and Wires

11:10 to 11:40: Sue Newman & Friends

11:50 to 12:20: Patricia Flannagan

12:20 to 1 p.m.: Lunch with interlude by pianist David Storm

1 to 1:30: Alvaro Sanchez

1:40 to 2:10: Peter Prince & Friends

2:30 to 3:30: Grand Finale -

“Thank you for the Music” - featuring Anke Smeele, Connie Holmes, Betty Rothwell and Al Robertson, and dancers Gale Hingston, Sue Newman, Robbyn Scott and Lottie Devindisch.

## CONCERT PREVIEW

# BOTR tunes up for concert

Albinoni, Bach and Mozart next week

BY RICHARD MOSES

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Tomaso Albinoni’s publisher knew very well that artists, writers and especially composers sell a lot more of their stuff after they die.

So in 1740 when a dozen or so new sonatas appeared labelled “posthumous,” naturally everybody thought the composer was — well — dead, and they all rushed out and bought a sonata or two.

Actually, for about 10 years, Albinoni had been hiding out in Venice probably crowing that “news of his death was greatly exaggerated.”

We’ll hear some Albinoni at the next Bach on the Rock concert on June 11 and 12. It will be one of those famous sonatas featuring violinist Paul Luchkow. All the rest of the evening or afternoon it’s music first by Bach: the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and the cheerful motet called Lobet den Herrn. Then the group will play Mozart’s Sparrow Mass — it’s a rather short

one and, yes, it does get its nickname from some birds. Then there’s one of the “Epistle” (or Church) sonatas, and finally the marvellous motet “Ave verum corpus” — all 46 memorable measures of it.

This will be an event to remember, particularly as guest conductor Michael Jarvis will be on the podium leading the Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir with visiting violinist Luchkow.

The concerts are on Saturday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 12 at 2:30 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea church.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

# Eclectic Visions at Gallery 8

Second year in new space

The Eclectic Visions photography show returns this month to Gallery 8, with 70 images by 30 Salt Spring Photography Club members on display beginning Friday, June 10.

“From close-ups to telephotos, from flowers to sunsets, this year’s assembled collection is as stunning as the photos themselves,” states a club press release.

“Every member of our club sees a unique vision of the world and that is evident by what their lenses capture,” explains SSPC president Wendy Rosier. “We are privileged to have as members some of the best of Salt Spring’s artistic community. This is the show where

we share our finest efforts and offer the audience a chance to acquire these interesting and beautiful works of art.”

The public opening reception runs from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 10, with the show continuing daily until June 22.

“We invite everyone to come to Gallery 8 for Eclectic Visions and encourage each visitor to sign our guest book and leave your comments,” added Rosier. “It’s really wonderful to have this opportunity to show our images to the community in the splendor of Gallery 8. We are very grateful for Razali’s gracious hospitality for the second year in a row and look forward to sharing our great show with everyone.”

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## A Day in the Life

We want photographers to send us their photos for our **2016 Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island** publication. Just register in advance by sending an email to editor Gail Sjuberg [news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

and you will receive details about how to submit.

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# What's on this week



**Wed. June 1**   **Thur. June 2**   **Fri. June 3**   **Sat. June 4**   **Sun. June 5**   **Tue. June 7**   **Wed. June 8**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Billie Holiday Tribute.** Final Music & Munch recital featuring Judy Sims and musical friends, and a farewell to Judy, who is leaving Salt Spring Island. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m. Followed by an optional lunch. **Rae Spoon with E.S.L. and LAL.** Triple bill of live musical acts. Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.  
**GISS Dance Presents Vibrance!** Term-end high school dance show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Bike to Work Week Celebration Station.** At the Islands Trust parking lot from 8:30 to 10 a.m.  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** Open at the Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Film Screening of In the Parlor: The Final Goodbye.** Heidi Boucher, the film's producer, presents a touching film looking at home deaths. In the Parlor presents families in search of a more personal and fulfilling way to say goodbye by taking an active role in caring for relatives who have died. Part of SS Hospice's End of the Reel film series. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.  
**Poker.** Hosted by Albert and Rebekah every Wednesday at the Legion lounge at 7 p.m.  
**SongJam.** A pub-style singalong to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub every Wednesday at 8 p.m.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Open Mic.** With Ross & Dave at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.  
**Vaughn Fulford.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**GISS Dance Presents Vibrance!** See Wednesday's listing.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.** Monthly public meeting at Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m. with town hall at noon.

**BC SPCA Open House Kitten Shower.**  
A fun afternoon to help raise funds and awareness about services for kittens and the need for donations to support the BC SPCA foster program. Salt Spring BC SPCA branch. 1 to 5 p.m.

**Poetry Open Mic.** With featured poet Anna Wärie, recipient of a Canada Council for the Arts Emerging Writer's Grant, and author of poetry collection *On Lost Roads*. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m. Reader sign-up at 6:45.  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday listing.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Chamigos.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**The Costners.** Live pop band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Choral and Conducting Workshop with Iwan Edwards.** Salt Spring choristers and choral conductors have a second opportunity to work with Grammy and Juno Award-winning chorus master at ArtSpring today and tomorrow. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. Info/register through ArtSpring.



**Bike to Work Week Celebration Station.** Enjoy refreshments at the Rock Salt Café from 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
**Ebb & Flow.** Opening reception for exhibition of landscape and nature photography by Kim Stewart and Jana Zachariou. The Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.  
**Christine Crombie Art Opening.** Opening reception for "Lost and found again" works in pastel by Christine Crombie. Kizmit Galeria/Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**The Barley Brothers.** Every Saturday at The Local. 3 to 6 p.m.  
**Tom Hooper and Suzanne Little.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Country Honk.** Live at the Legion. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Wil.** Folk rock music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday Market in the Park.** In Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Choices/Community Initiatives Charity Golf Tournament.** SSI Golf and Country Club. First tee-off at 12 noon. Sign up through the golf club.  
**International One Metre Model Yachting.** Canadian championships at SSI Sailing Club. All day.



**Sun. June 5**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sky Valley: Moby's Sunday Jazz.** An evening of jazz with Salt Spring quartet. Moby's Pub. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Alan Moberg.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship.** Amanda Taring is guest speaker. Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m.  
**International One Metre Model Yachting.** Canadian championships at SSI Sailing Club. For the morning, at least.

**Mon. June 6**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Green Tara Sand Mandala Project.** With Lama Tenzin Tsundu at Flying Dreams Studio. Opening ceremony is at 10 a.m. Sand painting runs from approximately 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Ladies Putting League.** Free every Monday at the putting green of the SS Golf Course. Putters and balls provided. 3 p.m.  
**Occupy the Tree House Cafe Laneway.** Rally in support of a permanent resolution to allow the Tree House Cafe to resume their 111+ Consecutive Nights of Music Under the Stars. Every Monday outside the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Green Tara Sand Mandala Project.** With Lama Tenzin Tsundu at Flying Dreams Studio. Public welcome to watch sand painting, which begins at 9 a.m. with a half hour of prayer and continues until around 5 p.m.

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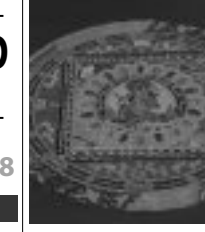
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**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

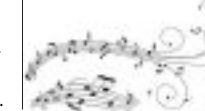
**Music & Munch 20th Anniversary Celebration and Open House.** All-day music and more at All Saints By-the-Sea. See story on Page 11 for schedule of events.  
**GISS Music: Spirits.** GISS Music presents Spirits, a really big show comprised of the senior composition class, and selections from the guitar class, choir and GISPA music students. ArtSpring. 7:15 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**An Introduction To Conscious Dying.** Free public talk introduces the concept of Conscious Dying. Salt Spring Public Library Room 106. 7 p.m.  
**Green Tara Sand Mandala Project.** See Tuesday's listing.



**Bittancourt House Museum.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Poker.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**SongJam.** See last Wednesday's listing.



**Music & Munch**  
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• **The Meddler** — Stars Susan Sarandon. An aging widow from New York City follows her daughter to Los Angeles in hopes of starting a new life after her husband passes away. A heartfelt look at family honoured by a marvellous performance from Susan Sarandon.

**EXHIBITIONS**

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• **Christine Crombie** presents "Lost and found again" works in pastel at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** this month beginning Friday, June 3 with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m.  
• **Duthie Gallery** presents *New Work*, featuring three artists from one family showing together for the first time: **Anna Gustafson, Paul Burke** and **Sofia Burke**. The show continues till June 30 at the gallery at 125 Churchill Road.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

• **Gallery 8** in Grace Point Square presents *Great Guitars*, an exhibition of photographs by **Gillean Proctor**, 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, through June.  
• **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents **Uncover Inuit Art** - Art and Artefacts from the 19th century to the 21st century through June 26.  
• **Rasma Bertz** shows *Colour of Honey*, an exhibition of photos featuring bees and other pollinators, at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through June 13.  
• **No Restrictions: Three Women, Three Journeys, paintings by **Wendy Wickland, Dulcy Wilson** and **Judith Borbas**, is the **ArtSpring lobby** exhibit through June.  
• Salt Spring Gallery artists have work hanging in *Island Savings*.  
• **SOLID** shows African art by **Louise Adele**.**

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**SPIRITUALITY**

## Sand mandala exercise invokes Green Tara's energy

Lama visits Salt Spring June 6 to 12

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A lesson on the Buddhist concept of detachment and a hopeful invocation for healing and protection will take place at the Flying Dreams Studio for a week-long Green Tara sand painting exercise with Lama Tenzin Tsundu beginning this Monday.

Flying Dreams Studio has been closed to the public for some time, but owner Victoria Milhayi and her partner Max Miller are inviting visitors to see the temple as the sacred space its architecture has always inspired for the week of June 6 to 12.

Tsundu is a Tibetan Buddhist trained in the rare art of sand painting at Namgyai Monastery, the Dalai Lama's private monastery in Dharamsala. It is the second time he will have created the Green Tara on Salt Spring, with a previous visit to Duck Creek Gallery in 2010.

"Tara is quite an important deity in the Tibetan way of seeing things.

She's a very powerful manifestation of female energy," said Kirsty Barclay, a Buddhist novice and former Salt Springer living in Vancouver who will be on the island for the rites.

A sand painting involves the slow trickle of coloured sands put down over a week or more, during which time the image slowly takes form on the two-dimensional plane. In the past, the monks may have used powdered precious stones. These days coloured sand imbued with prayers is more common.

The end image exists only in its maker's mind, and is revealed in its entirety for only a short time before it is ritually dismantled, offering a lesson on impermanence and letting go. The sands are then returned to a moving water source.

"It's put back into nature because nature carries the vibration to release the blessing through the whole system," Barclay explained.

There is deep significance to the images created. Mandalas represent heavenly palace structures, for example, and are believed to literally bring the sacred space into



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Lama Tenzin Tsundu works on a Green Tara sand painting at Duck Creek Gallery during his last visit to Salt Spring in 2010.

being in our sphere. Similarly, creating the image of a deity invokes the sacred space of that being's universe, and invites the deity to be present and to share her benevolent energies.

Green Tara is associated with healing, abundance, prosperity and joy. The Dalai Lama is himself a devotee.

"It doesn't just uplift everyone who looks at it. It releases a positive vibration that blesses the environment," Barclay explained of the art.

Each colour used in the painting acts as an antidote to a specific negative emotion.

"The Buddhist teaching is that most of our problems arise in our

minds. Things like jealousy and rage are very human. We want to work with those emotions and transform them. These colours are thought to contravene or help us transform our negative feelings," Barclay said.

Lama Tsundu has created Green Tara many times, but each offering is slightly different because of the conditions around him and the condition of his own mind. Every creation is a new opportunity to share compassion and important teachings.

"There's no point being here if you're not helping other people. His job is really to bring benefit to other people, and not that many people are trained to do this," Barclay said.

Guests are welcome to attend the events as they choose on a casual, drop-in basis. An opening ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 6. Sand painting will run approximately from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and then from 9 a.m. on from June 7 to June 12, with the first half hour devoted to prayer and meditation.

Visitors are also invited to witness the sand painting's dissolution on Sunday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m.

**ANIMAL WELFARE**

## Kitten services and fostering on tap

Special BC SPCA event this Thursday afternoon

The BC SPCA's Salt Spring Island branch is hosting an open house Kitten Shower on Thursday, June 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the local animal shelter.

"We are hosting a fun afternoon open to the public to help us raise awareness about our services for kittens and the need for donations to support our foster program," said branch manager Sean Hogan. "Kittens start to come into

care now through November. In that time, we will care for approximately 60 to 80 kittens born and found outdoors or in homes from planned and unplanned litters."

Hogan said fostering kitten litters is a great way to make a meaningful contribution to pets in need and is beneficial for potential pet guardians who want to experience the joy of caring for a pet before adopting one of their own.

"We give volunteer foster families first pick of the litter and a significant discount on our adoption fees," he said.

The June 2 Kitten Shower event is an opportunity for supporters to donate funds or much-needed food, welfare and enrichment tools for helping the dozens of kittens soon to be in care. For more information about the specific needs, Hogan recommends people contact the branch by email saltspring@spca.bc.ca to receive a list.

Anyone interested in fostering a cat or kitten from the Salt Spring Island shelter should sign up at www.spca.bc.ca/volunteer or call 250-537-2123.

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**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

## Bridge players pass important tests

Penchant for masochism considered a virtue

**BY JILL EVANS**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Noted bridge humourist Eddie Kantar said, "If you have the slightest touch of masochism, you'll love this game."

This probably didn't apply this time to many of the five full tables who arrived at Seniors on the evening of May 16, because there were quite a few games and slams bid and triumphantly made. Those benefiting the most from all this were Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas, with George Laundry and Jeff Bell enjoying their second place. Gisela Welsh and Gillian Mouat

**BRIDGETRICKS**

were pretty happy too in the third spot, and Stuart Farson with Vic Parks were pleased to come fourth.

It was also good to see the return of Terry Wilkinson to her summer sojourn on Salt Spring — and a touch of that bridge masochism?

May 23 was the Victoria Day holiday, but that didn't stop five and a half tables from showing up for duplicate bridge. There were some unusual hands with very long suits, and those who could claim that they were indeed amused (unlike her late Majesty) included the winning Farson-Parks pair, with Bob Morrisette and Oleh Mycyk in second place. Third spot went to Nick Beringer and Patricia Sutherland, while George Laundry and Jeff Bell had to settle for coming fourth this time.

**Town Hall on LNG**  
Hosted by Elizabeth May  
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**BEAUCOUP D'AMOUR:** Salt Spring Island Middle School Grade 8 French Immersion students and counterparts from Collège Trinité in St. Bruno, Que. show their tie-dyed "I love Salt Spring Island" T-shirts as the week-long visit came to an end on Monday with the Québec kids returning home. SIMS students went to St. Bruno earlier in the year.


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RECREATION

# Couple ready for UrbaCity challenge

Mind and body tested in Prostate Centre fundraiser



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Team Salty Brains (James Wood and Kate Richer).

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In a weekend warrior world dominated by athletes who crawl through mud, run super-human distances and conquer lofty heights, a Salt Spring couple aspires to push the limits in a more cerebral competition.

The UrbaCity challenge gets participants running through the streets, dodging traffic and climbing up stairs in downtown Victoria but differs from other high-adrenaline racing events in that competitors face a range of tasks organizers proudly claim to be unique, cunning and devious.

"It's kind of like an amazing race that happens in the downtown area," said Kate Richer, a Salt Spring Centre School teacher.

This year's event, slated for Sun-

day, June 12, is the third time Richer and her husband James Wood have enrolled in the event. As Team Salty Brains, they will navigate through the streets in a four-hour, puzzle-solving frenzy.

"Both times we participated, we finished with five minutes to spare,"

she said.

Two-person teams of family members, friends or co-workers will tackle competitive water pouring, a poster design station, blindfolded monkey dangling and a Segway obstacle course. The competition lets players push their limits, stretch their imaginations and experience the city in a whole new way.

"Neither of us are runners, yet we get to compete in a games-based race we're both good at," Wood said.

Wood said he also likes that the event doubles as a fundraiser for the Island Prostate Centre. The competition raised nearly \$40,000 to boost research into a disease that affects about one in eight Canadian men.

Richer and Wood are already on the way toward their \$200 fundraising goal. To donate online, click the "donate" tab at <http://urbacitychallenge.ca/>, follow the link and scroll down to Team Salty Brains. Other donations can be arranged by contacting Richer at [katericher@shaw.ca](mailto:katericher@shaw.ca).

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NEW BOOKS

# Non-fiction shelves hold exciting reads

Culture, quirky history and Suzuki letters among them

## LIBRARYSHELF

BY MAGGIE WARBEY  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

If you are looking for the latest title by your favourite fiction writer, you might go online to search for it as an eBook or audiobook. Both our own library holdings and Overdrive often have non-print versions of new titles before they appear in the New Shelf in book format. Give it a try next time you know a new book should be available and you just can't find it.

The New Non-Fiction shelf has so many wonderful books this month that it was difficult to decide on just a few to introduce to readers. My first pick is **Soil Sisters: a Toolkit for Women Farmers**. It's actu-

ally a collaborative and practical hands-on guide for anyone who wants to pursue this lifestyle. Inside this useful volume is a wealth of information, suggestions, advice, insights and experiences on every topic that beginning farmers need to get started and to keep on going. Advice comes from women who have taken up farming for profit all over North America, and includes history, finances, value-added ideas, down-to-earth resources and realistic activities for year-round success. It provides a roadmap that offers both financial and spiritual support for those who seek a real "back to the earth" lifestyle.

David Suzuki's **Letters to My Grandchildren** includes stories from his own life that

both teach and inspire the next generation. Written as personal letters, collectively and personally, to each of his six grandchildren, Suzuki reflects on what he wishes he would have been able to ask his own grandparents and what he wants each of his heirs and, thus the next generation, to know about life, aging and facing death. Readers look at many of the themes that have guided this remarkable life: the search for roots, racism, motivation and values, inevitable change, the Great Depression and more. Truly a Canadian classic that has resonance for our collective future.

**A Colorful History of Popular Delusions** is delightful travel through popular beliefs, myths, crazes and trends that have held our society in thrall. A history of unusual crowd behaviour, this book covers a wide range of human perceptions. From tortillas

that appear with the face of Jesus, to microwaved babies, pet rocks and holiday riots, this well-researched and entertainingly written book will appeal to the reader's funny bone as well as to their good sense.

A title that is bound to appeal to many is **Big Girl: How I Gave up Dieting & Got a Life**. Here is the story of someone who has done it all in the way of eating, and is ready and willing to share her experiences and advice, like a good friend who is there to help you through tough times. This book is a memoir for those who have also fought with self-image, body-image and a culture that is rife with food and body image obsession. Complete with discussion questions, Big Girl offers lots of food for thought about what we, as a culture, demand of ourselves when it comes to socially acceptable behaviours.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**BACK TO THE FUTURE:** Members of the First Salt Spring Island Brownies group sport "retro" uniforms worn 30 to 65 years ago, with pieces contributed by a number of different people. From left in back is Megan Lizotte, Sadie Mills and Sarah Change. From left, front, is Caitlin McDermott, Gwen Sekhon, Shely Bennett-Peters and Julianne Strongman. The girls were at a Ganges beach event where they learned about making a fire with Island Escapades' Jack Rosen as part of their Keys to Camping unit. For more information about Brownies on Salt Spring, call Beth Strongman at 250-931-7336.

**PHILANTHROPY**

# Spring grants benefit community

Thirteen different organizations will receive funds

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is pleased to announce more than \$93,000 in grants to 13 island charitable organizations. These grants would not be possible without the support of many generous donors who share the foundation's vision of a healthy and caring community.

**ArtSpring**

To purchase materials for the Canadian Group of Seven Program, offered free to students with a demonstrated interest in art.

**BC Parks**

To relocate the 1905 Monk farmhouse to Ruckle Park. This homestead was at risk of destruction and will now be preserved as a part of Salt Spring history.

**Beaver Point Hall**

Toward the replacement of the metal roof and eavestroughs, and for improvements to perimeter drainage.

**Greenwoods Eldercare Society**

To support the following initiatives:

- A three-year accreditation process that will enable Greenwoods Eldercare Society to draw on external expertise, tools and ideas;
- 2) engage in critical dialogue required to make the shift from a hospital to a client-centred approach; and
- 3) help to strengthen and focus the board. This is a multi-year grant funded through the Foundation's Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative.
- A pilot adult day program for seniors who are past independence but not

yet in need of the supportive care offered by current programs at Greenwoods or Braehaven. The program will enhance the quality of life for participants and provide respite to family caregivers.

**Island Pathways**

For repairs to existing pathways to improve safety, including signage, retaining walls and reflective pathway delineators.

**Island Women Against Violence**

For two projects:

- An Affordable Housing Feasibility Plan which will 1) expand IWAV's capacity for housing development;
- 2) propose solutions for additional housing growth on current properties and potential new locations in the Ganges core; and
- 3) better position IWAV to access imminent provincial and federal housing funds. This grant is funded through the Foundation's Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative.
- Repairs and improvement to The Cedars affordable housing facility.

**Salt Spring Arts Council**

For a new concrete perimeter foundation under the east street entrance of Mahon Hall and the repair of two large heritage windows.

**Salt Spring Community Services**

To assist with three projects:

- A plan to increase housing availability and options for the homeless and those at high risk of homelessness.
- A Ready to Rent trainer series. Ready to Rent has three main objectives: to enable people to find and maintain good housing; reduce damage, conflict and evictions; and increase housing stability.

- Youth celebration events that will 1) increase the number and variety of youth activities in the community;
- 2) increase awareness of the need to provide healthy community connections for youth development;
- 3) increase the connection and coordination between youth-serving organizations; and
- 4) increase opportunities for youth to take on leadership and planning roles in the community. This is a multi-year grant.

**Salt Spring Island Conservancy**

For the Befriending Birds and Butterflies Citizen Science Project, which will 1) increase local data about birds and butterflies, using a citizen science model; and 2) provide nesting boxes, signage and website/print information on identification. This grant is supported by the Jacqueline Booth Memorial Fund.

**Salt Spring Historical Society**

To support the First Peoples Place Marker Project, which will ensure First Nations cultural inclusion in the re-visit of and improvements to Centennial Park.

**Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue Society**

To purchase an automated external defibrillator for improved community safety.

**School District #64**

For hiking equipment for Phoenix Place, including lightweight packs, tents, cookware, sleeping bags and sleeping pads. The school's hiking program supports at-risk youth and is an alternative to traditional physical education activities.

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## WEDNESDAY

**SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP** meets on the last Wednesday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mormon church. Info: Claudia - 250-538-1708.

**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harbour House Crofton Room.

**SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS** meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

**STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from October through June from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, around the back.

**YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING GROUP** for ages 9-13 runs at the Salt Spring Library led by Nikky from 4-6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**AFRO-GUINEA DANCE CLASS.** Traditional & contemporary dance of Guinea & Mali, with experienced & passionate dance instructor Julia. All levels. North End Fitness. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**BOOMERFIT SOUTH END FITNESS** changes to the outdoors for most workouts during the summer. 9 to 10 a.m. Email or phone for the location. trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com or 250-653-4656.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

**CHAIR YOGA** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**CRYSTAL BOWLS & VOCAL VIBRATIONS** with Adam Huber at SSI Wellness Centre. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m.

**FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY** is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Premium genealogy websites available.

**HOT HATHA YOGA** at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Moksha-inspired Level 1 hot yoga from 8 to 9 a.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

**MEDITATION GROUP** suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333

**MEDITATION MEETINGS** and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Teachings offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BRIDGE** at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.

**PILATES CLASS** with Anna Haltetrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance.

**SSI ROTARY CLUB** meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**SWING DANCE** at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**YOGA (MIXED LEVELS)** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**YOGA** with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

**YOGA** with Jim Dickinson at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m. Bring a yoga mat and towel.

**ZEN MEDITATION** at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

**ZUMBA TONING** with Lee Sigmund at SS Wellness. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

**BOOK CLUB** meets on the second Thursday at Salt Spring Seniors in the lounge at 1:30 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOOK CLUB** open to all meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the library. 1 to 3 p.m.

**OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT** at the Salt Spring Library Program Room on the first Thursday of the month. Sign-up at 6:45 p.m.; one poem per reader; event begins at 7 p.m. Guest poets read at 7:30.

**TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION** — Group meditations for all who have learned TM. Last Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Call 778-353-3014 for address and more information. Free introductory lectures by appointment.

## EVERY THURSDAY

**AL-ANON** for friends and families of alcoholics meets at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 noon.

**BINGO** at Meaden Hall. 6:30 p.m.

**BRIDGE** runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:45 p.m.

**DANCE TEMPLE** at Beaver Point Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.

**MEN'S YOGA** with Ken Katz at Salt Spring Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**NIA** at Fulford Hall Annex. 10 to 11 a.m. (See Tuesday description.) Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for fee info.

**PROBUS** group for retired professionals/business people meets on the second Thursday of each month at Meaden Hall at 10 a.m. with special guest speakers each time. Info: probus.ssi@gmail.com

**SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB** meets at 734 Upper Ganges Road. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.

**SENIORS LUNCH** runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon.

**SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB** beginners class at 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667.

**STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN** for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with beginners until noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**VINYASA YOGA** at The Nest hot yoga. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. PLUS Warm Hatha from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

## EVERY FRIDAY

**BOOMERFIT SOUTH END FITNESS** changes to the outdoors for most workouts during the summer. 9 to 10 a.m. Email or phone for the location. trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com or 250-653-4656.

**BRIDGE GAMES** run at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:30 p.m.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION TIME** for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.

**EVERYBODY STRETCH** — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Anna Haltetrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com.

**MAH JONGG** players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.

**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 p.m.

**STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN** for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**STORYTIME** — Ideal for kids aged 3 to 6 and their families. SSI Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**TANGO PRACTICES** for newcomers and old. Top floor of the Inn. 8 to 10 p.m. Facebook: Por El Amor del Tango-Salt Spring Tango; Terri at ssi.tango@gmail.com

**YOGA (MIXED LEVELS)** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

## EVERY SATURDAY

**BELLYFIT** with Trina Aspinall at SSI Wellness Centre. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

**DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 p.m.

**RESTORATIVE YOGA** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**TECH TUTORING WITH JOHN** at the Salt Spring library on Saturdays on the hour from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. All topics, including Macs. Please sign up at the library for the appropriate date and time, complete with contact information and tutoring topic.

**TODDLERTIME** at the library for children under four and their families. 10:30 a.m.

**VINYASA YOGA** at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

**ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS** with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## SUNDAY

**SENIORS' QUIZ NIGHT** runs on the first and third Sundays of each month at SS Seniors Centre. 7 p.m.

**UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP** meets on the first three Mondays of every month at Salt Spring Seniors at 10:30 a.m. For weekly program, visit www.saltspringunitarians.com for info.

## EVERY SUNDAY

**DANCE TEMPLE SACRED SUNDAYS.** A family-friendly opportunity to dance. Lightly facilitated, conscious dance event. Core Inn third floor. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

**SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB** — All styles at 210 Cedar Lane. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

## MONDAY

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** on the last Monday of each month at SS Seniors. 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome. Confirm meeting date at 250-537-4448.

**SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome.

**TWO TWOONIE LUNCH** at Salt Spring Seniors on the second and fourth Monday of each month. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 250-537-4604 to reserve your spot in advance!

**ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS** with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## EVERY MONDAY

**BOOMERFIT SOUTH END FITNESS** changes to the outdoors for most workouts during the summer. 9 to 10 a.m. Email or phone for the location. trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com or 250-653-4656.

**ACTIVE LEARNING GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2:30 p.m.

**CHESS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastoreale@shaw.ca.

**EVERYBODY STRETCH** — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.

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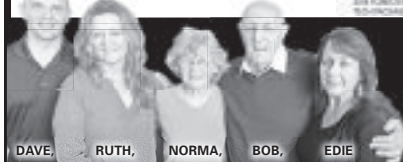


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A mandatory pre-tender site meeting will be held at the school bus turnaround, in front of the high school on Rainbow Road, at 10:30 am on June 9, 2016.

The works to be constructed under this contract are to be completed by September 30, 2016.

Specifications, Drawings, Contract Documents, and Tender Form may be seen at the office of the Capital Regional District, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC on or after June 2, 2016, or may be downloaded from [www.crd.bc.ca/business](http://www.crd.bc.ca/business).

For information and/or enquiries on this project, please contact Keith Wahlstrom, Manager of Engineering, CRD Salt Spring Island Electoral Area at 250-537-4448 or email [kwahlstrom@crd.bc.ca](mailto:kwahlstrom@crd.bc.ca).

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## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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### TIP OF THE WEEK

The New Moon in Gemini occurs on March 4th. It hosts an exciting alignment of planets including an exact triple conjunction of the Sun, Moon, and Venus. Furthermore, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Pluto and the Moon's Nodal axis are all in close aspect to this king, queen and princess alignment. Basically, this will activate a pivotal cycle for many.

A core feature of the themes indicated is linked to relationship fronts. Personal/romantic, social/cultural, and collective/economic activity will escalate. We can expect a lively and animated time complete with a noticeable increase in exciting new ideas and perspectives on the social airwaves.

In other respects, June will prove to be a go-ahead month for many people and in many ways. In some respects, relationships recently initiated will enter into their net effective stage. Yet, long-standing involvements may well end. Of course, life is all about beginnings and endings, but this month will likely manifest as more than usual of both.

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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** Attending to a variety of fronts should be keeping you busy now. Staying focused and clear on your priorities may be a challenge but is a must. You are determined to make some key moves that count in a practical way. Circumstances are directing you to be more fully awake and aware. Decipher if denial is messing with your plans.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)** As if suddenly you are busier than ever. Things were slow-moving not so long ago but over the past several weeks the pace has increased measurably. New interests are gaining your attention along with a growing list of responsibilities. All the while others in your life are making extra demands on your time as well. Keep breathing.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** The spring time rush is underway. Ironically for you, the planetary influences are directing you to slow down. This counter measure could work beautifully for you. The time is right to explore and investigate. It may prove wise however to double check the facts before you buy or sign. Deliberate as necessary.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)** A time of rest and retreat is upon you. You can still be productive, yet if you take on too much now you could feel moodier than usual and even experience burn-out. How can you recharge your batteries without falling behind on things? Sleep a little longer, indulge in a nap, read more and generally enjoy doing less for a while.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)** You are in a creative roll and it includes making new connections. These may be actual new friends and associations, but they could also be linked to increasing your access and exposure on the web. Either way, you are keen to broaden your horizons in order to realize dreams that have likely been brewing for some time.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)** Focusing to make some real power moves in your public and professional arenas, is a central theme now. This includes obtaining new knowledge, skills and tools. You are beginning to see a bigger picture. It may feel as though you are emerging from a fog that descended a few months ago, perhaps even longer. Trust the timing.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)** Fresh input, new realizations, and inspiring illuminations are guiding your focus now. As if you climbed to a higher point, you can now see what not so long ago was obscured. This is prompting you to do some investigative work as well, to get more facts. Balance social opportunities with rigorous studies, like an ace student.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)** Sometimes circumstances require us to shift in reverse. This may be one of those times. Recovering lost ground and/or opportunities is the high side of it. Yet, you may feel the need to make certain sacrifices for a greater good. Balance your ambitions with a deep and meaningful sense of contribution.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)** Relationship opportunities are coming to the fore for you now. Some of these could be purely social while others are business related. Regarding business and possible investments, it may prove extra important now that you exercise a constructively critical approach. Are the prospective returns worth your time and money?

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** Like scrolling through your cell phone contact list, many thoughts are going through your mind. In addition to the facts, your imagination has been ignited. The result is that many creative ideas are coming to the fore. This cycle will not last so be sure to take note now. Brainstorm now and take action later.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)** A creative, playful and fun cycle has begun. It may not be what you have time for all day, but hopefully, you can weave more play into your day. The focus could get more serious in a few weeks so fill your tanks now. Meanwhile, returns for past efforts are flowing in so be open to receive.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** Tending to things close to home continues. Getting your house in order will provide a foundation for success in every respect over the coming months, let alone days and weeks. The more fronts you can attend to, the better. Clean the corners, clear the clutter, give stuff away, establish an effective routine, and tend to your garden...

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**FUNDRAISING**

## Charity golf tourney aids special needs rec programs

Community groups need donations and participants

Time is running out to sign up for the 14th annual Choices golf tournament, set for Saturday afternoon, June 4, at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Novice and expert players are welcome to participate in the nine-hole Texas Scramble event. Tee-off is at noon. Club rentals are available, and tag-ons are welcome to join the fun.

Registration is \$35 for non-members and \$15 for members. Prizes will be awarded after the last team finishes, and a trophy will be given to the team with the lowest score.

The money raised will support recreational activities for adults with special needs who participate in the Choices program and Community Initiatives day programming.

Funding from last year's tournament paid for a music program, lunch on Friday, Christmas celebration, a movement class and gymnastics event.

"This year we are hoping to continue subsidizing our regular activities and to add extracurricular activities geared to our aging population," said Yolande Leger in a press release.

Leger said she hopes to include off-island bowling, a big-screen



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Clients and staff of Choices and Community Initiatives programs are ready for this Saturday's fundraising golf tournament at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

movie experience and a day trip to Chemainus to the list of activities for the coming year.

Donors can support the group by

donating merchandise or gift certificates for goods and services that can be used as prizes for the tournament.

Donors can also choose to sponsor a hole at the tournament. For donations of between \$50 and \$200, Leger said, sponsors will have their business logo posted alongside the holes at the golf course.

For more information or to offer suggestions, contact the Community Initiatives day programming office at the Core Inn building (134 McPhillips Ave., Monday through Friday) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., or call Leger at 250-537-1115.

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## Surprise silver glints in first races

Spirit Point Dragons season begins

BY DONNA COCHRAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spirit Point Dragons learned late on Saturday night that they had won silver at the Fairway Gorge Super Sprints in Victoria when the results were posted online.

There were 38 teams competing, 13 women's and 25 mixed, racing four 250-metre races in the beautiful gorge setting.

Earlier in the week, Dragons coach Mary Rowles had organized a special coaching day with Kamini Jain from Right Angle Performance. Jain is a former Canadian Olympic sprint kayaker who coaches a variety of paddling disciplines. She taught the team several new techniques to improve performance and the payoff was in evidence on Saturday.

In the first race, Spirit Point placed second (1:20.2) behind first-place Nanaimo Hornets RFC (1:05.2) and a fraction ahead of FGPC Maximus (1:20.3) and MS Warriors (1:22.9).

In the second race, Spirit Point placed fourth (1:22.2) behind first-place FGPC BC Transit Route 22 (1:14.7), MIMS & Friends (1:15) and Angels and Demons (1:20).

In the Mixed Jade semi-final, Spirit Point placed second (1:21) just behind FGPC Momentum (1:20.3) and third-place finisher FCRC Dragon Sea Men (1:31.4).

The total of the three race times placed us in the medal round for the Mixed Jade final. The

race was too close to call from the starter's horn to the exciting photo finish as Spirit Point Dragons battled it out with three other teams. The race results were not posted before we had to make the dash for the ferry, so we were unsure of our placement. Outta Sight took first (1:13.6), Spirit Point scored silver with (1:15.7), ahead of Angels and Demons (1:15.908) and FGPC Momentum (1:15.941). As the saying goes, "Second best has never been better!"

Paddlers for the races were Marit Christensen, Audrey Denton, Lesley Grott, Mary Lou Cuddy, Donna Cochran, Lorraine Ekelund, Wendy Eggertson, Carmelle Labelle, Chris Ortlepp, Ann Marie Davidson, Andrew Okulitch, Conner Ekelund, Robyn Huntley, Sabine Georgy and a return guest paddler, Heather Denton. Coach Rowles drummed and shouted above the roar of the dragons and Tom McKeachie skillfully steered through the changing tide and windy conditions.

We were short a few paddlers, so Island Breaststrokes from Victoria generously filled in the empty benches throughout the races. Our thanks go to Nicole St. Denis, Heather Basio, Elizabeth Ford, Noreen Kemp, Erica Ragan, Noella Bennett, Janet Bright and Charlene Tufford.

Our proud supporters, Nils and Sheila Christensen, were with us in spirit. The team extends a new season of thanks to our local sponsors: Country Grocer, Moby's Pub and Harbour's End Marine.

New team members are welcome. Contact Mary Rowles at onthewater181@gmail.com.



The Saltspring Island Sailing Club wants to thank the community, and especially our generous local sponsors and supporters, for making the 43rd annual Round Saltspring Race a success!

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## RUNNING

# Salt Spring runners triumph on streets and trails

Weekend abounds with outdoor events

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Runners of all ages took on the scenic trails in Ruckle Provincial Park on Sunday morning for an 11-kilometre run hosted by Run Saltspring.

Darren Tannas won the event with a time of 58:44. Karl Otto placed second with a time of 1:00:24 and Joel Reese finished in third place with a time of 1:03:01. Victoria's Alex Gillett, who

crossed the finish line in fourth place with a time of 1:12:38, was the fastest female competitor.

Sunday's race was Run Saltspring's third-annual trail run at the park. The event also featured a popular one-kilometre kids race before the main run.

"What a great day for a run in the woods and along some stunning coastline," said race organizer Gus Oliveira following the race. "Hope you all enjoyed it."

The group's next race is at Burgoyne Bay on Oct. 22, held in conjunction with the Vancouver Island Trail Running Series. The

event will feature an 8.5-kilometre short course and a 17-kilometre "gutbuster" route.

For more details, visit the Run Saltspring Facebook page or runsaltspring.com.

## Great times in Oak Bay

Keith Cloete finished in ninth place among runners in his M60-69 age category at the Oak Bay half-marathon on Sunday. He ran the 21-kilometre course in 2:00:43.

Competing in the Oak Bay 10-kilometre race, Julie Van Soeren placed second in her F60-69 age group with a race time of 57:20. Donna Cloete placed fourth in the F60-69 category with a time of 60:02.

"Great times and placings," said Salt Spring Sneakers spokesperson Lynn Thompson in his post-race report.

## Shawnigan triathlon

Salt Spring Island's Marcia Jansen was the top racer in her F45-49 race group and the

fourth-fastest woman overall in Sunday's Shawnigan Lake Triathlon.

Jansen completed the 1.5-kilometre swim, 44-kilometre bike ride and 10-kilometre run in the blistering time of 2:36:09.

Richard Hayden received a bronze medal in his F50-54 race category and finished 31st overall. He completed the course in 2:28:05.

"Amazing results," Thompson said. "You started where you left off last season. Things look great for the rest of the year."

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## MODEL YACHTING

# Championship sailors return to Ganges

Sailing club hosts Canadian IOM national competition

SEAN MCINTYRE  
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Two weeks after the annual Round Salt Spring Race, the island will host a sailing competition on a whole different scale.

And while they may be no match for the titans that circumnavigate the island on the Victoria Day long weekend, the state-of-the-art International One Metre sailing boats and their dedicated skippers will give islanders every bit as much high-seas drama.

The 2016 IOM Canadian National Championships blow into town for the second-consecutive year from June 3 to 5 at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. The event, which is sponsored in part by the West Coast Model Yacht Association, brings together some of the top model yachting enthusiasts from across Canada and the western United States.

"We have a full house plus one," said Lawrie Neish, chair of this year's regatta.

All eyes will be on past-winner Jess Atkinson and the San Francisco Bay area favourite George Pedrick. Regional favourites like Jerry Brower from Lake Stevens, Wash. and Hornby Island buccaneer Graham Herbert will also be in attendance.

Salt Spring's Martin Herbert, Roger Kibble and Mark Wallace also will join



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

A scene from last year's International One Metre Canadian National Championships at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. Competitors return to the docks this weekend.

the champion international crowd.

Neish said what happens when competition weekend rolls around is anyone's guess.

"We have six podiums, so there's lots of opportunity," he said.

The races always attract plenty of people of all ages who come out to admire the tiny sailboats as they navigate the choppy waters of Ganges Harbour. Because of the ships' diminutive size, it doesn't take much of a breeze to stir up some dramatic sailing.

Neish said Saturday, June 4 will be the optimum time for spectators.

"I keep hoping for a really good blast," he added.

The IOM sailing class is the most popular category in the world of radio-controlled yachting. Neish said the event has cultivated a worldwide following from its humble origins in 19th-century England.

For more information about the event or model yachting in general, contact Neish at wlneish@shaw.ca or visit www.wcmya.ca.

## DISC GOLF

# Pender Classic draws local disc golfing crew

Salt Spring players show up on podium

BY BEN CORNO  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Pender Island's spectacular Golf Island Disc Park played host to its annual Pender Classic last weekend, and Salt Spring disc golfers showed up to win.

Among the 20 locals who entered the tournament field of around 230 disc golfers, many came home with a top-five finish or better.

The weekend's big winners were Keith Barclay, who took first place in the Men's Professional division, and Tom Berry who took first in Men's Advanced. Ginny Murray placed third in Women's Pro, Dylan Carter finished fifth place in Men's Advanced, and Jamie Boraski placed fifth in Men's Amateur.

"The Pender Classic is always an amazing amount of fun, and I would advise any disc golfer to give the tournament a go. A lot of fun was had by all," said Josie

Lockey, president of the Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Society.

The Pender Classic, held at Pender Island's beautiful 27-hole public disc golf park, has become one of the best attended tournaments in Western Canada and a boon for the local economy in the late spring, this year drawing players from as far away as Ontario and Oregon.

"I will always play Pender's tournament if I'm here for that weekend. We would love to find a course half as amaz-

ing as theirs on Salt Spring," Lockey said.

Salt Spring will host its own tournament in August, as part of the Island Summer Series. The SSIDGS expects a good turnout, though nothing like the Pender Classic, which can attract more serious players with its longer average hole length and PDGA certified baskets.

If this last weekend's impressive showing is any indication, Salt Spring disc golfers are going to be tough to beat.

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