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BUSINESS

Channel Ridge deal in sight

Creditors to vote on fire-sale restructuring plan

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A spokesperson for the company acting as receiver for Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. confirmed Tuesday that a deal to sell the troubled real estate development is taking shape.

Mike Bell, vice-president of transaction advisory services with Ernst & Young's Vancouver office, said a proposal will be filed this week. A copy of the plan will be forwarded to eligible creditors, who will vote on the project's future later this month.

"[Ernst & Young] is still the receiver," Bell wrote in an email. "Should the sale complete, the insolvency proceedings will be terminated and the new owner will take over."

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FRAUD

Crafty scam targets island artists

Online offers arouse suspicion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Vesuvius Bay resident Gabrielle Jensen wants to spread awareness about a suspicious online art buyer who has tried to steal money from at least five island artists in recent weeks.

The swindle began in early August, when a



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

BACK TO IT: GISS students put on the iconic Breakfast Club movie pose for the first day of a new school year on Tuesday. From left are Eugenie Gary, Jessie Adelson, Carlie Aston, Emma Thomas and Camille Courtot, with Hannah Lawson in front.

person who identified themselves as Grace Vine from Charleston, S.C. told Jensen by email they were struck by the beauty of a painting created by her late father LeRoy. The buyer, who had seen an image of the piece online, asked about the price and offered to send a cheque by mail.

Though such inquiries aren't unusual, Jensen said, the email's halting language and poor grammar arose her suspicion. Furthermore, the

potential buyer hadn't asked about seemingly important details such as framing or the picture's dimensions.

Suspicion shifted to alarm when Jensen received a cheque made out for double the painting's value two weeks later. In a subsequent email, the mysterious buyer gave Jensen follow-up instructions.

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SATURDAY MARKET

Market group tackles friction

Limits to farmer area among recommendations

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saturday market vendors campaigning to revise current guidelines gained some ground last week when the Market Advisory Group agreed to recommend several changes to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

The advisory group will ask PARC to place a cap on space allotted to farmers in Gasoline Alley and to tighten the rules on vendor partnerships and how they are enforced. Following a virtual tidal wave of requests, MAG will also recommend reinstating a policy on absentee points that allows non-permanent vendors to miss up to four market days per season and still build seniority points.

"The old system, in my opinion, was a little inefficient but it still worked. And the new system doesn't really work," vendor Brian Paterson observed during a delegation to the capacity crowd at the meeting.

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ISLANDS TRUST

LTC moves forward on watershed protection bylaw

Environmental farming practices to be encouraged

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee is moving ahead with a regulatory approach to

agriculture in watersheds, giving first reading to a draft bylaw during their Sept. 1 business meeting.

The LTC first considered draft Bylaw 487 in December 2015 and then referred it to various agencies for comment, including Islands Trust bylaw enforcement, the provincial Agricultural Land Commission and Island Health. The

bylaw seeks to prohibit intensive agriculture in Rural Watershed zones and introduce setbacks between regular agriculture and certain water courses.

Following comments from the concerned bodies and a review of island watershed protection plans and other documents, Trust planning staff recommended voluntary stewardship rather than a regulatory approach, but trustees decided against the advice.

"I have to say as much as I love my fellow islanders and have complete and total faith in everybody on this island, voluntary stewardship, I think, doesn't necessarily work," said trustee Peter Grove. "Here we are serious about protecting drinking water, and I think we need rules in place to do that to the best of our ability."

Trustee George Grams said he felt staff's suggestion to encourage ecologically-friendly farming practices was absolutely the right direction.

"But I also agree with Peter that encouragement should be provided through legislation rather than seeking it through a voluntary basis," Grams said.

Support for regulating agriculture in watersheds has come from the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society. The group has proposed a framework for crafting a bylaw and suggested a working group should be formed that includes water experts and members of the farming community.

The LTC considered whether such a working group was needed at Thursday's meeting and decided to go with the regular public process that takes place in order to pass new bylaws and amendments to the Official Community Plan. This includes holding an information meeting and public hearing.

Wayne Hewitt of the Cusheon Watershed Stewardship Committee and SSWPS president Maxine Leichter thanked the LTC for their movement on the bylaw during the meeting's town hall session. Leichter reiterated that her group has a recommended approach which includes forming a working group.

If the bylaw is enacted, existing farming practices would be protected to their current extent under the Local Government Act. The regulation will not apply to properties located within the Agricultural Land Reserve.



Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee would like to invite you to attend a public hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2016 at the Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 492.

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

Prior to the Public Hearing, Planner Seth Wright will be available at the Hart Bradley Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to provide information about the bylaw and to answer any questions.

WHAT IS THE BYLAW ABOUT?

The purpose of the bylaw is to update technical issues within the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355. The proposed amendments would make the land use bylaw easier to interpret; correct identified errors; and ensure proper reference to current legislation.

Proposed Bylaw No. 492 is cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 4, 2016" and concerns that portion of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area that lies within Electoral Area "F" of the Capital Regional District.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the proposed bylaw and relevant background documents may be inspected at the Islands Trust Salt Spring Office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island between September 7th and September 23rd, 2016.

A copy of Proposed Bylaw No. 492 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) under "Islands" → "Local Trust Areas" → "Salt Spring" → "Bylaws" → "Bylaw 355" under "Bylaw Amendments".

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner Seth Wright at 250-537-9144. For toll free access, request a transfer via Service BC: in Vancouver 604-660-2421, in Victoria 250-387-6121, and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

HOW DO I PROVIDE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION?

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Written submissions received in response to this notice will be available for public review.

NO WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Claire Olivier
Deputy Secretary

Points system change wanted

MARKET

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Two other vendor delegations also focused on absentee points. A letter submitted to PARC by Amy Sandidge, which included signatures from 101 vendors, listed seven issues in total, including the problems caused by policy changes made in 2014.

Aaron Hailman, reading a submission on behalf of his wife Elizabeth Smith, explained the change on absentee points made it impossible for day vendors and "new" seasonal vendors to miss a single Saturday if they couldn't afford to hire a staff person to run their stall. That in turn has led to no new spaces opening up due to a seniority point stalemate.

"The real danger is that day vendors with interesting new products will simply leave the market. New work and new products are what keeps the market alive," Smith wrote.

A staff report by parks manager Dan Ovington noted that over-capacity subscription to available market space has caused some people to attempt an end-run by "stretching the interpreta-

tion of the rules to gain entry." Three key issues that staff have recognized are priority placement for farmers, how farmers are defined and vendor partnerships.

Advisory group members debated whether to put a cap on farmer spaces or find another way to level the playing field for vendors before settling on the square footage recommendation. Market coordinator Rob Pingle said the proposed maximum of 25 10-by-10-foot stalls or the equivalent square footage will more than accommodate the 27 farmer vendors currently registered. The negative impact will be on future farmers wishing to participate.

"There's always been a limit to the farmers — they've never come close to getting there," Pingle added, referring to the entire Gasoline Alley section. "There's only been significant growth this year, which has raised the ire of the other vendors."

MAG member and market vendor Alvaro Sanchez said changes were made to market guidelines in 1993 to encourage farmers' participation when there weren't very many of them. With the recent surge in interest and the Tuesday

Farmers' Market option, he said the need is perhaps no longer there.

The group also spent time discussing the definition of farmer, which was crafted to allow vendors with local value-added products, such as cheese and lavender, to participate. Farmers must have 90 per cent uncultivated food products, produce or flowers on land they own or lease, or 90 per cent value-added products whose contents are at least 50 per cent by volume grown on land they own or lease.

"The addition of food carts and other value-added products has moved away from the original intent of the Market in the Park guidelines," Ovington said in his staff report.

Complaints have been made that some additional vendors who've been given priority placement in Gasoline Alley along with other farmers, have displaced craft vendors who have been in the market for many years.

While staff proposed adding provincial definitions of agriculture to the guideline, MAG members voted to send the matter back for more work as that definition would be too limiting.



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ENVIRONMENT

Cedar tree die-off could be climate change 'canary'

Tipping point for south island region may be reached, says expert

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Just as the government of British Columbia unveiled less-than-robust strategies for tackling climate change last month, evidence around the Gulf Islands and south-eastern region of Vancouver Island was suggesting an unimaginable transformation is already at our doorstep.

Noticeably high numbers of dead western red cedars in the dry coastal zone are showing up on a scale that scientists haven't seen before. While tree deaths may be directly linked to last year's drought, the present situation for the moisture-loving cedars could also be evidence that climate change is not only occurring, but has passed the point of no return for some key species.

Richard Hebda, who is the curator of botany and earth history at the Royal BC Museum in Victoria, has mapped the probable effects of climate change on local species and predicted the ultimate disappearance of cedars in the region as early as 2020. The model includes several different horizons and scenarios according to the rate of climate change, based on existing data and projections.

"I started looking at this in 1992, using a timeframe of 50 to 100 years," Hebda said during a recent interview with the Driftwood.

"Exactly what we thought they might



PHOTO BY GAIL SUIBERG

Dying cedar trees recently photographed on Porlier Pass Road on Galiano Island.

do, the trees are doing, but they're doing it more quickly than we expected them to do it."

If the local ecosystem of south-eastern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands is the coal mine, than the cedar

is the canary whose death can reveal unseen dangers. Hebda said cedar trees declined in the late 1990s but then started to recover. But with last year's drought and another short intense dry period last month, the stress may be too great for younger and poorly situated trees.

Normally cedars show their stress by dropping their tops and upper branches, but the rest of the tree continues to grow. Having entire trees die, and in such great numbers, is something Hebda hasn't witnessed before. Even trees in wetter zones like the Fraser Valley north of Hope are showing high stress.

"It could be we've crossed the threshold. We're outside what they're tolerant to," Hebda said. "Maybe for cedar trees we've crossed a cut-off in our region."

The difference between weather and climate is a measure of time. Weather conditions occur over a short period of time, while climate describes how the atmosphere behaves over relatively long periods. Long-term trends of increasingly drier and warmer summer therefore show not just interesting or abnormal weather but the shift in overall climate conditions.

"If this is the new kind of summer we're going to be experiencing, then there's a bunch of cedar trees growing that have been established in the old climate that won't have well-established root systems and we'll see mass die-off," Hebda said.

On the global scale, July 2016 was the hottest month ever recorded in the hottest year ever recorded.

The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Tar-

gets Act set B.C.'s GHG emissions to be reduced by at least 33 per cent below 2007 levels by 2020, and at least 80 per cent below 2007 levels by 2050. Because emissions have increased at such a high rate and provincial policies have plateaued since 2012, the 2020 target will likely not be met. The 2050 target can possibly still be met with "ambitious actions," according to the government's Climate Leadership Team.

Hebda said the conservation of forests, especially older trees, is one way to safeguard against climbing emissions. Forest ecosystems both contain and capture a lot of carbon, while transforming live trees releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

"By converting forests you reduce their capacity for capturing CO2 and you increase the rate of releasing, so it's a double whammy," Hebda observed, adding B.C.'s forests are some of the carbon-richest in the world.

"The best practice is simply to let the forest be . . . There are things you can do about it. If you're a land-use planner on Salt Spring Island, you should not be approving the removal of trees," Hebda said.

Even the owners of small acreages can make a difference, he said.

"It's tree by tree," he said. "It does not stop the emission of CO2 from our daily lives, but every tree matters. When you [take a tree down] you really have to ask 'Do I need to do this?'"

"Everybody needs to be stewards of their own trees and not expect the government will do it. The responsibilities are our own," Hebda said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Roadwork at Crofton ferry terminal

Ferry passengers traveling between Salt Spring and Crofton are advised of municipal road work at the intersection of Queen Street and Joan Avenue in Crofton, with an expected impact on ferry traffic beginning Friday, Sept. 9.

The roadwork is part of

a community revitalization project by the District of North Cowichan and will result in a closure of the intersection that provides access to the public parking lot for the Crofton marina, museum and seniors centre adjacent to the Crofton ferry terminal.

To allow continued vehicle access to the public parking lot, BC Ferries will be allowing temporary access through the terminal's vehicle hold-

ing lanes. This temporary rerouting will cause a reduction in holding lane capacity, resulting in increased traffic staging on Chaplin Street.

Customers who utilize the public parking lot are encouraged to arrive at the terminal earlier than normal and be prepared for possible delays exiting the lot during vessel loading and discharge.

Drivers and customers are asked to follow the direction of staff and traffic control

contractors during temporary traffic rerouting through the terminal.

Sidney hosts Trust Council

Islands Trust Council will hold its quarterly meeting at the Sidney Pier Hotel from Sept. 13 to 15.

Activities will include a "visioning session," where trustees representing each of the 13 local Trust

areas will work together to identify areas of mutual concern and find ways to "embrace individual island diversity." This session is a precursor to a broader public visioning exercise that will be held later this year.

Trustees will discuss issues of common interest with representatives from San Juan County and participate in a special housing session to tackle

resources, opportunities and land-use tools to promote affordable housing and consider "innovative ownership options."

A delegation and town hall session is on Wednesday, Sept. 14 between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

A complete list of items on the agenda and detailed schedule are available by following the Trust Council tab at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.



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Water supply case before Supreme Court in Kelowna

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According to a version of the proposal submitted to the Supreme Court of British Columbia last month,

Vancouver-based Onni Group will become the sole shareholder of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. for \$100,000.

"The Onni Group is a large development company with a proven

track record of delivering large-scale property developments," reads an Aug. 22 report by Ernst & Young. "The Onni Group has the skill set and financial wherewithal to restore confidence and provide much-needed

stability to the Channel Ridge development."

The north end property covers nearly 1,000 acres. Before entering into receivership in 2013, Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. envisioned a

multi-zoned village on the site. The original plan called for more than 300 housing units, up to 75,000 square feet of commercial space and nearly 9,000 square feet of community amenities.

Work on the plan stalled after the land was cleared, minor infrastructure was installed and a show suite was constructed. The land and improvements have an assessed value of \$7.6 million, though the company owes 17 creditors more than \$56 million.

"We still hold out hope that the other defendants will reach an agreement with the companies suing us, and the case against us will be dropped."

SALT SPRING WATER PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Included among these is secured creditor Paradigm Mortgage Investment Corporation, which is owed nearly \$12 million. Should the Channel Ridge restructuring agreement proceed, an Onni Group affiliate will acquire the lender's share of the debt for \$5.65 million.

"The [proposal], which is supported by Paradigm, who will suffer a material loss on its secured mortgage, provides Paradigm with a conclusion to their involvement with these lengthy insolvency proceedings."

Other affected creditors will receive a portion of the \$100,000 as outlined by terms of a formula in the proposal.

An offer to buy the land for \$6.7 million in 2014 by Kelowna's Viewpoint Enterprises fell through following concerns about the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's ability to supply water to the project. Paradigm Mortgage and Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. subsequently sued the NSSWD. Salt Spring Water Preservation Society and Islands Trust based on uncertainty over water supply.

The case, which is being heard in Kelowna, is still in its preliminary stages. Earlier this summer a judge ordered Paradigm to provide a cash deposit to cover court costs in case the company loses its case.

"The next step will be up to the Paradigm Mortgage Company and Channel Ridge Properties, who brought the lawsuit," reads part of an update published in the SSI-WPS's August newsletter. "We still hold out hope that the other defendants will reach an agreement with the companies suing us, and the case against us will be dropped."

"But so far, there is no sign of that happening."

According to the company's website, the Onni Group is among North America's largest real estate developers with offices in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Nobody from the company was available to comment on the proposal.

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EDUCATION

New curriculum in store for students

District officials welcome new era

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As students head back to class at the launch of another school year, district administrators are excited to roll out an updated curriculum for kids in kindergarten to Grade 9.

"The world around us is changing, and educators need to respond," said Lisa Halstead, superintendent of the Gulf Islands School District. "One of the big changes is the students' ownership of their learning."

Besides new courses designed to give students more exposure to computer programming and First Nations history, Halstead explained, the new curriculum is intended to help students become better communicators, collaborators and critical thinkers.

"The focus is on concepts," reads a statement released Tuesday by the Ministry of Education. "Students will understand and work with the big ideas, rather than simply memorizing the facts."

Though critics like BC NDP leader John Horgan and others have slammed the provincial government's lack of funding to adequately implement the new curriculum, Halstead said she feels the local district's early adoption of the changes has set it on the right course.

"The new curriculum is no longer in draft form and we're very excited," she said.

A major difference students and parents will notice is the shift to self-assessment, where students will be asked to reflect on their work and what they've learned with teachers. Although regular report cards will be distributed this



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

A student steps onto the first of a line of school buses picking up GISS students after the start of the school year on Tuesday.

school year, the Ministry of Education continues to review the system with a hope to provide more frequent updates about student learning.

According to the ministry, provincial exams in core competencies like math and English will continue, though science and social studies courses will be assessed at the class level instead of with school-wide exams.

May McKenzie, chair of the Gulf Islands School District, said students, staff and parents have discussed the new curriculum well ahead of implementation.

"We are well ahead of the curve with this," she said. "We're feeling good and we're feeling positive."

She said trustees intend to continue working with students, staff and parents

to address any questions that arise about the new curriculum.

This school year marks the second year of a three-year plan to implement the province-wide curriculum change. Part of the new curriculum for grades 10 to 12 will be available for teachers to use at their discretion and comment upon during the 2016-17 school year.

McKenzie said initial observations and anecdotal reports indicate a jump in the number of young families that have moved to the Gulf Islands, but the school district won't have an official enrolment count until the end of September.

"It sounds like we've got a lot of kids, but we won't know how many until we count the number of bums in seats later this month," she said.

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Vine explained how her preoccupied and misinformed husband had made a terrible mistake and sent the cheque for the wrong amount. She apologized for the confusion and asked that Jensen go ahead and cash the cheque, making sure to forward the difference to Vine's address.

"I was already leery, so I just called the police," Jensen said.

The ruse she experienced is commonly known among fraud watchers as the overpayment scam. The con aims to fleece unsuspecting online vendors, many of whom are undoubtedly enthused by the prospect of a lucrative international sale, by offering them an amount well over the agreed-upon price.

According to the Little Black Book of Scams, published by the Competition Bureau, scammers hope victims will transfer the refund before the cheque or money order is discovered to be a fake.

"You will lose the transferred

money as well as the item if you have already sent it," reads an excerpt from the Little Black Book of Scams.

A photocopy of the suspicious payment revealed previously undetectable markings that confirmed Jensen was holding a void cheque. She hasn't received any further correspondence from the scammer.

"I was already leery, so I just called the police."

GABRIELLE JENSEN
Salt Spring artist and framing business owner

Jensen said she's heard of another artist on the island who received a similar email request. She's chosen to speak out to prevent anyone from falling prey to the trick.

"It's going on here, and I thought the community should know," she said.

Following reports that at least four more people on Salt Spring have been targeted by the scam, the local RCMP detachment has opened a file on the matter.

Anyone who suspects they may be an email or telephone scam target is advised to call the Salt Spring

RCMP at 250-537-5555.

More information is available from the Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or by visiting the agency's website at www.anti-fraudcentre.ca. The Little Black Book of Scams can be accessed through www.competitionbureau.gc.ca.

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109 East Point Road

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OPINION



2016 CCNA Awards
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Gold - Special Section (Best of Salt Spring Island) | Silver - Community Newspaper Magazine (Gulf Islander)
Bronze - Local Cartoon (Dennis Parker)
2016 BCYCNA Awards
Silver - Environmental Initiative (Elizabeth Nolan) | Bronze - General Excellence



EDITORIAL

Proud people

The societal shift that's heralded the current era of LGBTQ openness is no less significant than the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s.

As in the battle for racial equality, however, the campaign to educate, enlighten and eliminate bigotry is never done.

Hundreds will line the streets of Ganges on Saturday for an annual celebration of the island's LGBTQ community, but the costumes and the music stand for so much more.

The march and parade is an opportunity to share our pride in a community that nurtures and defends diversity in all of its shapes, sizes and colours. It's a chance to assess how far we've come and chart the challenges ahead. It's a doorway for each of us to consider how to embody the ideals of fairness and open-mindedness

that are sometimes easier said than done.

It wasn't until 1969 that same-sex sexual acts were no longer officially punishable under Canadian law. It would take nearly 25 more years before gays and lesbians could openly serve in the Canadian military.

THE ISSUE:

Salt Spring Pride

WE SAY:

More work to be done

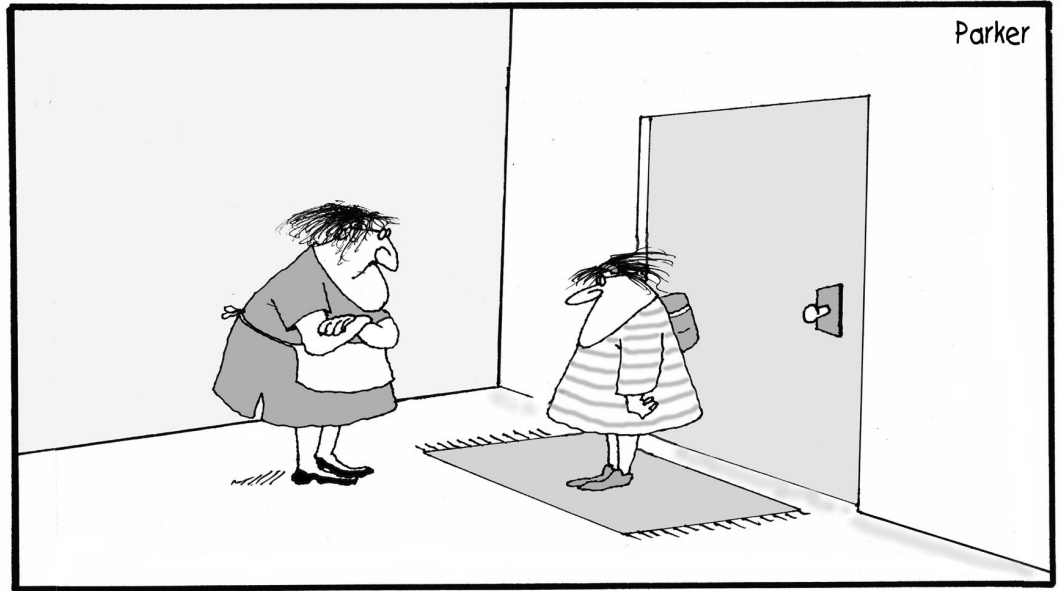
Though Canada was among the first wave of nations to legalize same-sex marriages, it wasn't until 2005 that same-sex relationships were officially recognized by the Civil Marriage Act.

The U.S. Supreme Court only ruled that a ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional in 2015, the same year voters in Ireland chose to legalize same-sex unions.

Despite these major victories, the fight for equality, justice and respect lags far behind in much of the world.

A report undertaken by the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association earlier this summer found that LGBTQ relationships are still illegal in 74 countries. In 13 of these countries, being gay is punishable by death. Seventeen countries, including Russia, Lithuania and Egypt, prohibit "propaganda" intended to promote LGBTQ communities and identities.

Here at home, we've come a long way, but the campaign to open minds and combat discrimination continues. The annual Pride parade is borne from the ongoing need to march for justice and denounce intolerance. On Saturday, let's march together for our families, our friends and our shared future.



IT'S ONLY YOUR FIRST DAY. GIVE IT ANOTHER 12 YEARS.

VIEWPOINT by Shelley Nitikman + Michael Friedman

Background crucial to BDS story

In response to Jan Slakov's Aug. 24 "Greens should be applauded for controversy" piece about the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions motion, Ms. Slakov quoted from Article 49 of the Geneva Convention.

That article refers to the prohibition of an occupying power from transferring parts of its own civilian population to territory it occupies. The problem is there is a multiplicity of articles 49 under many sections. For example, the fourth Geneva Convention, 1949, speaks to "Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War." It appears that Jan didn't read that one.

Part 111, Status and Treatment of Protect Persons, S.111, Article 49, uses the phrase "deport or transfer" and it deals with the "forcible" action that is sanctioned. The section was a response to the deportation of Jews as prisoners in boxcars to concentration camps during the Second World War.

No Jews were deported or transferred into Judea and Samaria by the government of Israel. Rather, they used their own vehicles or hired moving vans and travelled voluntarily into territory that had been ethnically cleansed of Jews by Arabs in 1948 but repossessed by Israel in 1967.

Jan cites "illegal Israeli settlement expansion in the occupied Palestinian territory." The settlements, however, are not illegal. There is no adjudication of Israeli illegality by a court of competent jurisdiction. Pronouncements of UN agencies or of national departments of state get confused with law. Neither UN agencies nor national departments of state have authority to legislate or adjudicate. In 2004 the International Court of Justice issued an "advisory opinion," but an advisory opinion is not law and doesn't form legal precedent.

Nor is there any area that may legally be termed "Palestinian territory." The whole point of negotiations mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 242, in 1967, was to determine the status of the territories. The reason "Palestinians" are not referenced in the resolution is because they did not exist at the time. The Oslo Accords

gave Palestinians an opportunity beginning in 1993 to negotiate for territory but not a right to it. Over time, it became clear that the Palestinian goal was not a state of their own but rather the complete eradication of the Jewish state.

It's important to understand that Israel's occupation of Judea and Samaria is lawful as a consequence of defending against military aggression by unlawful occupiers Egypt and Jordan. What is currently unlawful is resistance to IDF authority in the territories. Jan should have read further into the convention at least as far as Articles 64 to 78. These are known as "security exceptions" which permit measures justifiable on the basis of security such as check points, preventive detention, barriers, blowing up houses, incarceration and capital punishment. These measures may be challenged through the courts — and Palestinians have done so many times successfully — but any action outside of judicial process is criminal.

Jan is onside with Palestinian criminality, it seems. That is the only logic available for her or the Green party to explain support for BDS. Palestinians' civil rights are limited by international law since territorial Palestinians are a hostile population under lawful occupation.

And let's be clear about BDS. Its goal is not to boycott Israeli goods and services, which is impossible unless one is willing to abandon most electronic technology and significant innovations in medicine, agriculture, solar energy, water recycling and, by the way, Victoria's Secret lingerie. The elastic content is an Israeli patent.

So what is it that makes BDS anti-Jewish? It was initiated by Omar Barghouti — a Qatari who moved to Israel as an adult to study philosophy at Tel Aviv University — with the intention to delegitimize the Jewish state.

Shelley Nitikman is a retired member of the B.C. Supreme Court judiciary, Michael Friedman is a former Salt Spring resident and contract researcher with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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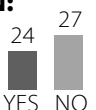
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Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "As much as I love my fellow islanders and have complete and total faith in everybody on this island, voluntary stewardship . . . doesn't necessarily work." PETER GROVE, SSI TRUSTEE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are you most looking forward to in the new school year?



JAIDYN BYRON
Having fun.



SAFIYA CARROLL-LABELLE
It's my last year, and it's nice to have the structure back in place to get the learning done.



LINA LOSIER
A chance to help with leadership, promote a positive school environment and just enjoy everything the school has to offer.



OLIVIA DESHARNAIS
I'm looking forward to seeing the new curriculum changes.



LILLY CAMPBELL
Getting back into sports, especially volleyball, soccer and baseball.

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

Celebrate transgender rights

As of July 25 of this year, transgender people are now protected from discrimination under the law in our province.

The upcoming Pride parade of Salt Spring Island will celebrate this achievement in the presence of NDP MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert, who is responsible for having the rights of transgender people included in the B.C. Human Rights code. He represents Vancouver-West End in the legislature and he will walk in our fabulous Pride parade with our own MLA Gary Holman.

Do come out and join us in the celebration on Sept. 10. **FRANCES HAVELAAR,** SALT SPRING

Great song

Regarding "The Best School Song" in the Driftwood's Best of Salt Spring Island publication that came out in August: accolades must go to Salt Spring Elementary School music teacher Whitney Walker!

What a great song! Instilling into young people those positive values confers benefits far beyond the school years. It helps to shape lives. **HAROLD PAGE,** SALT SPRING

Just slow down

Kudos to Brian and Mary of Laughing Apple Farm for helping to slow down traffic on Beddis Road.

I was born on the farm with "the barn" on Beddis Road, and the speed at which people travel around my corner is insane!

There was even an instance where a car shot right past my front door and out the end of the driveway because they couldn't make the corner. We've had crashes, near misses, endless brake screeching and dog casualties.

Many thanks to those of you who observe our working farm signs. You others, just slow down! **LINDA KOROSCIL,** BEDDIS ROAD

Horsefeathers

The Green party boycotts Israel, which recycles 80 per cent of its water, has a solar panel on every roof and has made the desert bloom, and ignores major polluters like China and India.

The United Church of Canada boycotts Israel, which is the only country in the Middle East where

Christians are protected, prosperous in number, and ignores countries like Iraq, Syria and Egypt where Christians have been subject to persecution, massacre and expulsion.

Unions boycott Israel, which probably has the most powerful labour union in the world, the mighty Histadrut, which can shut down the whole country in a heartbeat and has been known to do it, and ignore countries like Bangladesh where workers have horrible conditions and few rights.

Left-wing groups boycott Israel, which has a better social safety net and health service than Canada, and ignore all those countries with a sink or swim approach to the underprivileged.

The U.N. Human Rights

Commission regularly targets Israel, which has equal rights for women, gays and religious and ethnic minorities, and ignores Saudi Arabia, which has none of the above.

And people try to tell me that this is not anti-Semitism. Horsefeathers!

And, yes, Jews can be anti-Semitic too, a phenomenon that always reminds me of the fellow who is busy chopping away at the branch he is standing on.

P.N. SPIERS, SALT SPRING

Honesty appreciated

I was on Salt Spring Island on Tuesday, Aug. 30 helping a friend on his property. We headed to the ferry and forgot something at his property.

We got out of the truck at the ferry line before heading back and I had dropped my wallet on the road. We made it back into the lineup and asked around if anyone had seen my wallet on the ground.

A Mrs. Valcourt had found it and she also phoned her husband, who left a message on our home phone answering machine saying they had found it, leaving their home number so we could get hold of them. I recovered my wallet from Mrs. Valcourt.

I so appreciate the honesty and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Michel Valcourt. It is nice to know that there are still people like them in this world.

Thank you so very much. **IAN BRAND,** LADYSMITH

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Greens must set the record straight on BDS

BY BOB MOFFATT

I was dismayed to read Jan Slakov's impassioned defence of the Green Party of Canada in the Aug. 24 edition of the Driftwood ("Greens should be applauded for controversy").

There's no reason to congratulate the Green party for debating and passing the odious resolution supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. The decision to condemn Israel is discriminatory, hypocritical and remarkably narrow-minded.

Indeed, you'd think the Greens would applaud Israel for its innovative, world-renowned environmental and sustainability practices. The issue is a good example of the failure of leadership and how an ill-conceived idea can undermine a party, including its leader.

The Parliament of Canada condemned the BDS movement by a decisive (229-51) vote last February. For some reason, Elizabeth May did not vote. It's alarming the Greens ignored the overwhelming national consensus and instead voted to support BDS at the convention.

It's also disconcerting the party chose just one country as the target for its outrage. Israel is the only nation out of 16

Middle Eastern countries that received Freedom House's highest rating this year for freedom. It's also the only state in the area any fair-minded person would refer to as a functional democracy.

There is no shortage of countries in the Middle East or elsewhere in the world that could be sanctioned for undemocratic practices, human rights violations or worse. The Green party's failure to include these in the debate is a mistake.

The BDS movement relies on threats and intimidation to achieve its ends, tactics the Green party apparently approves. However, the Green resolution goes further and is tantamount to a ban on virtually everything Israel and its people stand for. It is so poorly framed it could affect any cultural, economic, educational or trade-related activity.

And then there is the provocative decree tacked on at the end of the party's resolution that says, "Be it further resolved that the GPC opposes all efforts to prohibit, punish or otherwise deter expressions of support for BDS."

It's designed to legitimize measures to oppose dissent, criticism or questions related to the BDS movement. What this

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means in practice is anybody's guess, but it is unlikely to be a congenial picture of polite restraint.

It's a dangerous policy and will lead to further confrontation, including the real possibility of violence.

Paul McCartney received death threats from extremists when he agreed to perform in Tel Aviv to celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary. Surely the Green Party of Canada does not want to align itself with radicals, militants or other extreme elements who wish to see Israel destroyed.

Although May decided not to resign, many people disagree with her decision (including nearly 50 per cent of Driftwood readers responding to a recent poll). In spite of the melodrama, there was little chance she would step down. She built the party and it's her political home.

However, May now has an opportunity to restore the party's credibility (and her role as party leader) by removing the resolution swiftly and unequivocally from the record. May has been forthright about her personal opposition to it, but it's important she condemns the BDS movement on behalf of the party. Until the resolution

is rescinded, her leadership authority is seriously compromised.

President Obama left no doubt about the U.S. position last February when he said, "I have directed my administration to strongly oppose boycotts, divestment campaigns and sanctions targeting the State of Israel. As long as I am president, we will continue to do so." May and the Green party owe our country the same principled leadership and resolute statement.

The inflammatory resolution is on the public record and still appears on the party's website. The controversy will not fade away and May doesn't have the luxury of waiting another year to fix it.

It's baffling to learn that Slakov and other members weren't sure if they voted for the resolution or not. The party must organize another vote soon to set the record straight. The credibility and future of the Green Party of Canada and its leader depends on it.

The writer has an MA and is a former CEO of a large, national not-for-profit organization. He was involved in several policy issues at the federal level, including the ban on South Africa.



ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

- Proposed Bylaw No. 233 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 15, 2011.”; and
- Proposed Bylaw No. 234 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 4, 2011”

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 pm, Monday, September 19, 2016, at the Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC.**

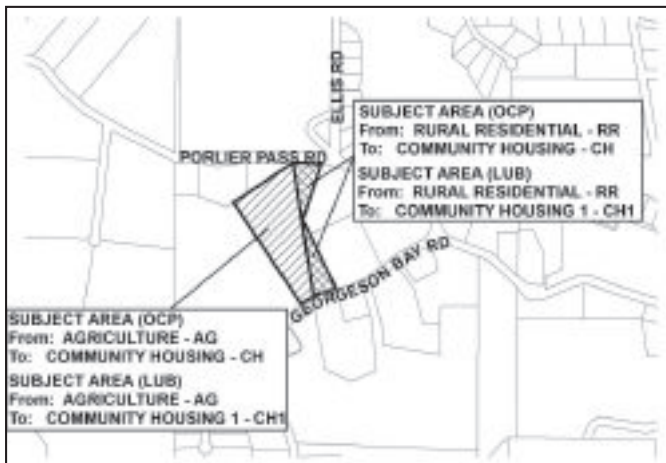
At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Proposed Bylaw No. 233 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 15, 2011.”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 233 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Schedule B (Land Use Designations) in order to re-designate the lands legally described as Lot 1, District Lot 3, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP29196, to Community Housing (CH) as depicted in the map below.

Proposed Bylaw No. 234 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 4, 2011”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 234 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Schedule B (Zoning Map) in order to rezone the lands legally described as Lot 1, District Lot 3, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, Plan 29196, to Community Housing 1 (CH1) as depicted in the map below and to permit the development of up to 20 affordable housing units within a bare land strata subdivision.



A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing September 7, 2016 and up to and including September 16, 2016. Background information may also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/current-applications.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing **September 7, 2016**. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/bylaws/

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 prior to **4:30 p.m., September 16, 2016**
2. By email to vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca.
3. After **4:30 p.m., September 16, 2016**, to the Local Trust Committee at the Community Information Meeting & Public Hearing at **12:30 pm, September 19, 2016**.

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

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, **Robert Kojima**, Regional Planning Manager, at (250) 405-5159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver (604) 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary



PHOTO BY KYLIE HEBB

GOT IT!: Theresa Lange scoops rings off the pylons as her father Joe Lange does the driving during the bike games portion of the Salt Spring Toy Run at the Farmers' Institute on Aug. 27. The event that was initiated by Lil Irwin in 1996 once again saw a large turnout of local and visiting motorcycle enthusiasts and other community members to the fundraiser for Santa's Workshop, which is part of the Christmas hamper program of Salt Spring Community Services.

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More than signs needed

In last week's Viewpoint article, Beddis Road resident Kirsty Barclay referred to the multiple “slow down” signs on Cusheon Lake Road as being effective.

Fellow residents and I wish that was the case.

While we appreciate the drivers who find the signage to be helpful reminders to drive slowly, we do not find that the signs have made an appreciable difference.

We simply have both too many speeding drivers and too many vehicles on the road.

DEBORAH NOSTDAL,
CUSHEON LAKE

Support public education

This week marks the beginning of another hopeful school year, and I wish the best for the students, parents and all those working in the education system. We all appreciate that B.C. has good education outcomes, despite sometimes difficult circumstances. But it can and should be better.

The court appeal regarding class size and composition will be heard soon and may force the provincial government to finally live up to its contractual agreements with teachers and obligations to students. But legal proceedings aside, we must place a higher value on education, one of the best investments society can make to prepare our kids for and support a rapidly evolving economy.

Money isn't everything, but it's not irrelevant either. Education spending as a proportion of our economic output has declined significantly in B.C., and our spending per student is among the lowest in Canada. We have the fiscal capacity, but the provincial government has other priorities, for example, cutting taxes in the 2015 budget for the top two per cent of income earners by \$230 million per year.

Public education is also a key factor in addressing inequality in our society, but many parents and teachers are spending hundreds of dollars a year on school supplies, computers, materials for art and music classes, and more. This user-pay approach contradicts a fundamental premise of public education: that it should be accessible and provide opportunity for all, regardless of income or (dis)ability.

Teachers have historically been advocates for more education funding. When I visited

teachers on the picket lines throughout the constituency last year, they made it clear their primary concern is lack of classroom support for all children.

When I worked with parents to help convince the Minister of Education that Bayside Middle School's leaking roof needed replacing, it reaffirmed for me the political power of parents if they choose to exercise it. But ultimately, the social contract upon which public education depends will only last if we all step up to the plate as advocates.

GARY HOLMAN,
MLA, SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS

Tasty apples wanted

Do you have the best tasting apple on Salt Spring Island? Put it to the test at the Salt Spring Fall Fair on Sept. 17 and 18 in the Best Tasting Apple on Salt Spring Island competition, AKA the People's Choice Award for Apples.

I challenge everyone to enter their best tasting apple into the fall fair and let 80 people decide which is the best tasting apple on Salt Spring Island. This is the most meaningful fruit and vegetable competition at the fair, as it is based on taste and not looks.

Rules:

- 1) Submit your entry form at the latest by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 to any fall fair entry location, such as Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply, Island Savings and the Salt Spring Visitors Info Centre.
- 2) Cost is 50 cents per entry.
- 3) You are allowed to submit three separate entries for the People's Choice Award for Apples. Section 2, Class 113.
- 4) Bring your apple entries to the fall fair grounds on Friday, Sept. 16 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 5) You need three large apples, five medium-sized apples or 10 small apples for each entry. Enough for 80 people all to get a taste.
- 6) Looks are not important, only taste.

The apple competition will be judged by 80 people randomly chosen at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, Sept. 18 at the demo tent.

Come on out and enjoy the fun. You can also be a judge.

Note: There is also a competition called the Sweetest Apple Award. (See Section 2, Class 112.) It is based on the percentage of sugar in your apple.

Please enter your sweetest apple into that category as well. You are also allowed three entries.

HARRY BURTON,
SALT SPRING

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stronger together: an inclusive community connected

Black Lives Matter;
Indigenous people
among special guests

BY ANNA WARJE
GLOSSI PRESIDENT

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I have watched this year's Salt Spring Pride take shape in the hands of our amazing LGBTQ+ and allied community.

From the beginning, we knew it would be a communal effort. The GLOSSI board were aware that we, as a small group of busy individuals — many of us with multiple jobs to work, young children to care for, or, in one case, high school to attend — did not have the ability to mount Pride 2016 on the scale Salt Spring has enjoyed in years past.

Our only hope was to put out an open plea for all hands on deck. This we did, and we were rewarded with loving and dedicated volunteers coming forward from all sides. The Pride you will experience on Salt Spring this year is a collective one — one that we created together, cooperatively, and that none of us could

have managed alone. It took teamwork, and we are tired, but we have good reason this weekend to stand proudly in our community, surrounded by support and held in love.

For myself and other Pride organizers, a priority this year was for SSI Pride to be as inclusive and as committed to the principles of social justice and anti-oppression as possible. As many of you know, GLOSSI (Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island) is in the process of working to evolve our organization's name into something more inclusive and representative of our whole diverse community of queer and trans folks (stay tuned for more news about that post-Pride). I wanted Pride 2016 to be driven by a similar commitment to expansion, collectivity and inclusivity, since it is my firm conviction that we are always stronger in community and dialogue than we are in separation and silence.

I particularly wanted SSI Pride 2016 to prioritize a commitment to anti-racism, giving the island's predominantly white community the chance to strengthen our ally skills and stand in solidarity with people of colour and Indigenous folks (on Salt

Spring and beyond) who experience oppression in the form of racism and historical/ongoing colonial violence. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told us that "Injustice everywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." All oppression is connected — thus we must all stand in community with one another to create a just world for us all.

To this end, SSI Pride 2016 is hosting a workshop, created and facilitated by queer, mixed-race artist and activist Anoushka Ratnarajah, on how to be a supportive and proactive ally to QTBIPOC folks (Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous and People of Colour). Pre-registration for this workshop (which is being held at Harbour House at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9) filled up at lightning speed, and we are now at capacity for the event.

It is my sincere hope that we can bring Anoushka back to repeat the workshop in the near future so more folks have the chance to attend. Anyone wishing to add their name to the waiting list for Friday's workshop can still email prideallyworkshop@gmail.com and you will be notified if a space opens up.

I am also excited to announce that a group of folks from the Vancou-

ver chapter of Black Lives Matter will be attending SSI Pride this year. For those who don't know, Black Lives Matter is a multi-chapter, anti-racist organization started by queer Black women in the United States, and it fundamentally "affirms the lives of Black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, black-undocumented folks, folks with records, women and all Black lives along the gender spectrum."

All oppression is connected — thus we must all stand in community with one another to create a just world for us all.

These folks will be here as honoured guests of SSI Pride, and we are so profoundly grateful for their presence. They will not only march with us but will also speak at our parade rally on the steps of the library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

As always, a commitment to supporting decolonization and Indigenous self-determination is a fundamental part of anti-racist social justice work. Racism, homophobia, transphobia, misogyny and other forms of oppression are inextricably linked to colonial violence, and any work to undo these forms of oppression must be done in solidarity with Indigenous nations and with an acknowledgement that we are organizing on unceded Indigenous territory.

All events of SSI Pride are organized with gratitude on the traditional, unceded territory of the Saanich, Cowichan and Chemainus First Nations, and the rally on Saturday will open with remarks by local Indigenous community leaders and activists. We are also honoured to stand with the Japanese Garden Society in solidarity with their commitment to peace, reconciliation and cross-cultural unity.

Immeasurable thanks to all our organizers, local businesses, donors, volunteers, performers and participants in this year's Pride celebrations! You make Pride happen, and I am deeply proud to stand with you.

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IN REVIEW

Longstanding community group embraces change

New name part of GLOSSI evolution

BY TARYN MULDOON
GLOSSI BOARD MEMBER

Last December a group composed of the board of GLOSSI and one attaché — Moe, who organized the dance — gathered in the home of two of our fellow board members surrounded by food, two awesome facilitators and one burning question: Where does GLOSSI go from here?

It was a very important question. In my two and a half terms as a GLOSSI board member, I have seen GLOSSI struggling between balancing its need for a good party with the need for social conscience and activism. We challenged ourselves with some questions: Who is being left out of our communities? Who is our community not accessible to? And how can we begin to change this?

One of the first changes that was brought up at this special board retreat was our name. The name GLOSSI stands for Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island. It is a cute and endearing acronym, but it simply does not represent our full community anymore. We as queer people are far more diverse in our genders and sexualities.

As an entire community we have made the choice to leave our old, beloved name behind and find something that fits us all truly. This is an ongoing process. We gathered suggestions for names at our AGM in April, although we still welcome any and all ideas. We have scaled down the number of possibilities and are currently in the process of surveying to find the perfect name. Stay tuned!

One of the foci that we identified during our meeting last December was trans positivity, education around trans issues, and support for trans and gender-variant folks on the island. Out of this also came a desire to connect with queer and trans youth.

We are lucky enough to be collaborating with some really incredible parents. A team of motivated, fierce and proud parents started a group for support and outreach to parents of queer and trans youth. With GLOSSI's support, these parents, in addition to holding their own monthly support and planning group, have organized several meetings pinpointing issues that are obstructions to accessibility for trans folks on the island.



TARYN MULDOON

The issue that arose most strongly from their first meeting was washroom accessibility. Many washrooms on the island do not have gender-inclusive signage, and this can be a real barrier to some folks who don't fit easily into one or the other sign on the bathroom door. The group has started a project aimed at introducing gender-neutral signage onto single-stall washrooms in the community, with the hopes of eventually creating enough safe spaces on the island that people won't have to go far or wait long to find somewhere safe to pee.

As a youth member of GLOSSI, the issues affecting trans and queer youth — particularly trans youth — have always been a priority to me. Board member (now president) Anna Warje and I collaborated together last winter to serve up a workshop for parents entitled Raising Rainbows: Supporting Gender Diverse Youth to be presented at a pro-D day at the high school in the spring. It was incredible to work with a room full of such brave and eager parents, educators and mental health providers in posing questions and ideas on how to better support queer and trans youth.

A few months later, Anna and I were invited in to SWOVA, whose board and staff are in the process of re-evaluating the content of their courses and want to make sure the work they do provides a positive and affirming space for trans youth. We had a great session together discussing the specifics of language and being welcoming.

As a young person, I am honoured and amazed by the energy put in by this community to give voice and power to our young folks. During my time with GLOSSI and in the high school I have witnessed the power of the younger queer and trans people in this community. I feel so lucky to be among so many strong and talented peers, and to have a voice as a board member of GLOSSI. Rex Shaak and I are proud to be this year's Pride marshals, and we would like to invite any and all queer youth who feel moved to join us at the front of this year's Pride march.

This may be our last year wearing this name, but GLOSSI will always be the same: an organization that strives to give power to a community still facing oppression and marginalization


around the world. I am so proud of everything we have done this year to support and celebrate trans and gender-diverse folks in our community, and of all the decisions we made during last December's intense meeting.

In light of Orlando we stand together, to grieve and celebrate, and call forward the voices

of our trans siblings. Join us this year at Pride to celebrate another year of love and power!


To contact the parent support group, or the gender neutral washroom project, email transparent@nedjo.ca. To get into some queer youth events on the island (and help create them), email saltspringqueeryouth@gmail.com.

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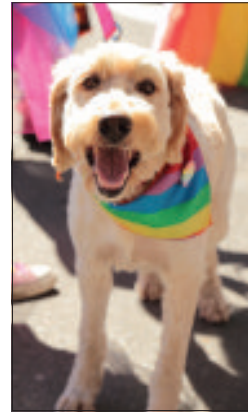
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BY ROBERT BIRCH

2016 SSI PRIDE COMMITTEE

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ering of dissenters of violence and deniers to despair. This year's grassroots extravaganza invites everyone who cares about something, anything, to come out of their convention-conditioned closets and stand up for what you love! Dance your rage, shimmy your worries and catwalk your concerns! Join Salt Spring Island's rainbow community for the promise of a fairer day for all. Learn how to become more effective allies for people who are shaking things up for a saner world for you and your grandchildren.

First a question to consider: where do you go to talk about what really matters to you? Several us decided that when the world feels chaotic, the right-kind-of-crazy get organized. We decided to give others and ourselves permission to show up for the world we want to take care of and share. We wondered, "How might our community adapt through changing and challenging circumstances more effectively if we pot-luck style organized with our neighbours and friends around our shared values?" Many of us still remember the days not so long ago when this was our way of being together on Salt Spring.

On the morning after the Orlando massacre in June of this year where so many trans and queer people of colour were murdered in Florida, a small group of us came together in a trauma circle. We all instinctively brought food to share. We grieved the loss of so many young, vibrant lives.

Like many of you, perhaps, we looked at our own privilege, decided to wake up from where our comforts have put us to sleep and mobilize it to benefit more than ourselves. We remembered hushed-up moments of our own trauma as folks, who by gene or meme, chose not to be boxed in by a hegemonic, reality TV culture.

Our circle expanded to weekly meetings where we laughed and cried more and began to organize. This ad hoc council of peers (what I like to think of as community CoPs) found us agreeing to a new way of organizing to lubricate change in our community and ourselves. Principles and processes from our lesbian pasts, the AIDS crisis and other successful campaigns that are now recognized to have served evolutionary opportunities for the wider world came back to us as if popping us out of a dream.

Some of us were understandably scared that we would be perceived as being "too



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An orange-wigged Robert Birch has fun at Pride 2013.

angry" for the Salt Spring palette. Some of us then recalled the days when hundreds of us rose up to fight back developers from rapping the land in 2000. So we decided to throw what we call "a party with purpose: this Carnival of Pride and Protest. We highly encourage others to do their version of the same.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, local Indigenous elders and two-spirit speakers will school us in how to decolonize our communities. Our trans and gender queer youth, this year's Pride marshals who will be kicking off our Pride march, will open our eyes and hearts to rapidly changing ways of viewing the world. Representatives from Black Lives Matter Vancouver will look out to a crowd of mostly white revellers and see our support and community commitment to challenge racism, sexism, classism, homo and trans phobia. Local performers will get our booties shaking. Local bands will get our hands clapping and our legs marching.

This will be an event not to be missed. Join us to make the street party of the year get smarter and more Out!Rage!Us! What will you wear? What sign will you carry? Spread the word and join the adventure. Let's show the world that Salt Spring Island is an example of culture-conscious-adaptation.

The writer is a CIHR-funded doctoral researcher in the Social Dimensions of Health program at the University of Victoria.

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PRIDE MESSAGE



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GLOSSI past president Bill Turner, right, holds the GLOSSI banner in last year's parade. Turner stresses that his organization wants this year's event to be the most colourful yet.

Parade: most festive ever

'Angry' myth needs to be dispelled

BY BILL TURNER
GLOSSI PAST PRESIDENT

As many in the island's business community are aware, I walk the town every year in the weeks leading up to Pride to ask for donations to support the expenses of our annual celebration. Invariably, our local business owners are more than generous, which allows us to continue doing our good work, for which I can't thank them enough!

In recent conversations with a number of Salt Springers whilst fundraising, however, it came to my attention that, despite the following article that Anna Warje, new GLOSSI president, and I wrote for the Driftwood a number of editions ago, many folks are still under the impression that this year's parade will be an "angry march," which they feel is a personal affront to the thousands of islanders who have been so supportive and effusive in their outpouring of love to the LGBTQ community, not only during Pride week but also throughout the year. In short, I think they take it personally, that we are directing our anger at them. **THIS IS COMPLETELY UNTRUE!**

We feel so blessed to be living on Salt Spring, a community of extraordinary people who not only whole-heartedly accept but celebrate diversity in all its myriad forms (which is most evident during our annual Pride parades). How could we possibly be

angry at such wonderful friends and neighbours?

Here is the aforementioned piece that appeared in the Driftwood on July 13:

We are writing to you jointly as the past and current presidents of GLOSSI to provide some clarity and address some concerns we've heard regarding the focus and tone of our upcoming annual Pride parade.

As you may already know, this year we have chosen to dedicate our parade to the victims of the Orlando massacre, in which 49 innocent people were murdered and many more injured at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla. In the wake of this tragedy, many in our LGBTQ+ community are still struggling to process our grief and outrage, and trying with all our might to figure out how to do our part to make this world a safer and more just place for all who are oppressed by fear, hatred and discrimination.

In the wake of some recent discussion of our Pride parade in the Driftwood, we have heard concerns that this year's Pride parade may be cancelled or drastically altered, replaced by an angry protest devoid of celebration. We have heard that many of our allies who annually walk, sing and dance with us, joyously festooned in all colours of the rainbow, are now worrying that they won't even be welcome in our Pride parade this year.

Nothing could be further from the truth. What our Pride collective — formed of many hard-working community

members as well as members of the GLOSSI board — hope to create this year is the loudest, grandest, most inclusive, proudest and most powerful celebration ever, in which all of us join hands and hearts so we can demonstrate to the perpetrators of such hatred that we will not be cowed or silenced by their despicable acts of violence. As we sang at the vigil in Centennial Park for the victims of the Orlando massacre, "We are a gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives!"

Sing with us! March with us! Celebrate with us! We invite all members of our wonderful Salt Spring community to dress in their proudest, most colourful outfits, bring their loudest noisemakers and march hand in hand, arm in arm, with us on Sept. 10 to show their pride, their support and their solidarity with their LGBTQ+ family.

Who and what are we marching for? We invite all of you who wish to pay homage to the innocent victims of the Orlando massacre to make signs, carry flowers, sing songs in their honour. We also invite you to carry pictures and signs showing us who and what you march for, who you carry in your hearts, who you fight for, who you love. Let us honour them all, and one another, as we walk together every step of this journey.

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A brief history of the evolution of LGBT+ rights in Canada

GLOSSI launched first Salt Spring's Pride weekend in 2005 and added the parade in 2008. Below is a timeline of some significant events and milestones in the history of LGBT rights in Canada.

- The first recorded prosecution of a gay man in Canada took place in 1648, when a military drummer stationed at the French garrison in Ville Marie (which would become Montreal) was sentenced to death for sodomy. His life was spared on condition that he accept the position of New France's first permanent executioner. Same-sex sexual acts remained punishable under British North American and Canadian law until Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's government decriminalized them in 1969.

- Montreal writers Elsa Gidlow and Roswell George Mills launched North America's first-known LGBT publication in 1918, producing an underground magazine called Les Mouches Fantastiques.

- The modern gay rights movement started in 1969 after police raided the Stonewall Inn in New York City. The first gay pride parades took place as simultaneous demonstrations in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago in 1970. Several of Canada's most noted early gay rights groups also launched that year in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver. Canada's first public protest for gay rights took place on Parliament Hill on Aug. 28, 1971.

- Quebec became the first Canadian province to pass a gay civil rights law in 1977, adding wording to prohibit discrimination against gay men and lesbians in housing, public accommodation and employment sexual orientation to its Human Rights Code. Canada's new Immigration Act of the same year removed "homosexuals" from the list of inadmissible classes.

- Vancouver's earliest Pride celebrations began when the Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) organized Gay Pride Week '73, with a picnic and art exhibit in Ceperley Park. The city's first Pride parade took place in 1978.

- Toronto's Pride movement was launched following outrage over Operation Soap, during which city police raided four bathhouses on Feb. 5, 1981 and arrested more than 300 men. Over 4,000 protestors marched in a Gay Freedom Rally the next month, while Toronto's lesbian community held its first Dykes in the Street march in October that year.

- Canada granted gays and lesbians the ability to serve the military openly in 1992.

- The Supreme Court of Canada decided sexual orientation is covered as a prohibited ground of discrimination under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in a 1995 ruling.

- The path to legalizing gay marriage in Canada started in 2002, when the Ontario Superior Court ruled that prohibiting gay couples from marriage violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The court gave the province two years to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples. Ontario then passed the decision on to the federal government, which enacted the Civil Marriage Act in 2005. It was the fourth country in the world to pass such legislation, following The Netherlands (2001), Belgium (2003) and Spain (2005). Winnipeg residents Richard North and Chris Vogel were actually the first Canadian men known to have married — a Unitarian minister performed the ceremony and signed a marriage certificate in 1974. The Canadian military's first gay wedding took place in May 2005 at Nova Scotia's Greenwood airbase.

- 103.9 Proud FM, the world's first commercial LGBT radio station, launched in Toronto on April 16, 2007.

- Transgender rights shifted into focus in the past decade. Bill C-16, which received second reading in the House of Commons in May 2016, adds "gender identity or expression" to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination. The bill will also amend the Canadian Criminal Code to extend protections against hate propaganda. Burnaby-Douglas



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Julian Paquette holds a "Legislate Trans Rights" sign in last year's Pride parade on Salt Spring. Human rights protection for trans individuals was legislated federally in May of this year and in July in B.C. NDP MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert, who worked hard to see the change, is scheduled to attend Saturday's Carnival of Pride and Protest and March/Parade.

NDP MP William Siskay had introduced similar bills in 2005, 2006 and 2009.

- B.C. passed its own bill to add "gender identity and expression" to its Human Rights Code on July 26, 2016. The province had previously stated special notice wasn't needed as the wording against discrimination on the basis of sex was inclusive. Vancouver-West End MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert had unsuccessfully proposed similar legislation four times in the past five years.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Author probes 'the miracle of names'

Talk will explore connection between name and character

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

William Shakespeare may have missed the mark when he penned Juliet's legendary question about what's in a name, according to a Salt Spring resident who believes our names have the power to shape personalities and destiny.

"Not everybody has a name that awakens an intelligence or that awakens patience or any of the other noble qualities that we see within people," said Clayne Conings. "What builds character and what stops character from growing in a positive sense all comes down to the idea of names."

Conings required 23 years to discover that his birth name was stifling his expression of true self. He settled on a perfectly balanced name, but that only unlocked his potential for growth and happiness. The rest, he added, requires plenty of hard work.

"All kinds of people have come to my classes over the years. Many change their names, but even then they sit there, waiting and waiting for change to happen, but it doesn't work that way," he said.

"When they begin to recognize that there's huge work to be done, the fun goes out of it."

In *The Miracle of Names*, Conings outlines the characteristics of about 1,000 common western names.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Clayne Conings, author of *The Miracle of Names*, who will give a public presentation at the library on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

All names receive a three-digit code based on a name's spelling. Each letter in every name has a specific numerical position in the alphabet. Values between one and nine correspond to innate qualities that make up the spectrum of human consciousness, Conings said.

These are independence, social aptitude, self-expression, reason, maternal and

paternal response, introspection, leadership and love. The numbers associated with our names, he added, determine how these qualities affect our lives. Conings compares the relationship between each quality to the tones on a musical scale.

"The mind is powerfully affected by language, and the name in particular," he writes in the introduction

to *The Miracle of Names*. "An individual with the correct name builds his life on success and is more likely to respond to life's experiences effectively."

Having moved to Salt Spring from the Lower Mainland in 2015, Conings has already hosted free public events to help people discover how their names may be affecting their lives. His workshops seek to help people understand the principles behind *The Miracle of Names* and let them probe the meaning and implications of their own names.

"What builds character and what stops character from growing in a positive sense all comes down to the idea of names."

CLAYNE CONINGS
Author, *The Miracle of Names*

"A person has to be ready to enable growth or the expansion of consciousness or the building of character, and this gives them the road map to answer the questions 'Who am I?' and 'Where am I going?,'" he said.

Conings' next public event is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Salt Spring Public Library. It begins at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.miracleofnames.org.

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The story behind Farms, Farmers, Farming, 1859-1939 — The first 80 years of agriculture on Salt Spring Island will be presented on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

The text for the book was written by Mort Stratton, former chair of the history department of Denison University in Ohio, a Salt Spring resident

who died in 2010 before his work could be published. However, his son John Stratton was able to provide hand-written notes, footnotes, references and sources linked to the manuscript so the project could be completed.

Local historian Usha Rautenbach worked tirelessly to index the book and get background information about the author and agriculture on Salt Spring. More than 70 photographs to illustrate the manuscript were provided by the Salt Spring Archives, many of which will be displayed on the big screen as the SSFHF tells the story of the birth of the book next Wednesday.

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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 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, around the back.

TEEN BOOK CLUB for teenagers aged 13 and up meets at the Salt Spring Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fall books are *An Ember in the Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir, *This Dark Endeavour* by Kenneth Oppel, and *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell.

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

BOOMERFIT at Fulford Hall. All aspects of fitness are covered (strength, balance, flexibility, etc.) based on functional movement. Coed classes led by certified personal trainer. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 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.

COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone problems at Salt Spring Literacy, 126 Hereford Ave. Make an appointment through 250-537-9717 or coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org. **DUPLICATE BRIDGE** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start)

HOT HATHA YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. Mixed Levels, 9:30 to 10:45 p.m.; Seniors Yoga, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOGA with Dorothy Price. NOT HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER.

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 SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:45 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.

DANCE TEMPLAR 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, alice@saltspring.com.

HATHA YOGA with Shanti Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

NIA at Antler Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Rd. New class. Starts Sept, 15, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. See Tuesday NIA description. Info/register: Arleen, 250-653-9235.

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.

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. Toy library open on Thursdays too.

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. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m. **JOHN HOWE** teaches classes in September.

YOGA WITH JIM DICKINSON at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

BOOMERFIT at Beaver Point Hall. All aspects of fitness are covered (strength, balance, flexibility, etc.) based on functional movement. Coed classes led by certified personal trainer. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

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

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

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht 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.

GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring library. An evening of board games and other interactive games facilitated by Bryan Dubien. 6 to 9 p.m.

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

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

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

STORYTIME - ideal for kids aged 3 to 6 and their families. SS Library. 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Begins Sept. 16.

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

TENNIS - MIXED DOUBLES public drop-in at Portlock Park. 8 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP meets on the first three Sundays of every month at Salt Spring Seniors. For weekly program, visit www.saltspringunitarians.com for info.

EVERY SUNDAY

KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SS Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

POKER at the Legion. 1 p.m.

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 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees usually hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month at the SSI United Church, lower hall. 7 p.m. Public welcome. See www.saltspringfire.com for agendas and meeting dates.

MONDAY

SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the SS Library Program Room. 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 SS Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome.

EVERY MONDAY

ACTIVE LEARNING group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorage@shaw.ca.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.

VINYASA FOUNDATIONS SERIES hot yoga at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Level 1 from noon to 1 p.m. (silently led practice) and from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

READERS' THEATRE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's On the Green at 10 a.m.

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

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

TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader Tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder.

Sessions are available every Monday at 12, 1 and 2 p.m.

TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m. sharp.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre (yoga studio). Mixed Levels, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Level 1 Yoga, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Seniors Yoga, 3 to 4 p.m., Mixed Levels 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m. **JOHN HOWE** leading classes through September.



EVERY TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.

CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6 p.m.

KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and **ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

LOST CHORDS seniors choir practices at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. RESUMES Sept. 13.

MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

NIA at Salt Spring United Church hall returns Sept. 13. Nia is the original fusion/fitness practice that offers the joy of dance, the power of the martial arts, the flexibility and mindfulness of yoga and more. Blissful, sweaty fun that will change how you feel about your body and exercise. Learn to listen to your body's wisdom, be kind to yourself and "Dance with Life!" 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info/register: Arleen at 250-653-9235.

NIA at the Core Inn top floor returns Sept. 13. 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info/register: Arleen, 250-653-9235.

SS SEARCH & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.

SMARTSOMATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056 or <http://smartsomatics.shawwebpace.ca/>.

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

SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB — Yang Style at 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

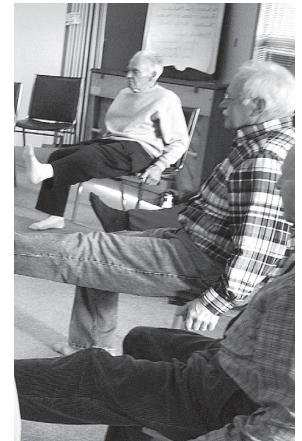
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

VINYASA FLOW at the Nest hot yoga. 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — All Levels at SSI Wellness Centre, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., and Slow Flow at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

JOHN HOWE leads classes in September.



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CHAMBER MUSIC

Vetta series created for Salt Spring crowd

First concert on Sept. 14

BY GAIL SJUBERG
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

For 30 years, Vancouver audiences have been regularly treated to world-class concerts from Vetta Chamber Music.

Since Vetta's artistic director Joan Blackman now lives on Salt Spring Island, that same musical opportunity has moved across the Strait of Georgia.

Vetta's successful Seasons concert, consisting of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and a commissioned work that merged First Nations storytelling with Western music, was presented on the island in April. Now Blackman has created a series of three Vetta concerts for islanders, running in September, January and May at ArtSpring.

"Part of the reason I was so passionate about doing this chamber music series is because when I was in the orchestra that was my way to connect with people. And now that we're on Salt Spring, there are all these people we want to connect



PHOTOS COURTESY VETTA CHAMBER MUSIC

From left, cellist Ariel Barnes, pianist Jane Coop and violinist Joan Blackman, who is also artistic director of Vetta Chamber Music. The three present a Beethoven program next Wednesday, Sept. 14.

with and this is how we do it," said Blackman.

The first concert, which is on Wednesday, Sept. 14, is an all-Beethoven program featuring pianist Jane Coop, cellist Ariel Barnes and Blackman on violin.

The second, titled Sea and Sky, is on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017. It will include 20th-century works by

Stravinsky, Khatchaturian, Piazzolla and Schoenfeld with Blackman joined by Jane Hayes on piano and Francois Houle on clarinet. As well, author and radio/TV personality Bill Richardson will be part of that show as he narrates The Soldier's Tale by Stravinsky.

On Monday, May 1, 2017, The Romance of the Guitar will feature

works ranging from the Boccherini Guitar Quintet in D major to Faure's Pavane for guitar and string quartet. Musicians are Daniel Bolshoy on guitar, Blackman and Jennie Press on violin, Yariv Aloni on viola and Pamela Highbaugh on cello.

Concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

Blackman's husband Larry, a violinist with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, is helping out with the various practical aspects of mounting a new artistic venture. He is grateful to people who have stepped up to offer assistance with everything from distribution of brochures to offers of accommodation for visiting performers and miscellaneous advice.

He notes that the Vetta series is complementary to the ArtSpring Presents series of shows, which does not have a chamber-music component this year.

"If people want chamber music, we are the place to go," he said.

The Vetta concerts have been deliberately priced at an extremely affordable level, both for single concert tickets and series subscriptions.

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The three musicians have achieved dedicated followings both through their solo careers as guitarists, singers and songwriters, and in performing with other artists.

Between them they have earned four Juno awards and 10 nominations.

"Together as Tri-Continental, something very special and magical happens with the grand improviser, the kidnaper of the blues, and the inventor and promoter of the new universal sound," says PitchFork Social.

Tri-Continental performs on Friday, Sept. 16 at Bullock Lake Farm beginning at 7:30 p.m., with an earlier dinner option also available.

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what's on this week



Wed. Sept 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Tea à Tempo. Singer-songwriter Gwen Gagne performs with friends Marianne Grittani, Kathy Stack and Adam Huber at All Saints. 2:10 p.m. Free music followed by optional tea & treats.
Yael Wand & Billie Woods. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Shut Up and Write. Meet up with others in the library, and write. 1 to 4 p.m.
Poker. Hosted by Albert and Rebekah every Wednesday at the Legion lounge at 7 p.m.



Thur. Sept 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Daniel Hunter. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic With Dave & Ross. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub beginning at 8 p.m.
Restoring Wetlands for Rare Species of Wildlife. Salt Spring Island Conservancy hosts Tom Biebhaghauser, wildlife biologist and wetland ecologist, at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. 7 p.m.

Thur. Sept 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Pride Film Screening: Upstairs Inferno. A haunting and powerful documentary about events of June 24, 1973, when an arsonist set fire to New Orleans gay bar Upstairs Lounge, making it at that time the largest gay mass murder in U.S. history. The Fritz Theatre. 7 p.m. Audience discussion to follow.

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee Meeting. Public welcome. Salt Spring United Church upper hall. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Lover's Touch. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Happy Daze. Dance to band playing songs from the 1950s and early '60s. At the Legion. 7:15 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Stay & Play Drop-In. A parent-child drop-in program for families with children ages birth to 6 years. Come for a snack and play time, connect with other families and access information about community resources and referrals. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fri. Sept 9

ACTIVITIES
Art Opening: Creation Myths & Legends. Featuring new work by ceramic artist LeeAnn Norgard and photographer Michael Levy. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Pride: 'Loud and Proud' Meet & Greet. At Moby's Pub from 6 p.m. onward. Musician Ange Hehr performs at 9 p.m.

Sat. Sept 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Marianne Grittani Trio. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Latin Fiesta Night at the Legion. Featuring 9-piece Latin band La Familia. Legion Lounge. 7:15 to 10:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Pride Dance. All-ages Pride Dance featuring Vancouver's 'Queer as Funk' along with DJ Slade at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
Salt. Rock/dance/soul band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Saturday Market. Famous market in Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Drop-in Pickleball. At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sat. Sept 10

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Pride: Carnival of Pride & Protest + Annual Pride March/Parade. Rally begins about 11 a.m. outside the library. Pride March and Parade begins from there at 12 noon and will end on McPhillips Avenue for a festive street dance till 2 p.m.



Inside Peace Film. Screening of award-winning documentary film in Centennial Park. Bring a blanket and enjoy local music, Indian roti rolls and chai. 6 p.m. (Moved to United Church basement in case of rain.)

Sun. Sept 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Peter Prince & Friends. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Pride: Unitarian Fellowship Gathering. Special speaker for Pride at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11 a.m.

Mon. Sept 12

ACTIVITIES
Drop-in Pickleball. At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
An Introduction to Hospice. Learn about Salt Spring Hospice's various programs at a special event at the Salt Spring Public Library's Program Room. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Mindfulness Program. Dr. Candace Cole guides three 1-hour mindfulness sessions. Pre-register: info@saltspringlibrary.com. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 4 p.m.
Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club Open House. Free introductory class of Scottish Country Dancing. No previous experience is necessary and partners are not required. All Saints Church. 6 p.m. Info: Catherine Crombie, 250-537-9387 or ccrombie@shaw.ca.



Salt Spring Toastmasters. Drop in and check out a group of diverse individuals who share a common goal of becoming better communicators and leaders, using the Toastmasters International program structure. Every Monday night except stat holidays. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 7 to 9 p.m.

Tue. Sept 13

ACTIVITIES
SSI Heart to Heart Patient Education Program. For patients, or caregivers, who have experienced a cardiac event in the last six months. Register: K0liveira@divisionsbc.ca. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 12 noon.
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every Tuesday in Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m.
You Are Your Name. A presentation by Clayne Conings, author of The Miracle of Names, on how our names influence our lives and with an explanation of the evolution of consciousness as it relates to numbers from 1 to 9. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 to 9 p.m.
Nia - New Season. Nia at Salt Spring United Church hall begins a new Tuesday session today. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info/register: Arleen, 250-653-9235.
Nia at the Core Inn. Nia at the Core Inn top floor begins a new Tuesday session today. 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info/register: Arleen, 250-653-9235.

Wed. Sept 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Vetta Chamber Music - Beethoven! First concert in a Salt Spring Vetta Chamber Music series. All Beethoven program features Jane Coop, piano; Ariel Barnes, cello; and Joan Blackman, violin. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Drop-in Pickleball. At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
Salt Spring Historical Society. The editorial team from the Salt Spring Farmers Heritage Foundation who produced the new Farms, Farmers, Farming 1859-1939 book give a presentation. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
Poker. See last Wednesday's listing.



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 Recorded Live at The Garrick Theatre - Romeo and Juliet, Thurs. Sept. 22nd 3pm matinee and 7pm. Advance tickets at the Cinema Fri. to Tues. 6-7pm

UPSTAIRS INFERNO
 Thursday September 8th at 7pm one show only is Upstairs Inferno a benefit for Pride 2016.

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CINEMA

- **Café Society** — In the 1930s, Bobby (Jesse Eisenberg) travels to California hoping to make it big. Lucky for him his uncle Phil (Steve Garell) works in the movies and knows all the right people. The Woody Allen film is a glittering valentine to the movie stars, socialites, politicians and gangsters of the age.
- **Upstairs Inferno** — On June 24, 1973, a gay bar in New Orleans called the Upstairs Lounge was deliberately set on fire: an event which held the title of "largest gay mass murder in U.S. history" for 43 years. On Thurs., Sept. 8 only at 7 p.m. Part of Pride 2016.
- **Romeo & Juliet** — Recorded Live at The Garrick Theatre. Thursday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. only. Advance tickets at the cinema from Fridays through Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Creation Myths and Legends** — Expressions in Ceramic and Print by LeeAnn Norgard and Michael Levy opens at Salt Spring Gallery with a reception on Friday, Sept. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m., with the show running Mondays through Saturdays until Sept. 22.
- **The Ground Between**, featuring the work of Donna J. Hall, Daniel Tibbits and Janis Woode, runs at Gallery 8 daily through Sept. 20.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Alchemic Exit** — Exploring Themes of Escapism & Isolation is an exhibit of work by Anne Griffiths and Cole Bazin at Duthie Gallery, Thursdays through Mondays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **The Whitemud:** Uncovering a Landscape by Leslie Corry is the Showcase Gallery exhibit at ArtCraft at Mahon Hall through Sept. 18. It can be seen daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Margie Korrison** presents Colour Story: Once More With Feeling in the Salt Spring Library Program Room through September.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7** is the last day to see **Chasing Bliss** — paintings, glass and ceramics by Lisa Lipsett & Kuno Egger at the Salt Spring Gallery.
- **Dirk Heydemann and Cimarron Corpe** show Haida Gwaii photography at Kizmit Galeria and Cafe through September.
- Photographers **Jen MacLellan** and **Melinda Divers** present Pride: community images and portraits in the ArtSpring lobby through September.
- **ArtCraft**, the show and sale of work by 100 Gulf Islands artisans, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall until Sept. 18. See also the LandArt installations by Diana Lynn Thompson, Laura Keil and Melanie Thompson outside the hall.

ART REVIEW

Layers and ghosts infuse Corry show

The Whitemud rounds out ArtCraft Showcase season

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring artist Leslie Corry learned more than she ever wanted about “the Whitemud” river area in Saskatchewan after an artist residency in 2013.

Following up on an exploration of family history, Corry delved deeper into the greater history of the region and was aghast to learn about the forced relocation of First Nations peoples to reserves and the wholesale slaughter of the bison that was ordered to help accomplish it. Ghosts of the past, both personal and unknown, linger throughout the artwork created after that exploration, now showing as The Whitemud: Uncovering a Landscape on Art-Craft’s Showcase stage at Mahon Hall.

Saskatchewan’s Frenchman River is known to locals of the Cypress Hills region as the Whitemud River because of the white clays common to the area. The region was immortalized in Wallace Stegner’s book Wolf Willow — it was at Wallace Stegner House that Corry undertook her residency.

The remnants of the past can still be seen on the ground today as rings of stones where teepees once stood and towers of bleached bones and skulls



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Bison skulls dominate a sculptural work by Leslie Corry, while the piece titled Summer hangs on the wall behind.

left by the 100-per-day bison kill quota (kills that had nothing to do with food provision). In addition to the traces of the people and animals who inhabited the Prairies in recent centuries, Corry is also interested in the larger epochs of time uncovered in geological strata and fossils.

All of these influences, plus an ongoing fascina-

tion with geometry and nature’s motifs, can be seen in Corry’s painting Summer. This complex work has two panels split by a narrow, vertical band of striped strata. On either side the space is gently shaped by underlying circles and triangles, while the landscape depicted is anything but barren. A vast collection of animals, bones, skeletons and symbols is set against

a patchwork of small hills. Above all are sky and sun dog, huge but also striated with layers and nuances.

Cut Away is another large landscape, but here the prairie is a sketchy blur of pastel yellows and greens. What has greater presence is the absent bison, represented as negative space by a large cut-out that reveals only dark shadow beneath.

The loss of bison is further manifested in two sculptural works. One is a pile of actual bison skulls grouped around a man-sized wooden post, in analog to the piles people have pushed together on the prairie lands. A tiny, delicate sculpture references the larger pile and acts as an offering to the dead; Corry crafted 100 tiny skulls in clay in one day as a silent rebuke to the slaughter quota.

Corry explores the confluence of original inhabitants and settlers in two multimedia works. One employs a bison cut-out, attaching its head and shoulders to a body made from a wooden ironing board and its metal frame. Another piece takes a small side table with a drawer as the body for a pronghorn, its wooden head extending nobly over fragile legs. Corry has made the animal’s back into a bookshelf holding a collection of tomes that a settler family might have owned.

The Whitemud is the final show of ArtCraft’s 2016 season. Visitors have until Sept. 18 to explore its treasures.

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The only limiting criteria are that people must be full-time residents of Salt Spring and the complete production process must take place on the island.

Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Sept. 16. The call for submissions form is downloadable from ArtSpring’s website and contains detailed instructions.

The Celebration of the Arts has three components:

- Displays and demonstrations: Artists, artisans and craftspeople are invited to set up in the ArtSpring lobby and gallery to show their work and production process.

- Artist mash-up: Two artists of contrasting genres (for example, a spinner and a pianist; a jeweller and a dancer) will be paired and asked to create a piece between 2.5 and 10 minutes in length with minimal tech requirements to be showcased in the ArtSpring theatre on Friday, Oct. 14. Pairings will be arranged by a jury of volunteers.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A balancing act between concentrating your focus and expanding your social outreach should be keeping you busy now. The social side is probably so inviting and exciting, that paying attention to the details could feel like a drag. Then again, if you can strike the balance you will feel extra grounded and charismatic too.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Work, work, give, give... this is a likely rhythm in your beat right now. You should also get used to it and get emotionally comfortable with it. After all, resistance may prove futile and counter-productive too. Since your stage is by now in a new arena, the work includes acclimatizing yourself to your new reality.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

The focus upon your health continues. How you achieve it and what kind of health you need to create depends on you. Maybe you need to go on an adventure and clear your mind and/or gain some inspiration. Perhaps it is a healthy new image you want to present to the world. However you do it, focus to strengthen your core.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

The busy bee is getting busier with beautifying. Your home is your canvas. Creating a more secure and stable base is a beautiful thing too. Either way, your goal includes feeling better about yourself and more confident. Adventure is in the air too. If so, tuck it in now as this window will close again soon.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Investments of your time, energy and focus, continues. The energy part could include money. A steady learning curve is also indicated. An experiential, hands-on approach might prove best though. You will also very soon experience an increase in demand on your time and attention. Expect a long, satisfying learning curve.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Initiative, increase and expansion are keywords for you now. Your finances could improve measurably over the coming months and even well into 2017. The increase could also touch upon creative abilities and your spiritual focus too. Yet, to succeed, you will have to acknowledge and confront your fears, squarely.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

Sometimes we go far, at other wide and at others yet, deep. The deep end is at least activated. But you also feel the need to increase your outreach, to expand your horizons. This includes self-expression and is where the deep-end comes in. Focus to access your reserves beginning with your hidden reservoir of energy.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Pioneering explorations into uncharted territory are gaining your full attention. Delving into your own mind is featured. You may yearn to go on a trip, but not go anywhere geographically. Accessing deeper levels of what constitutes your authentic self is quite likely. Be assured that if you delve deep enough you will access pure light.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

Some big events are happening in your world. Expansion is a key word. There is reason to say that something or someone is blowing your mind wide open. The good news is that there is something beautiful at play here. It may be described as kaleidoscopic. There is nothing linear and singular here, it may even be multi-dimensional.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Increase and expansion is going on everywhere these days and you are getting your share too. Some of it is due to other old stuff getting cleared. It may feel like you are melting at times. But if you are impatient and are trying to force things, to push the proverbial river, you may well undergo melt-down. Plan now to go big later.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

You too are destined to dig deep now. This process has been underway for a couple of weeks already and will continue for a couple more. Yet, you are beginning to see a new light, a bright shining star in your sky. It will get brighter yet, especially later this month and in October. It may well be calling you out to venture far.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

A steady increase on relationship fronts continues. Returns and rewards are featured. Yet, you will have to work for them, faithfully, diligently and creatively. If you can gain a lot from the process itself you will already be richly rewarded. In other words, there is much to do and it could even result in mastery.

VISUAL ARTS CALL

Tossed & Found II in the works

Artists invited to submit works

BY JAIME MURDOCH
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Found Object Art, a movement that began in the 1900s with artists like Marcel Duchamp inventing the "readymade" with his Fountain (1917), takes regular everyday objects and re-establishes them as art by way of some alteration or combination with other objects.

Recycled art or trash art builds upon this found object art base; the art is made from readily available waste material. Recycled art has the potential to inspire creativity that's accessible beyond (yet may include) paint and canvas, and often sparks a conversation about personal consumption, the environment and satirical humour.

Tossed & Found

Made possible again, by the support of the Salt Spring Arts Council, Tossed & Found Part Deux will be happening from March 10 to 28, 2017 at the Salt Spring Gallery on McPhillips Avenue.

The purpose of the show is to encourage artists to explore with recycled/found objects for their means of expression and to engage the Salt Spring community at large (including local students).

Artists are asked to bring new meaning to



PHOTO COLLAGE BY JAIME MURDOCH

Images of 12 works forming the first Tossed & Found exhibit held in March of this year.

what was once tossed; to find an object and give it new life by embellishing it and/or altering it and/or combining it with other found objects in a curious and creative way.

In the first Tossed & Found show in 2016, with support from the Salt Spring Arts Council, 12 artists participated. The work ranged from innovative lamps by Ron Dewar and hand-turned wood bowls by Hugh Finer to fused plastic art by Jessica Elliot and steampunk-inspired assemblage by Laurie Blakely.

The wide range of creativity and innovation drew a diverse and eclectic crowd. With a packed house on opening night, the show began with an energetic buzz.

The exhibit was a great success; it provided many of the artists with an experience of showing their work for the first time and a number of works were sold.

Call for Submissions

Returning organizers Shirley Command and Jaime Murdoch invite local artists to submit their work made from recycled materials and found objects, with the making/assembling being done on Salt Spring or the Southern Gulf Islands.

Submissions must be new work that has not been previously shown. Works will go through a selection process and 10 artists will be chosen for the show.

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

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GOLF

North island team victorious on the course

Club benefits from fundraiser

BY MARCIA HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The 6th Annual North South Fundraising Tournament got off to a dry start following an early morning effort by the grounds crew to drain all the rain water from the greens.

Salt Spring Golf and Country Club saw 90 players tee it up in groups of eight, meeting and reconnecting with other Salt Spring golfers.

The game was a modified scramble over nine

holes: four pairs teed it up on each hole, then played alternate shots to the green, ending with a scramble to the pin. Between holes, players enjoyed a carnival of skill games.

Newly introduced this year were the Duck Pond and Putting Board challenges. Winners could move forward hundreds of yards for their tee shot and teams were able to card eagles and birdies, and one narrowly missed carding an albatross. When the scores were tallied, it was North 646 and South 662.

Then it was up to Penny's Pantry for Penny's

tempting gourmet appetizers and placing bids for silent auction items. Following the filling lunch, GM Steve Marleau took the microphone and with jokes, jibes and jest ensured every auction item went to the most deserving bidder.

At the end of the day, it was the club that won, by raising thousands of dollars for necessary upgrades to the course.

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YOUTH SPORTS

Pro shares tips on forging sports career

Victoria institute hosts event for parents and kids

Parents of young athletes who are wondering how to help their children advance in the world of competitive sports should consider checking out a special presentation at the Pacific Institute of Sports Excellence on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Triple Play Athletics consultant and speaker Bill Green hosts an information session on how youth can start planning for the future with strategies for gaining scholarships and college recruiting. Aimed at athletes of any sport, the session outlines how to plan, prepare and promote oneself for success.

According to promotional material, Green has helped thousands of families capitalize on the time, effort and

money they are dedicating toward their athletic and academic careers. He is a former athlete, coach and school principal in the Comox Valley School District, and has overseen his own child's sports dreams. His son Taylor played professional baseball for the Milwaukee Brewers and now works for the organization as a scout.

The event takes place at 4371 Interurban Rd., Victoria and starts at 6:30 p.m.

RECREATION

Bike park proponents seek support

Facility would offer safe riding options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As a father of two young children on Salt Spring, Sean Mulligan quickly grew impatient and frustrated with a lack of safe cycling destinations on the island.

"It's just too dangerous on most of the island to risk taking the children out for a simple bike ride," he said.

Mulligan said cyclists in communities such as Cobble Hill, North Saanich, Ucluelet, Tofino and Victoria have responded to the familiar problem by building devoted cycling areas called bike skills or free ride parks.

Courses comprise natural and man-made obstacles arranged along specific tracks. Rocks, logs, ladders and "table-top jumps" are all placed in such a way as to challenge bike riders of all abilities.

Bike parks differ from the ubiquitous community skateparks in that they have dirt surfaces and, Mulligan said, tend to offer a more family-friendly and welcoming environment.

"The landings are much softer and the likelihood of injuries is less than at a concrete park," he said.

The cost for a facility on Salt Spring will depend largely on the proposed size, design and support from volunteers. Mulligan suspects a sustainable and well-planned,



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Island biking advocates would like to see something similar to the Sooke Bike Park, seen above, established on Salt Spring.

half-acre park could be built on Salt Spring for about \$50,000.

Bike park supporters have yet to settle on a location, but Mulligan plans to work with Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission to investigate options.

"The park will need to be inspected and maintained on a regular basis, a job that could ultimately be shared by the Salt Spring Bike Club and PARC," he said. "It's also important to develop stewardship of the site that encourages everyone to assist in keeping the park clean and the features safe."

Dan Ovington, PARC general manager, acknowledged the grow-

ing popularity of bike skills parks in B.C. He said local government works closely with special-interest groups to develop and plan for future recreation opportunities like this.

He has advised the club to form a society and present their idea to PARC.

Mulligan wants anyone on Salt Spring who supports the plan to consider joining a team to help develop a financial plan, seek community support, create a fundraising plan and complete grant applications.

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