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**RAUCOUS RAINBOWS:** Safiyya Carroll-Labelle dances through the Pride parade and march in Ganges on Saturday. See page 4 and the Driftwood's Facebook page for more photos.

## ELECTORAL REFORM

# Pro-rep roadshow rolls onto Salt Spring

Elizabeth May hosts electoral reform discussion on Friday

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP and Green party leader Elizabeth May's next stop on her town hall tour will give Salt Spring residents the chance to learn about and comment on the federal government's campaign promise to change how Canadian elections are conducted.

May has spent the first half of September speaking with constituents throughout the riding about what's at stake. Her Friday visit to Salt Spring ahead of this weekend's fall fair follows well-attended events on Mayne, Pender and Galiano islands. May's visit to Saturna Island (population 350) with Minister of Democratic Institutions Maryam Monsef last week drew about 80 participants.

The town halls are a step in May's commitment to generate a country-wide buzz about changing the way voters elect their representatives. The federal government named May to a special multi-party committee in June to study electoral reform. Meetings are being held across Canada to gather the public's opinions ahead of the committee's Dec. 1 deadline to present its final report.

"I will absolutely hold the Liberals to their promise that 2015 is the last election held in Canada under first-past-the-post," May told reporters at a news conference in early September. "This is a wonderful, exciting and, also, challenging opportunity to change our voting system."

TOWN HALL continued on 2

## RCMP

# Police arrest boat theft suspects

Breezy returned to rightful owner

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP have arrested two island men connected with the theft of a sailboat from waters near Victoria.

Police arrested a 53-year-old and 33-year-old after receiving a tip from someone who spotted the boat in Ganges Harbour. The men were arrested for possession of stolen property and will appear in Ganges Provincial Court on Nov. 14. RCMP have yet to

release their names since charges are pending.

Daniel Moses, the boat's owner and son of Salt Spring resident Richard Moses, retook possession of his stolen boat over the weekend. He said the vessel is in pretty rough shape but he is nevertheless relieved the ordeal has been resolved.

"She was a sight for sore eyes when I saw her this morning, but, at the same time, the sight of her made my eyes sore," Moses said,

shortly after being reunited with the boat. "She was filthy, with a spray-painted red hull, filled with empty wine bottles, cigarette butts, dirty pots and pans, and bags of clothes and groceries.

"These guys were confidently making themselves at home."

Moses thanks everyone who assisted in the recovery of Breezy, his much-beloved

RCMP continued on 2

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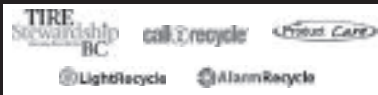
## SALT SPRING ISLAND RECYCLING DEPOT

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## HEALTH CARE

# Sexual assault exam hours supported

Victims Services and Island Health launch pilot project

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Victims of sexual assault on Salt Spring will no longer have to travel to Vancouver Island in order to undergo forensic exams, with a new program supplying on-call hours for nurses at Lady Minto Hospital set to begin next month.

The new program will ensure there is a nurse on call for two set hours every day of the year. That means if a victim comes to the emergency room outside of those hours, they can still schedule an appointment within the crucial 24 hours following an assault.

Shannon Dames, who assists in coordinating Island Health's Forensic Nurse Examiner Program on Vancouver Island, has helped local administrators develop the new program, and has done similar work for other programs in Canada and the United States. Dames said that not having nursing hours available for the exams is a universal problem.

"It's not just Salt Spring, it's everywhere, because nurses usually have a primary job and

they do this on the side," she explained.

Being scheduled and paid for on-call time will ensure the staff are there, rather than relying on good intentions or hoping someone answers the call.

Although a number of Lady Minto nurses were trained to give "rape kit" exams in 2015, there was no structure in place to make them available, sending sexual assault victims to Nanaimo, Duncan or Victoria at their own expense. A grant from Civil Forfeiture BC allowed Salt Spring Victim Services and Island Health to collaborate on finding a solution to the problem through a pilot program and is funding training sessions for nurses.

"The Salt Spring Island community has rallied around this effort with great fortitude and commitment. I have been inspired by the strong partnerships and personal passion to keep this important effort moving forward," Dames said. "It has truly been a pleasure to be a part of it. The heroes in this story are the victim support agencies, the local nurses and Island Health for coming together to make it happen."

Dames said some of the nurses previously trained will have a refresher session so they feel comfortable con-

ducting the exam on their own. Island Health is also increasing the pool by giving new training to nurses who have a related skill set and just need to learn the forensic aspect.

"By our launch date, we're looking at having four nurses on the roster, which is enough to sustain a program for the current volume of cases," Dames said. "Then it's up to us to make sure we can keep the roster populated so we can continue providing these important local services."

**"The Salt Spring Island community has rallied around this effort with great fortitude and commitment."**

SHANNON DAMES  
Island Health

She added the need is currently low, but could grow once word gets out that sexual assault services are available on island.

Island Health hopes to launch the program on Oct.

1 or by mid-October at the latest, depending on when training sessions can be completed. Ongoing funding for on-call hours will be provided by Lady Minto Hospital. Sexual assault victims who prefer to go to another community for testing in order to maintain privacy will still have the option to do so.

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman has advocated for local exam administration, writing to Island Health and Health Minister Terry Lake in an effort to spur some action earlier this year.

Speaking Tuesday, Holman said it was "excellent news" the program was going forward.

"There are concerns with this same problem in many rural areas, including the southern Gulf Islands," he added. "We'll be looking into what the options are for people living on the other islands with the improved care at Lady Minto."

Holman has also asked the province to reinstate Salt Spring as a rural location under the student loan forgiveness program, which could help build health care capacity by encouraging professionals to live and work here after completing education programs.

# Electoral reform primer offered Friday

## TOWN HALL

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Salt Spring resident Bob MacKie has hosted several events to familiarize islanders with various forms of electoral reform. MacKie, who serves as the Green party's riding president and is affiliated with Fair Vote BC, will present a one-hour event ahead of May's town hall to offer people an electoral-reform primer. Mixed-member proportional and single-

transferable vote systems are among the most promising, MacKie said in a recent interview.

"Those are the big two, though there are infinite details amongst them," he said. "My thing is really just to talk about the system and how it works and, also, to deal with the myths that are starting to come out."

More information about the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform's work, including video footage of meetings

and guest speakers is available by following the links at [www.parl.gc.ca/ERRE-e](http://www.parl.gc.ca/ERRE-e).

Elizabeth May's Friday town hall runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room (232 Rainbow Rd). The Trans-Pacific Partnership and climate change are other major topics to be discussed.

MacKie's electoral reform preview session will be held in the Salt Spring Public Library program room between 4 and 5 p.m.

# School bus passing fines enforced

## RCMP continued from 1

19-foot Cape Dory Typhoon, which was built in Massachusetts. He said the witness who tipped off police officers about the Ganges Harbour sighting had seen one of his "missing boat" posters in Sidney.

## Drivers ignore school bus signs

RCMP have charged four drivers for failure to stop for a school bus on island roads during the past week.

"Traffic flow around school buses is a high-risk zone for the children boarding and exiting," stated Cpl. Darren Lagan of the Salt Spring RCMP detach-

ment. "Our officers, along with school bus drivers, will continue to monitor and enforce safety laws on island roadways to ensure our children get to and from school safely."

Police remind motorists to exercise caution during school days and keep ample room between their cars and school buses.

Drivers who fail to stop for school buses displaying flashing lights and stop signs face a \$368 fine.

## Wallet and cash returned

A wallet containing \$40 cash and personal identification along Lower Ganges Road and

returned to police last week by a passing motorist was returned to its owner with an added bonus.

What makes this case different from most, according to Lagan, is that the woman who turned in the wallet took the time to return to the site where she found it to determine if any other items had blown off the road into the ditch.

The woman found another \$60, which she also returned to police. An officer found an address connected to the person whose ID was in the wallet and delivered the cash and contents to the owner.

"This was a small case in the scope of our work this past week, but I think it speaks so well to the community we live in, and the level of care people have for one another," Lagan said.

Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study

## PUBLIC MEETING

to review and discuss  
the Road Condition Assessment

Wednesday, Sept. 21  
Meaden Hall | 5 - 7 pm

Presentation with Q & A 5:30 pm  
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# NEWSBEAT

## Heads up!

**Road Condition Assessment Meeting:**  
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 21, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Meaden Hall

### ISLAND POLITICS

## Incorporation Study Committee enters home stretch

Members can live with 'defined unknowables' of road report

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As the Salt Spring Incorporation Study Committee inches closer to the release of its final report, the group's most important task is to determine how to spread the message to islanders, according to chair Mark Aston.

"We need to try and generate a document that is readable and highlights as many pertinent points as possible that we can distribute to the public," Aston said at the committee's monthly public meeting on Thursday. "There are people who will want to read all 300 pages, but what we need to generate is something that people have a higher likelihood of reading."

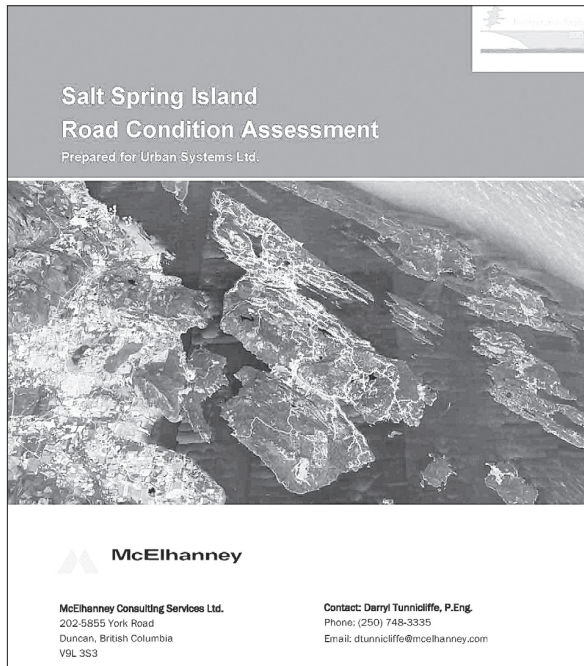
Aston's comments came as committee members reflected on whether they've succeeded in the mandate to provide the community with appropriate information to make an informed decision about whether or not to incorporate.

Volunteer committee members have worked since early 2015 to oversee completion of the report by Victoria's Urban Systems. The Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee's final version will be officially presented to islanders at a series of three public events in November. The meetings will precede the incorporation study committee's final recommendation to Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender at the end of November.

### Report lacks directness, says member Temmel

Committee member Uli Temmel expressed disappointment with the final report's lack of directness and generally "tangential" approach.

"I am personally not satisfied



Cover page for the final Road Condition Assessment report that will be the main topic of discussion at a Sept. 21 public meeting.

with the core of the study report as it is now," he told fellow committee members. "The report addresses the issues obliquely and indirectly, not directly."

Speaking in response to the criticism, committee member Stanley Shapiro said he feels the report strikes the right balance between an objective analysis and providing sufficient context.

"I think the price you pay for being objective is being oblique," he said. "This is not light reading in any way, shape or manner, but the assignment has been completed."

"I couldn't imagine how I would have done it as directly in a way that would not be open to taking sides one way or the other, and I think the consultant has tried to protect themselves from doing that, and I think that's really what we wanted them to do."

### Roads report has 'known unknowns'

Acting in response to misgivings by committee member Kelly Hyslop about the Road Condition Assessment's dearth of geotechnical and safety information, committee member Drew Stotesbury said he's obtained collision statistics from ICBC to append to the final report.

The ICBC analysis, originally presented to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission in 2014, presents the island's most-common collision sites.

"People can cross reference that with the Road Condition Assessment," Stotesbury said. "It doesn't necessarily draw conclusions, but it does provide more data."

Committee members acknowledge satisfying geotechnical concerns about Salt Spring's 272-kilome-

tre road network is not a simple task.

"It's a big gap," Stotesbury said. "As long as the unknowable is defined, I'm satisfied."

Even without the geotechnical analysis, however, ministries overseeing Salt Spring's incorporation study have expressed satisfaction with the Road Condition Assessment's scale and scope.

"We've done more work on the roads than any other committee," said chair Mark Aston. "It doesn't address the geotechnical at all, but that wasn't feasible."

Though more geotechnical information could theoretically be obtained, committee member Uli Temmel suggested such a survey would require an enormous amount of time and money.

"It's impossible to put a dollar value on it," he said. "Comprehensive geotechnical assessment of the roads on Salt Spring Island is completely beyond the capacity of anything we have at this point."

"Essentially, in practical terms, the actual risk is essentially unknowable."

meetings at Meaden Hall on the evening of Monday, Nov. 7 and at Fulford Hall on the afternoon of Nov. 8. Residents can also attend a Saturday afternoon meeting at Meaden Hall on Nov. 12.

"We're trying to provide options for everyone in the community to have an opportunity to attend," said committee member Karen Wright.

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ULI TEMMEL  
Member, SSI Incorporation Study Committee

### Mark your calendars

With fewer than three months to go before the Incorporation Study Committee will release its recommendation on whether to hold an incorporation referendum on Salt Spring, members are busily organizing a final blast of public events.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, residents will have an opportunity to learn more about the Road Condition Assessment report at Meaden Hall (in the Royal Canadian Legion building on Blain Road) between 5 and 7 p.m. A Q&A is set for 5:30 p.m., and display boards will be available to peruse before and after that.

Islanders will have several opportunities to discuss the final report of the incorporation study in November.

"The purpose of these events is to inform and involve the community with information and key findings of the final report," said committee member Jean Elwell. "At this point, we're no longer collecting information, we are disseminating the information."

The committee will host public

### Bowen Island opinions forthcoming

Views about the incorporation experience from Bowen Island politicians past and present are trickling in following the Incorporation Study Committee's call for opinions.

Committee member Stanley Shapiro sent 25 requests for feedback to the Bowen contingent earlier this summer. The request follows demand among Salt Springers that the committee provide an analysis of the successes and failures of incorporation in communities comparable to Salt Spring.

Bowen Island, which also falls within the Islands Trust's jurisdiction, incorporated following a referendum in 1999.

The Bowen representatives have been given a Sept. 30 deadline to respond. All responses will be posted, unedited, on the Salt Spring Incorporation Study Committee's website.

Shapiro had received six responses to his request as of Sept. 8.

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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.**

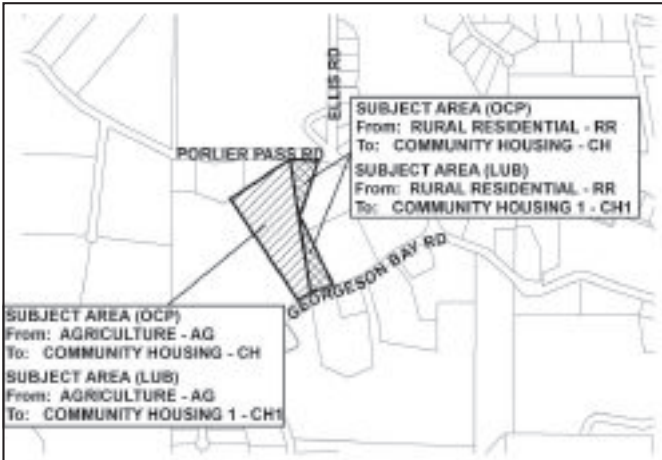
At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

**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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**SALT SPRING PRIDE 2016**



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Pictures of the innocent victims of the Orlando massacre mounted on boards are carried near the front of Saturday's Pride March and Parade. The killing of 49 people in the Pulse nightclub in June of this year precipitated the 2016 Pride theme of Out! Rage! Us!



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Cicely-Belle Blain of the Vancouver chapter of Black Lives Matter speaks at the Carnival of Pride and Protest rally. Blain was among speakers who stressed that much work is still to be done in response to violence experienced by people in black and other minority communities. Local First Nations and GLOSSI reps also spoke at the rally, which was held before the march and parade outside the public library.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Vancouver-West End NDP MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert, credited with pressuring the provincial Liberal government to introduce legislation to protect the rights of transgendered individuals, addresses the crowd.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Transgendered youth Taryn Muldoon, left, (also a GLOSSI board member) and Rex Shaak smile for an appreciative crowd after their presentations at the rally. Muldoon and Shaak were this year's Pride marshals.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Transgendered individuals and allies, and Raging Grannies are some participants in the march/parade as it passes Heiwa Garden Peace Park on Seaview Avenue.

DESIGN

# GISS mini-park design wows judges

Junior designers place second

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An award-winning parklet designed by three Gulf Islands Secondary School students will continue to attract attention now that it's been permanently installed at Vancouver Island University's Cowichan campus.

Judges with the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada named the students' design among the top entries from 30 teams.

Participants set out nearly a year ago to conceive a parklet design to mark the RAIC's 2016 Festival of Architecture.

"The first thing we did was get on the computer to look up 'parklet,'" said Jackson Sweet, a member of the GISS junior design squad. "We started from scratch."

Parklets are mini-parks that have been popping up in parking spaces in urban areas across North America. The public spaces' seating areas, shade and greenery offer pedestrians a calming oasis amidst the concrete jungle. The sites can be used to enjoy

lunch, meet friends or just watch the world whiz past.

The Salt Spring team spent the competition's first few months researching various parklet plans with some assistance from local builder Neil Langford and an architect based in Sidney.

"We discussed what's important and decided to include some British Columbia and West Coast-inspired features," said team member Stuart Hambrook.

The designers started with three plans, and the choice soon became evident.

Judges commended the second-place parklet for its ample seating, use of heavy timbers, wooden slabs, built-in tables and roof trellis.

The international jury called it a "lively space with a variety of elements to appeal to a variety of users."

The top-three parklets were displayed in downtown Nanaimo in early June. The competition's goal, according to Nanaimo architect David Poiron, was to raise awareness about the importance of public space.

The designs were brought to life by students in the VIU Carpentry Foundation Program with supplies contrib-



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GISS students, from left, Stuart Hambrook, Patrick Little and Jackson Sweet at their award-winning parklet in Nanaimo in June. It can now be enjoyed at VIU's Cowichan Trades Centre.

uted by local companies.

"We had designed it, but we didn't actually see any of the construction process," Hambrook said. "We got over there and, for me, it was like going from zero to 100 in a split second."

Hambrook and Sweet, who are both in Grade 11, and Grade 12 teammate Patrick Little worked on the project for more than six months and were required to meet stringent deadlines designed to keep them on track through-

out the process.

The teammates received \$600 for their effort. An additional \$1,000 was awarded to GISS.

The junior designers' parklet has been permanently installed behind VIU's Cowichan Trades Centre in Duncan, where it is used daily by students during their break periods.

"It's kind of cool to see the connection between preparing the blueprints and seeing it come to life," Sweet said.

BEYOND RACISM

The principle of human oneness strikes a chord in the deepest reaches of the human spirit. It is not yet another way of talking about the ideal of brotherhood or solidarity. Nor is it some vague hope or slogan. It reflects, rather, an eternal spiritual, moral and physical reality that has been brought into focus by humanity's collective coming of age in the twentieth century.

Its emergence is more visible now because, for the first time in history, it has become possible for all of the peoples of the world to perceive their interdependence and to become conscious of their wholeness. The contemporary realization of humanity's collective oneness comes after a historic process in which individuals were fused into ever greater units. Moving from clans, to tribes, to city-states, to nations, the next inevitable step for humanity is a single great organism -- human civilization itself.

The world's great religions likewise uphold the principle, even if their followers have, at times, clung to fallacious notions of superiority. The Founders of these religions have all promised that one day peace and justice would prevail and all humanity would be united.

The reality of human oneness is also fully endorsed by science. Anthropology, physiology, psychology, sociology and, most recently, genetics, in its decoding of the human genome, demonstrate that there is only one human species, albeit infinitely varied in the secondary aspects of life.

There is only one human race. We are a single people, inhabiting the planet Earth, one human family bound together in a common destiny, a single entity created from one same substance, obligated to "be even as one soul." As stated by Baha'u'llah more than 100 years ago, "The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens."

(Excerpts from the Baha'i statement to the United Nations "World Conference Against Racism")  
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COURT

# Fire poker attack sentenced

Crown had requested one-year sentence for assault

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring man accused of assaulting his tenant with a fire poker received a 60-day conditional sentence and two years probation in Ganges Provincial Court Monday morning.

William Hofmann will not be allowed to leave his home between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. for the next 60 days and faces multiple restrictions in connection with the September 2015 attack.

Court heard that Hofmann, 52, approached the man from behind in the victim's living quarters before striking him on the side of the head with a metal fire poker.

The victim reportedly pushed Hofmann out of his living quarters and locked the door before calling 9-1-1. Court heard that the victim was bleeding profusely from the head wound when emergency crews arrived. He was transported to hospital, where he received seven staples to seal the wound.

COURTDOCKET

"This is a very serious assault in what was [the victim's] home," said Judge Carmen Rogers. "Furthermore, [the act was committed] from behind and with a weapon that could have resulted in serious injury and even death."

**"This is a very serious assault in what was [the victim's] home."**

JUDGE CARMEN ROGERS  
Ganges Provincial Court

Defence counsel Robert Jones said the incident occurred after Hofmann's lengthy efforts to evict the tenant and allegations that the victim had stolen and sold some of Hofmann's possessions to buy drugs.

Jones argued that his client should receive a suspended sentence because of his various health issues.

Crown called upon the court to issue a 12-month conditional sentence based

on the crime's severity.

"He reportedly alternated between confusion and profanity [following the incident]," said Crown counsel Jody Patsch. "Crown is concerned that Mr. Hofmann seems to be all over the map when it comes to understanding what occurred that day."

Judge Rogers said her decision to issue a two-month sentence was based on Hofmann's guilty plea, the circumstances that led to the attack and the nearly 20 years that have passed since Hofmann's most recent criminal conviction.

Hofmann will be subject to probation conditions for two years following the end of his conditional sentence. He is to have no contact with the victim and must attend counselling as directed by his probation officer.

In other news, court issued a stay of proceedings in its case against a Salt Spring man charged with possession of a controlled substance. Delton Woolcock had been charged with possession this spring despite having a licence to grow and keep marijuana for medicinal purposes.

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# OPINION



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EDITORIAL

## Road to reform

The most exciting initiative undertaken in recent Canadian history touches down on Salt Spring Friday evening.

And though democratic reform may not inspire the same enthusiasm as a fresh fall fair pie or a heated round of cow patty bingo, talk about how we vote stands to revitalize the humdrum world of Canadian politics.

Voters in this country have elected federal politicians using a winner-take-all system called first-past-the-post since 1867. While such a system may have satisfied the needs of early Canadians, the country is a far different place than it was in the era of Prime Minister John A. MacDonald.

Back then, Canada comprised only four provinces, had a population of a mere 3.5 million and three political parties — only two of any consequence.

THE ISSUE:

Electoral reform in Canada

WE SAY:

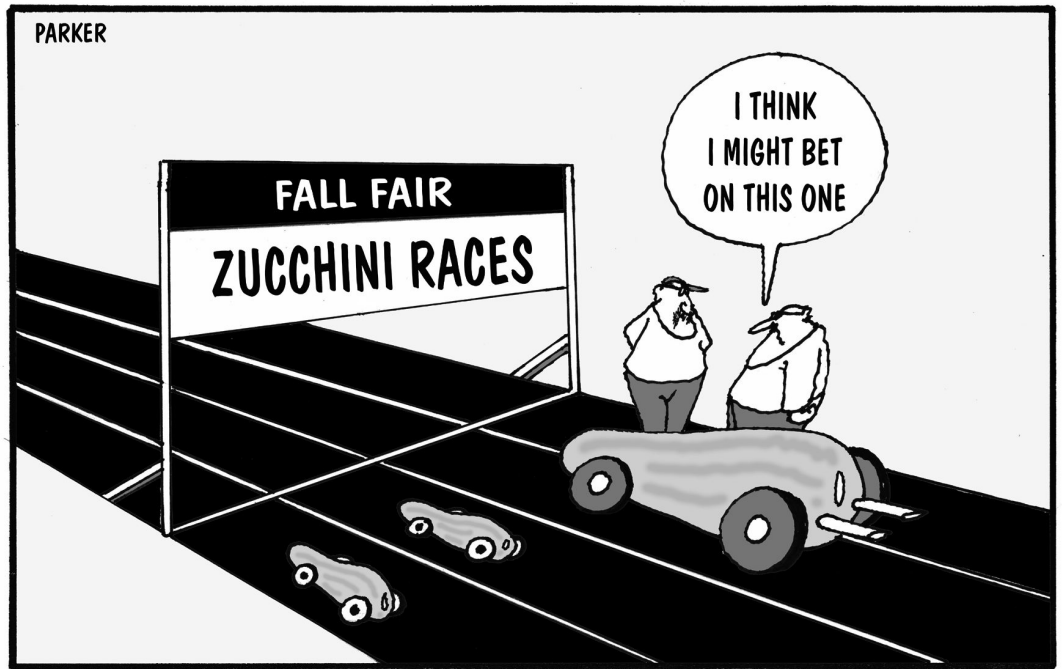
Good time for discussion

with 39.5 per cent of the vote. The same storyline played out in 2011, when the Conservatives got 166 seats with 39.6 per cent of the vote. The last time a Canadian political party actually won a majority of seats based on a significant majority of the popular vote was in 1958, when Conservative John Diefenbaker ousted Lester B. Pearson by swaying 53.7 per cent of Canadian voters.

Meanwhile, voter apathy has steadily risen as citizens sadly choose to shun a process that makes them feel as though their vote doesn't count.

Friday's voting reform discussion at Gulf Islands Secondary School hosted by Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May promises to give participants an electoral system primer, solicit opinions and provide an update on the work of a special parliamentary committee tasked to offer solutions by Dec. 1.

Sure, voting systems like single-transferable vote and mixed-member proportional may sound more complex than the system to which we've grown accustomed, but as Canada prepares to celebrate 150 years since Confederation, it's an ideal time to at least explore options for a more democratic system that could build on our strengths and empower a wider range of contemporary Canadian voices.



VIEWPOINT by Julia Grace and Anne Macey

## Farmers are the heart of the market

Salt Spring farmers are shocked to learn that PARC intends to cap the market space devoted to island farming.

Last week, PARC's Market Advisory Group supported that proposal with only a few voting against, and apparently next week, PARC decides. This is in response to concerns from craft vendors worried about being forced out because, under the current guidelines, farmers who meet the market entry criteria are not turned away.

Farmers are the heart of the market — the food, the flowers, the ever-changing colours and flavours bring new and vital energy to Gasoline Alley every week. But craft vendors need space, too. This is the market dilemma — always new vendors — never enough space.

But let's not start another market war. Instead, let's find creative ways to address space restrictions without pitting one market group against another. Here are some of our ideas.

**Expand the market into the roadway running parallel to the park**

Closing roads on market days is an accepted practice all around the world. It adds spirit and atmosphere to market days. We propose PARC enter into negotiations with the relevant government jurisdictions to close the road from the crosswalk to the end of the park. Vehicles could still access the harbour and business in or near Grace Point Square. Vendors could set up on both sides of the road, significantly increasing the number of spots available.

**Secure these spots for farmers and allow for sharing**

These spots would be ideal for farmers, making it easier to load in and out, and to bring extra produce during the course of the market if need be. The Saturday market has an exceptionally long market day when compared to other markets. Some vendors (particularly farmers) sell more during the early hours and others later in the day. Some, but not all, farmers would be happy to vacate their spots by

noon or soon after and would do so if the rules allowed and if it was physically feasible to pack out. Present this as an option to registered farmers and locate them near the ends so they can make an easy exit, and make their spot available to another vendor.

**Establish a community farm table**

New farmers with very limited product and farmers who grow only one crop (blueberries, garlic, hazelnuts) find it hard to meet the rules for 50 per cent attendance. These growers could make good use of a group table where farmers could vend for a limited or reduced amount of time.

**Establish a solid working definition of a farmer/grower**

Island Natural Growers would be glad to help develop the market definition of a farmer/grower so that there is no confusion between who is a farmer and who is not.

We want the Salt Spring Saturday Market to be a positive, vibrant place for vendors, for customers and for the community as a whole. The beauty of farm produce and the connectedness to place that it brings are the spirit and the core of any market. In fact, most other markets actively encourage farmer participation instead of curtailing it. Since its inception, the Saturday market has had an open door for farmers, building on the original farmer's market that existed in that space before Centennial Park was established. The current proposal limits the space allocated to the farmer group while no other vendor group faces such a restriction. Please count on our support to find creative and community-building ways to avoid this restriction and make the market work for everyone.

The writers have submitted this piece on behalf of the Island Natural Growers group.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

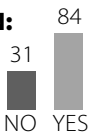
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Does the Saturday Market need changes?



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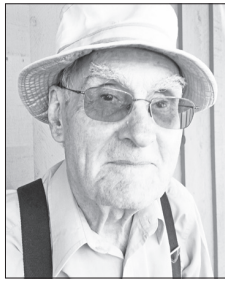
# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I think the price you pay for being objective is being oblique."**

STANLEY SHAPIRO, SSI INCORPORATION STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What do you look forward to most at Salt Spring's Fall Fair?



**DESMOND ST. LAWRENCE**  
*Meeting other people.*



**MICHELLE BAXTER**  
*I look forward to seeing it for the first time.*



**SUZANNE GAY**  
*The raspberry pie and seeing everybody's farm goods.*



**TONY CLAIR**  
*I love it all, especially the pie.*



**CHAR HOLCROFT**  
*We like to see the animals, listen to the music and visit the beer garden.*

## Letters to the editor

### Here's a new proposal

In her Aug. 31 letter to the editor, Myna Lee Johnstone suggests a "pedestrian-only" zone in Ganges on Saturday market days.

Further to this and last week's "Market group tackles friction" story, I propose to close a section of the road between the park and the fire hall. This would open up much-needed vendor space as well as creating a nicer village atmosphere. Many European towns and cities close their busiest downtown areas to vehicle traffic on Saturdays. This practice has been embraced by businesses and consumers for decades.

Our community is recognizing the need for local food security. Many young and new farmers have taken on the task. In order to survive

they rely heavily on farmers' markets to sell their fresh produce. It's my understanding that the Tuesday market has been created in response to a growing supply and demand. It's an addition to the Saturday market for the farmers, not a replacement.

However, some farmers would be happy to keep hours between 8 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. on Saturdays during the hottest summer months from June to September. If they could load and go without disrupting the rest of the market community it would free up even more space to those who wish to set up later in the day.

As for the question of what defines a farmer, I suggest the following: working long, long hours seven days a week 365 days a year — planning, planting, weeding, harvesting, doing markets, fostering

customer relations, training new helpers, fixing gear, repairing fences, cleaning, attending to animals' needs, making compost, counting the losses, balancing the books, observing the weather and environment, finding a minute to smell the roses or the cheese, taking chances and rising to a new challenge every day.

It's a much-admired lifestyle, though one has to feel the passion for it or else be mad-hatter crazy.  
**VERA ROBINSON,**  
HOPE HILL FARM

### Capping farmers not the answer

I am writing to express my concern over the Market Advisory Group's recommendation to place a cap on

farmers vending at the Saturday market. This follows a fractious season where frustrated vendors have jostled for space in a market that has outgrown Centennial Park.

Restricting the participation of any vendor group — be it farmers, potters, jewellers, bakers — is simply unfair. And squeezing the local food economy as a space-saving measure seems short-sighted at best. In answer to those who say that farmers have the Tuesday market, remember that field crops wait for no one. Farmers must harvest many fruits and vegetables more than once a week.

Capping farmers, who represent less than 20 per cent of total market vendors, may seem like an expedient solution to the space crunch, but it doesn't really

solve the problem. The market is maxed out. It's grown every year in the 13 years we've attended, and each year we try to jam more and more vendors into the same physical space. That trend will only continue with the status quo. And who will be capped next?

I recently attended a juried market in Ladner Village near Vancouver. Jurying is one way to limit the number of market participants, but I don't believe it's a good model on a small island like Salt Spring where people's marketing options are limited and the cost of living is high. Having a public space to vend on the island is critical for farmers and craftspeople alike.

What did appeal about Ladner was its layout. During market hours several main roads are closed to traf-

fic and vendors set up along the streets. People flowed between market stalls, cafés and local businesses, making the commercial district feel like a unified whole. It's a model common in Europe and increasingly in North America, where markets for farmers and artisans are on the rise.

It's time to broaden our horizons where the market is concerned. Let's start a conversation about the market's growth potential and how we can effectively accommodate the increasing demand for vendor space. Penalizing the farm community is not a solution; perhaps expanding into Ganges is.

**MELANIE PLATZ,**  
SMALL EARTH FARM

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

## AGING with GRACE: Time is short, so just say it

BY HELEN HINCHLIFF



HELEN HINCHLIFF

**"Helen, I love you," he said. Temporarily speechless, I finally managed to blurt out a thank you, knowing it wasn't responsive, but unsure of what else to say.**

Herb retired some years ago from Service B.C., up on Lower Ganges Road, across from Dagwood's. It used to be known as the Government Agent's Office. He's had a variety of health challenges since then, but the day of our recent encounter he was happily piloting his brand new bright red power scooter.

"Wow, Herb," I exclaimed as he was tooling toward me with a big grin on his face. "Have you ever got wheels! This contraption is going to open up the world for you again."

He then proclaimed his love, rendering me almost speechless. Filling the gap, he added, "I want you to know that you mean a lot to me."

Oh, my goodness! He was the second person in a week to say that to me and I'd also let her

love and kind words hang out to dry like Monday morning laundry.

Herb wasn't going to let me do that. Poking his face through the damp sheets that hung between us, he asked, "Don't you think I deserve a hug?"

"Of course, you do!" And I supplied the much-welcomed hug, relieving the tension. He kissed me on the cheek and I kissed him on the cheek. And then... I said, "I love you too Herb."

There! Was that really so hard?

To tell you the truth: it was harder than it should have been. So I had to explain that I grew up in a loveless family. Oh sure, my mother taught me to sign my thank-you letters with love, as in "Dear Grandma, Thank you for the box of stationery. It will come in handy. Love, Helen."

But I don't remember ever hearing my parents say, "I love you" either to me or to my brothers, nor did we say "I love

you" to them or to each other. Nor did my parents hug and kiss us. A few years before she died, I asked my mother for confirmation of this memory.

"Hugging and kissing are for saying hello and goodbye," she harrumphed. "They're not for every day." And so we pursed our lips into defensive puckers, giving each other dutiful little pecks on the lips as if we were afraid of catching cooties or of somebody confusing eros with agape.

Occasionally, my mother told my father she loved him, but he never said it back, at least not that I ever heard. And in one soul-searing exchange I happened to overhear, she'd asked him if he loved her. His reply — "I don't know what love is" — was a statement a nine-year-old would remember for the rest of her life.

But I never got a chance to complete this long-winded account of my love-starved childhood. Herb cut through it

with a carving knife.

"Oh my parents said a lot of negative stuff to me too," he replied. "Then they added, 'But it was because we LOVE you!'"

Herb had a moral: "We can't let ourselves carry that baggage around forever. The buck stops here! And you can quote me on that!"

So I went to the Pride parade on Saturday and proceeded to give everybody hugs. That's the great thing about Pride! It's all about love: love for each other and love for ourselves. Pride grants us licence to say it and so we do. Pride is also all about smiles and happiness. Love radiating between and among us is good for the soul and we need to acknowledge and remember that.

And then I went to the market. I thought it was lighter, friendlier, more loving, or was that me still radiating love? I joined in the audience hearing Amy sing "You are My Sunshine" with a busker, smiling

at us all and having the time of her life. I gave her a hug and we

chatted for a minute about the times she's sung with me at the special people Christmas dinner. She remembered! And then Chris came up, offering his hand and announcing, as usual, "I love you" and "I'm a happy guy." He'd had his 35th birthday recently and, I'm proud to say I've known him for at least 15 of those eternally happy and loving years.

My friend Mary just finished emailing me one of those internet bon mots that makes the rounds. Called "21 Rules for a Good Old Age," I found Rule 6 apt: "Regardless of age, always keep love alive. Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbour, your surroundings and your country."

And so I do. Guess what. I love you too!

# MP May responds to party controversy

BY ELIZABETH MAY

It is not often that a Green party internal matter creates controversy within my constituency. Clearly, the August national policy meeting and the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions motion are an exception to the rule.

I note the Driftwood poll, the thoughtful and caring letters from Jan Slakov and P.N. Spiers, as well as the opinion column from Bob Moffatt and the very helpful historical perspective from Shelley Nitikman and Michael Friedman in the last two issues of the Driftwood.

I am adamantly opposed to the Green Party of Canada lending support to the BDS movement. Those who are drawn to the movement cannot be assumed to be anti-Semitic. Some unquestionably are, while others think they are responding to an injustice. There is no question that treatment of Arab residents of the occupied territories falls far below the fair treatment within Israel's legal borders.

## IN RESPONSE

In opposing BDS I am not throwing my lot in with those who are blind in their support of the current prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. I have been the only federal party leader to criticize Israel's military actions. But, equally, I am firm in condemning Hamas rockets into Israel. A peaceful solution to the tensions and sporadic warfare of the Middle East requires that countries like Canada work to press for a two-state solution, recognizing fault — and merit — on both sides.

As leader of the Green Party of Canada, I have no autocratic powers within the party. The GPC is run by an elected council of volunteers of which I am just one member. In fact, I wasn't allowed to explain my reasons for opposing the motion in the debate at our plenary. Due to a confusion over speaking time

limits, my microphone was cut off after 90 seconds.

The whole debacle is a teachable moment about the perils of abandoning the effort to use consensus decision-making, a practice deeply embedded in the Green party globally. We made two fateful errors: adopting speedy and efficient Robert's Rules of Order and abandoning the previous practice of a national ratification vote.

I was prepared to do so. I believe the ill-conceived changes in our decision-making led to a dreadful vote where a small number of our national membership of 20,000 made a decision after inadequate study and debate and with no effort to find consensus.

I only agreed to continue as leader when the federal council decided to revisit all the decisions of the August meeting that lacked consensus. We will not have to wait long to demonstrate the benefits of compromise. The special meeting of members will take place in Calgary on Dec. 3 and 4. And we will follow up that December consensus effort with a ratification vote engaging the whole membership.

I thank all my constituents for the continuing honour of representing you in Parliament.

*The writer is the member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands and leader of the Green Party of Canada.*

**We will not have to wait long to demonstrate the benefits of compromise.**

While I have no power over the party, I do have power over my own conduct. If stepping down was the only way to get the motion reconsidered at a convention (and a leadership race would have forced an early re-visiting),

We were able to raise approximately 2,300 pounds of much-needed goods along with over \$560 in cash for our local food bank.

A big thanks to Country Grocer for the location and a big thank you to members of Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the 2nd Vesuvius Boy Scouts group for donating your time and efforts to make this a success.

Again, thank you to the community and we will see you next year.  
**PER SVENDSEN,**  
SALT SPRING

basis of political, religious, social and/or economic beliefs use wars and laws to suit them? Stories of the "god/gods" have supposedly advocated horrendous acts, where conflict and competition trump cooperation.

Does might make right?

**EILEEN WTTEWAALL,**  
SALT SPRING

## Food drive thanks

A huge thank you from the organizing committee to members of our community for supporting the food bank drive held Saturday, Sept. 10 at Country Grocer with your donations.

## MORE LETTERS

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## Hard to comprehend

I find it incomprehensible that the Jewish people, who have been treated so abominably by the Nazi Germans who murdered millions, along with gypsies and all considered mentally and physical unfit — all "enemies" — can now consider all Arabs, including Palestinians, as unfit enemies, unworthy of the same things they want.

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In the dim and distance past,  
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Grandma used to rock and crochet, tat and babysit.

When the kids were in a jam.

They could always count on Gram.

In an age a' gracious living Grandma was the gal for giving.

Grandma now is in the gym exercising to keep slim

She's off touring with the bunch,  
taking clients out to lunch.

Driving north to ski or curl, all her days are in a whirl

Nothing seems to stop on her block

Now that Grandma's off the rocker.



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## Mechanic

### Where are we service-wise at this time of year?

Most people are now back from holidays and busy getting the family ready for school. Another group is just getting ready to head out for trips to usually warmer and dryer climes.

Either way, you may be due for service and repair after a long trip, or check ups to avoid problems before heading out. The days are getting shorter and lighting systems need to be working their best. Heaters will soon be used to keep the windows clear and wipers will be working overtime. If you are on a 6-month oil change schedule you will need to take care of winter servicing soon. It's a little early to think about snow tire installation but give a thought to what tires you will use and possibly buy early to avoid the rush later in the fall.

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# Moments in the 80th year of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary

In honor of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary's 80th anniversary this year, LMHA member Sharon Callahan spearheaded a project to collect photographs representing the auxiliary's various activities, from the running of the Thrift Shop to providing for the comfort and care of Lady Minto Hospital patients and residents of the ECU and Greenwoods/Braehaven. Below is a selection of those photos. See page 17 for Callahan's story about the LMHA anniversary and the Driftwood's Facebook page for these and other LMHA photos.



PHOTO BY SHARON CALLAHAN

Kathy Darling serves tea to Nita Brown at her 102nd birthday party in the ECU. Brown was one of the founders of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop in 1972.



PHOTO BY ELLEN KARPINSKI

Nelly and Gus eager to help serve tea at the ECU.



PHOTO BY JACQUELINE JENSEN

Jackie Jensen, left, in the Thrift Shop with new volunteer Saoirse Casey.



PHOTO BY VERNA ELLIOTT

John Elliott delivers 150 bags of culls to Big Brothers in Victoria.



PHOTO BY ANN HEELEY-RAY

Audrey Reynolds brings music to the Extended Care Unit with Ann Muller assisting.



PHOTO BY SHARON CALLAHAN

Greenwoods craft group members "grow" bonsai trees for the fall fair.



PHOTO BY SHARON CALLAHAN

Helping hands make and fill the comfort bags to be distributed in the hospital's emergency room.



PHOTO BY PAUL ROBERTS

Doug Archer loads up for the weekly recycle run.



PHOTO BY SHARON CALLAHAN

Merryl Crockett at the LMH gift cabinet filled with beautiful items made by herself and others.

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- ♪ 10:00-10:30 ..... Vaughn Fulford
- ♪ 10:40-11:10 ..... JackLefty & The Bandoleros
- 11:00 ..... Indoor sections open in the Main Building / Sawmill Demonstration / Blacksmith Demo ongoing
- ♪ 11:20-11:50 ..... Sharon Bailey & Craig McKerron
- 11:30 ..... Sheep Dog Demonstration
- ♪ MC Vaughn Fulford
- ♪ 12:00-12:30 ..... Sandra Jean with Kelly
- 12:00 ..... Livestock judging continues / Chicken races
- 12:30 ..... Threshing Demonstration
- ♪ 12:45-1:25 ..... Everyday People
- 1:00 ..... Zucchini Races
- ♪ 1:40-2:20 ..... Simone and the Soul Intentions
- 2:00 ..... Tractor Pull
- 2:30 ..... Sheep Dog Demonstration / Sawmill Demonstration
- ♪ 2:35-3:15 ..... The Never Never Band
- 3:00 ..... Chicken races
- ♪ MC Harry Warner
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| 9:00-10:30 .....Admittance to the Main Building.<br>Open only to people with special needs<br>and residents of Senior Facilities | .... Rooster Calling Contest in the Show Ring                           |
| 9:00 ..... Commercial vendors and exhibitors open  | ♪ 1:00-1:40 ....Bill Henderson  |
| 9:30 ..... Demo Tent - Judging the Sweetest Apple  | 1:30 .....Dog Agility in the<br>Upper Level Ring                        |
| 10:00 ..... Pet Parade registration  | 1:45 .....Longest lasting rose bloom<br>& dahlia announced              |
| ..... Free bus shuttle to/from the fairgrounds   | ♪ 1:50-2:30 ... Duck Creak  |
| ..... Food concessions open / Games of chance open   | 2:00 ..... Tractor Pull   |
| ♪ MC Al Hans   | 2:30 ..... Sheep Dog Demonstration<br>..... Sawmill Demonstration       |
| ♪ 10:00 - 10:30 ... Alan Moberg  | ♪ MC Trish Nobile   |
| 10:30 ..... Demo Tent - People's Choice Award for<br>Best Tasting Apple  | ♪ 2:40-3:20 .. Marianne Grittani Quartet                                |
| ..... Indoor exhibits open to all fair-goers   | 3:00 ..... Rotary Club Muffin Madness<br>..... Chicken races            |
| ♪ 10:45-11:15 ....Alvaro Sanchez   | 3:00-5:00 .....Prize money may be collected<br>behind the main building |
| 11:00 .....Pet Parade / Sawmill Demonstration  | ♪ 3:30-4:05 ....Kathy Stack & Friends                                   |
| .....Blacksmith Demo ongoing   | ♪ 4:20-5:00 ...Doug and the Thugs                                       |
| ♪ 11:25-11:55 ....Hoochie Coochie Men  | 5:00-6:00 .....All entries must be removed<br>(not earlier)             |
| 11:30 .....Sheep Dog Demonstration   |   |
| 12:00 .....Chicken races   |   |
| ♪ MC John Bateman  |   |
| ♪ 12:05-12:45 ....Valdy  |   |
| 12:30 .....Threshing Demonstration   |   |



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## ART REVIEW

# Gallery 8 achieves lift-off with *The Ground Between*

Hall, Tibbits and  
 Woode on exhibit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the public still have another week to catch an impressive exhibition at Gallery 8 featuring the work of Donna Hall, Daniel Tibbits and Janis Woode.

Titled *The Ground Between*, the show feels more like one of soaring outwards and upwards, as each artist reveals a sharpening of already strong skills in his or her chosen medium.

Hall shared a teaser of her new direction in painting at the gallery's *Symbolically 8* show earlier this year, and now shows a satisfyingly robust series in the same vein. While the layering and obscuring strategies familiar from her past abstract paintings are still very much present, Hall has recently started to include figures more prominently in

her work. These appear to be sourced from archival photos, with scenes made even more haunting and strange through her treatment in acrylic plaster on board.

For example, *Patience* depicts a solemn-looking child in the dress of the last century, sitting with a bag in her lap. The context of the scene is not included; instead Hall applies an atmospheric pastiche of warm, earthy tones around the figure, using expressive palette marks and a more ordered pattern of diamonds. This second feature both obscures and reveals another layer of colour like the grilles of a metal gate.

*Companions* is based on a palette of poppy red and icy blue, offset with white and black. Hall ripples the warm red tone across the frame on the diagonal, making it the principal colour of the hat and coat worn by another child from past times. An alert white dog waits beside



Friends by Donna Hall.

the child in what could be an urban landscape, and which is transformed into textured blocks of colour and circle motifs. The piece shows how Hall is able to riff on the found

image to explore all the elements of painting for a fully realized work. Some of the images show children dressed for play but still looking oddly serious and restrained, such

as the trio dressed in Pierrot/clown costumes with conical hats and ruffled collars, and a small cowboy atop his horse.

Daniel Tibbits' creative world exists, for the most part, well away from earthly concerns, with his surrealist scenes of floating structures, cloud vortices and rune-engraved whales. He, too, is perfecting his technique as he goes.

Tibbits has also included two rather unusual figurative pieces, both of which contain such raw, powerfully conveyed emotion they are almost uncomfortable. Obsessions is especially so, depicting a Prometheus bound by his own inner chains. Nude and covered with runic markings, the man faces the viewer yet looks down at his feet. His body is large and ponderous with a heavy belly that overshadows any thought of a groin, thereby enacting a symbolic emasculation.

Janis Woode also excels

at portraying the contrasts between human frailty and our strivings to escape limitations — or to simply just figure things out — with her sensitive wrapped wire figures set against industrial sculpture settings. The *Conversation* makes confusion manifest, with a crescent of puzzle pieces stamped out of scrap metal forming the pathway for a solitary figure, whose stance suggests he/she has reached the end without any idea what to do next.

After the *Fire* has strong compositional qualities. Set on a smallish cube of polished metal, the lone figure has an extremely limited area on the horizontal plane, but the piece soars upwards with towering bare tree trunks. Woode's treatment of the metal trunks and wire shrubbery creates a stark, burnt world where a kind of beauty is nonetheless found.

The *Ground Between* continues upstairs at Gallery 8 through Sept. 20.

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Union Duke	Sat May 6, 7:30pm
DANCE	
Ballet Jazz de Montréal	Mon Oct 17 & Tue Oct 18, 7:30pm
Out Innerspace Dance	Fri Oct 28, 7:30pm
MascalDance	Sat Feb 11, 7:30pm
Shay Kuebler	Wed May 3, 7:30pm
GREAT PERFORMERS	
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Canadian Guitar Quartet	Mon Jan 30, 7:30pm
Isabel Bayrakdarian	Fri Mar 10, 7:30pm
Victoria Baroque Players	Sun May 28, 2:30pm
BRAVURA	
Michael Occhipinti & The Sicilian Project	Thu Nov 24, 7:30pm
Kiran Ahluwalia	Thu Mar 2, 7:30pm
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THEATRE	
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Shakespeare 1600 & The Standard Bearer	Sat Jan 28, 7:30pm
Peter N' Chris	Tue Feb 7, 7:30pm
Monster Theatre	Thu Feb 16, 6:30pm
God is a Scottish Drag Queen	Thu Apr 13, 7:30pm
ON STAGE	
Fuoco E Cenere	Sun Nov 27 2016, 4pm
Kai Gleusteen & Catherine Ordroneau	Fri Mar 17, 7:30pm
Benjamin Butterfield & Sarah Hagen	Mon Mar 27, 7:30pm
Elmer Iseler Singers	Mon Apr 24, 7:30pm
SPECIAL EVENTS	
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**AUTHORS**

# Page nets second Giller nod

Islander's new book released this week

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring writer Kathy Page is battling two for two as a short-story writer when it comes to consideration for the nation's top literary prize, earning a place on the 2016 Giller Prize longlist for her new story collection *The Two Of Us*.

The distinction comes just two years after Page received her first Giller nomination for the collection *Paradise and Elsewhere*. If the earlier circumstance was a happy surprise, the second was completely even more unexpected. Page discovered the news after being woken by her iPad "pinging" with congratulatory messages early Wednesday morning last week.

"I was completely shocked, so, a good start to the day," Page recalled during a walking interview in Mouat Park, where she frequently spends time running and thinking through her work. "There is that feeling of having connected and that someone noticed, which is great."

"It's interesting because they're such different books, though I have come to see a connection between them, and also between them and what I'm doing next," she added.

The longlist was selected by a five-member jury panel comprising Canadian writers Lawrence Hill (who is jury chair), Jeet Heer and Kathleen Winter along with British author Samantha Harvey and Scottish writer Alan Warner.

*Paradise and Elsewhere*, Page's first Giller-nominated book, marked a new relationship with small publisher Biblioasis. The 2014 collection ventured into strange fantasy landscapes and situations, in stories that often revolved around an interaction or negotiation with a stranger. Page is now working on a book of connected stories that are all about one couple during a 70-year marriage.

*The Two of Us* also focuses on "reality" and archetypal relationships between two people, whether child and parent, coach and student athlete or romantic partners. As Page observes, they are about "pairs of people locked into some sort of firm dynamic, often not functioning — not in what you'd call a healthy relationship, but nonetheless a strong one."

With a mixture of previously published pieces and new ones, the stories are set both in the UK and North America, as Page's own settings have been. There are quintessential English manor houses and lush gardens as well as city bus routes and converted flats. The people who inhabit these spaces are navigating the types of inner challenges that don't have a neat solution, for example, how to deal with bewildering changes in aging parents when old family dynamics are deeply rooted, or how to be a good parent to a child that doesn't belong to you.

Page doesn't entirely accept the rule of fiction that characters must



Two-time Giller nominee Kathy Page.

learn and grow.

"I don't think that's necessarily true. I think sometimes the characters could learn and grow but don't, and that's interesting too," she explained.

One of the things that Page likes about the short story is the freedom it offers from things "not to do" in fiction writing. Short stories tend to be driven more by character than by plot, and don't

require the same conflict structure as novels. There is also a better chance a reader will accept an unusual idea or way of writing if they know it's just for a few pages. At the same time, the short story is more concentrated and can be more intense than the longer form.

The opening story in *The Two of Us* looks at a family relationship over time from the perspectives of three sisters whose births are widely spaced apart. As Page points out, it's not that they don't agree on the facts of their childhood, but what they see as important and what they dismiss is hugely divergent. *Dear Son* is a portrait of a man who is repulsed by his unclassy overweight mother, his unwillingness to touch her wrapped up in his own lack of self-realization and a lovely suggestion of convergence by the end.

*Red Dog*, which was first published in *The Walrus*, looks at a family through the eyes of an eight-year-old with an autism-type condition. Page beautifully imagines how the little girl experiences the world as colours and smells, and the somewhat odd behaviour of a family that wants to have her around but doesn't know how to deal with her. At first it seems the sight of a fox in the garden will save a bad Christmas — but the story's final sentence hints at the more realistic situation of more trauma to come.

"The great thing [about being a writer] is you get to sort of feel and imagine yourself into these other lives," Page said. "Which I suppose some might say 'Why do that? Isn't one enough?' But I find it's really helpful to me to have these bigger perspectives."

"Families and relationships are just not textbook, are they, so that's what's interested me in these stories," she continued. "And again, that ability to sort of imagine yourself into it takes you away from the ability to judge it... because I think, if we're honest, many of us live with deeply flawed relationships that are at the same time satisfying."

The Giller shortlist will be made public on Monday, Sept. 26, with the winner announced at a gala ceremony on Nov. 7. *The Two of Us* and other works by Page are available at Salt Spring Books.

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### 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](http://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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On September 23, 2016:  
At the Lion's Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island  
From 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Information Session  
Commencing at 9:30 a.m. at the Public Hearing

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.**

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Wed. Sept 14	Thur. Sept 15	Fri. Sept 16	Sat. Sept 17	Sun. Sept 18	Tue. Sept 20	Wed. Sept 21
<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Richard Cross.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Vetta Chamber Music - Beethoven!</b> 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.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Drop-in Pickleball.</b> At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.</p> <p><b>Shut Up and Write.</b> Meet up with others in the library, and write. 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Historical Society.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Poker.</b> Hosted by Albert and Rebekah every Wednesday at the Legion lounge at 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Nia at Antler Ridge Dance Studio.</b> A new Nia class at Antler Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Rd., begins today, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Info/register: Arleen, 250-653-9235.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Literacy Society AGM.</b> Annual general meeting at Shared Space Community Hub in Merchant Mews. 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Deborah Campbell and Kevin Patterson Book Launch.</b> Joint launch for Campbell's A Disappearance in Damascus: A Story of Friendship and Survival in the Shadow of War, a true story of two women, and Patterson's News from the Red Desert, the definitive novel of the Afghanistan war. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Stay &amp; Play Drop-In.</b> A parent-child drop-in program for families with children ages birth to 6 years. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tech Cafe: Library Ebooks and Audiobooks.</b> Conrad Koke will cover the ins-and-outs of Overdrive, the library's free digital database. At the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Storytime at the Library.</b> Stories, songs and interactive activities, suitable for children 3 to 6 years old. Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Electoral Reform Primer.</b> Salt Spring resident and Fair Vote BC rep Bob MacKie hosts a one-hour info session about electoral reform options (in advance of MP Elizabeth May's town hall at GISS). SS Library. 4 to 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Climate Change, Democratic Reform and TPP Consultation Town Hall.</b> With MP Elizabeth May. GISS multi-purpose room. 6 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Salt Spring Fall Fair.</b> Biggest event of the year on Salt Spring Island at the Farmers' Institute. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday Market.</b> Famous Salt Spring Saturday Market in Centennial Park every Saturday through Oct. 29. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Drop-in Pickleball.</b> At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon</p> <p><b>Spinning &amp; Weaving Instruction.</b> Spinning and weaving instruction for beginners at the fall fair with the Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild. Sign up for free spinning lessons at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., or try your hand at weaving.</p> <p><b>Shut Up &amp; Write.</b> See Wednesday's listing.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Salt Spring Fall Fair.</b> See Saturday's listing.</p> <p><b>Spinning &amp; Weaving Instruction.</b> See Saturday's listing.</p> <p><b>Tai Chi - Sunday Practice.</b> Sundays until Dec. 11 at Cedar Lane Studio, for all levels. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Giant Book Sale &amp; Jewels for Literacy Donation Drop-off Day.</b> Bring good quality books and your unwanted jewellery to Salt Spring Literacy volunteers at the Country Grocer parking lot. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday Farmers' Market.</b> Every Tuesday in Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grief 101.</b> Questions answered by Salt Spring Hospice team about grief from loss of a loved one. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 3 to 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Transition Salt Spring: Clean Energy 2030.</b> Free video presentation and discussion of work by Tony Seba, author of Clean Disruption. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ometepe Coffee Presentation.</b> Learn how Ometepe Coffee supports innovative community health promotion in Nicaragua from Dr. Chris Dodd, a medical doctor from Seattle who has lived and worked extensively in the country. Salt Spring Island United Church. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Road Condition Assessment Public Meeting/Open House.</b> The Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee will host a meeting to review and discuss the Road Condition Assessment at Meaden Hall. 5 to 7 p.m. Presentation with Q&amp;A at 5:30 p.m. Visit the displays before and after.</p> <p><b>Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting.</b> Public welcome. Central Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Drop-in Pickleball.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>Poker.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Fri. Sept 16</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Synergy.</b> Live music at The Local bar. 5 to 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Pitchfork Social Presents Tri-Continental.</b> Tri-Continental collaborative fuses the talents of three wonderful guitar players, singers and songwriters for one-of-a-kind blues/folk/world music mix. Bullock Lake Farm. Pre-show dinner by Marcus Gill starts at 5:45 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Costners.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Everyday People.</b> Dance/rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Thur. Sept 15</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Live music TBA at the Tree House Cafe.</b> 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Open Mic With Dave &amp; Ross.</b> Every Thursday at Moby's Pub beginning at 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Sat. Sept 17</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>The Barley Brothers.</b> Every Saturday at The Local. 3 to 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Duck Creek.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Barefoot Thieves.</b> Folk/rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Sun. Sept 18</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Alan Moberg.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Mon. Sept 19</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Drop-in Pickleball.</b> At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Toastmasters.</b> Every Monday night except stat holidays. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mindfulness Program.</b> Dr. Candace Cole guides a 1-hour mindfulness session (and on Sept. 26). Salt Spring Library Program Room. 12 noon. Pre-register: info@saltspringlibrary.com or 250-537-4666.</p> <p><b>PARC.</b> The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission meets at the Portlock Park Portable. 5 to 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Fire Protection District.</b> Regular meeting of the board of trustees. SS United Church lower hall. 7 p.m.</p>		

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- 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.
- 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.
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## BOOK REVIEW

# Memoir reveals war reporting perils

Journalist Deborah Campbell recounts Syrian experience

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

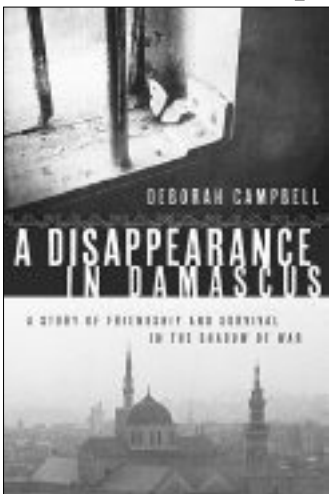
The small group of award-winning writers living on Salt Spring who have turned their focus to war has recently expanded to two, with publication of Deborah Campbell's gripping new memoir falling close on the heels of a novel by Kevin Patterson.

Campbell and Patterson have independently covered two sides of one coin regarding western-led wars in the Middle East, a fact that writers festivals across the nation will be recognizing in upcoming panel events this fall. Salt Spring Books and the Salt Spring Public Library have also noted the connection, hosting a joint book launch for the two writers this Thursday, Sept. 15 at ArtSpring starting at 7 p.m.

While Patterson enters war's realities through fiction, Campbell provides an insider's view of the dangers facing journalists and their colleagues in *Disappearance in Damascus: A Story of Friendship and Survival in the Shadow of War*. The book began with and expands upon an article that Campbell wrote for Harper's magazine. Published in 2008, the piece told the stories of Iraqi refugees living in Syria whom Campbell met in 2006 and 2007. It went on to win the inaugural Dave Greber Freelance Writers Award.

"Most war accounts come from soldiers or those telling the story from the side of the powerful. Hardly anyone talks to the people who have to endure the consequences of war for the rest of their lives, maybe even down through their great-grandkids' lives, since war never really ends. I wanted to put a face to those people and give them a voice they've so far been denied," Campbell explained during an interview with the Driftwood.

An equally compelling story, as it turned out, centred around the woman who helped Campbell find sources in the refugee community—a "fixer" she identifies in



DEBORAH CAMPBELL

the book only as Ahlam. Ahlam's eventual arrest and Campbell's efforts to find her are at the heart of a well-rounded tale of wartime reporting and the humanitarian tragedy still unfolding from Iraq and Syria today.

As an independent journalist, Campbell was not bound to attend the same mass press meetings as every foreign correspondent working for a major media corporation, and she wasn't there to report on the daily news of bombings and outrages. She went for the long view and accordingly spent months living in "Little Baghdad" in Damascus.

Campbell's fixer Ahlam, who she would come to count as a close friend, had been forced to leave Baghdad after her work with an American humanitarian centre led some to believe she was a spy. She continued to act as a community leader after fleeing to Damascus, opening a school for girls in her apartment and aiding human rights organizations in addition to her work as a fixer. Campbell's worst fears were realized when Ahlam was taken by police "for a few hours" for questioning and never returned.

"One of the reasons for going undercover is for freedom of movement, and to ensure your sources aren't watched," Campbell

said. When it appeared that her work with Ahlam had ultimately exposed the fixer, she was devastated her precautions seemed to have been for naught, and set out on a dangerous mission to locate her.

Disappearance in Damascus succeeds on many levels. Campbell provides clear but not simplistic explanations of complicated situations such as the Sunni/Shia Muslim rift, the political climate of the early 21st century and the historical context in which it arose. She also puts the reader at the heart of the action in such a way that it's easy to imagine the crowded alleyways of the old city's ancient bazaar or tiny apartments equipped with kerosene stoves and poor water. Her personal experience also comes across in a compelling, relatable way, although she found that part of the book the most difficult part to write.

"Journalists are not supposed to be in the story... but I was caught up in it. I had no choice," Campbell said. "I also felt the reader from the West needed a bridge into stories that can feel very foreign to them. I was that bridge, and I had to be honest about how it felt to be there. Especially when things got ugly."

Campbell spent over five years perfecting the book. She finished a first draft just after the Syrian civil war broke out in 2011, precipitating a new humanitarian crisis and more context to try to explain. The reasons journalists do their job and Campbell's own struggle with motivation and effect are a recurring theme, but in the end the book's publication proves her belief in the need to carry on with the effort, despite the fact she doesn't believe the wars will end or that world leaders have realized any cautionary lessons in their recent mistakes.

"I used to think the goal [of writing] was to change the world, but I don't think that any longer," Campbell said. "The goal should be keeping the truth alive, and forget about changing the world, because that's too big and almost egocentric."

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# Waiting game creates winners

Top branches crowded at Seniors

BY JILL EVANS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Sinatra sang: "... the days grow short when you reach September,

When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame

One hasn't got time for the waiting game..."

Well, it wasn't quite September on Aug. 29 but it felt like it. It was the game that was waiting and five and a half tables went to Seniors for it, with Liz and Oleh Mycyk not hesitat-

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ing to reach first place. Ted Baldwinson and Catherine Gardiner hurried into the second spot, with Blanche Poborsa with Vic Parks sliding into third and edging out Bev Machesney and Janet Stethem who came fourth.

Then September really came and on the 5th there were four and a half tables with George Laundry and Jeff Bell at the top of the tree. The Mycyks took the branch below and it was

Patricia Hewett with Bob Morrisette on the next one down. There was a tie for fourth between Al Wilke with Nadene McCoy and Gisela Welsh with Judith Borbas, all occupying the same sturdy twig.

So in the words of Bob Dylan, next time it will be "Yesterday's just a memory, tomorrow is never what it's supposed to be." How many will show up to have another go?

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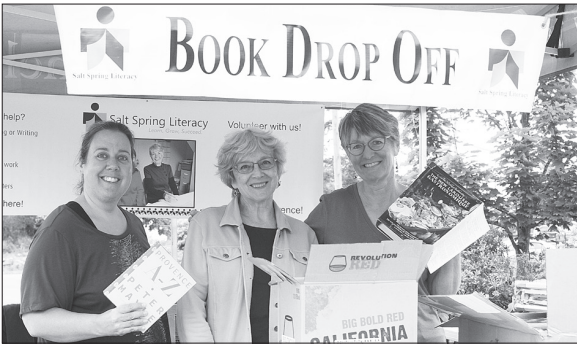


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From left, Salt Spring Literacy volunteers Connie Brett, Linda Woodward and Pat Campbell accept books and jewellery at a Country Grocer donation drop-off event held earlier this summer. Another collection day takes place on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

FUNDRAISING

# Book and jewellery drop-off set

Literacy fundraiser dates getting closer

Salt Spring Literacy volunteers will be out in force on Tuesday, Sept. 20 taking book and jewellery donations at a drop-off event at Country Grocer. Volunteers will accept books and used jewellery at tables in the parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The quality of books collected so far for this year's Giant Book Sale — set for Nov. 18-20 at the Farmers' Institute — is excellent, said sale coordinator

Kim Ballantyne last week.

Great jewellery has also been coming in from Cafe Talia and Mondo Trading, which are drop-off spots for donations to the Jewels for Literacy Sale. The JFL event takes place concurrently with the Giant Book Sale and was a big hit when it ran for the first time last year.

Books for the sale can also be taken to the CIBC and BMO banks and Island Savings in Ganges, and to the Rock Salt Restaurant and Cafe in Fulford when those establishments are open.

Donors are advised that magazines, books in poor condition, textbooks or books that volunteers know are not sellable cannot be accepted.

Last Thursday, Sept. 8, marked the 50th anniversary of International Literacy Day, which was first proclaimed by the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Salt Spring Literacy operates the Elma Rubright Learning Centre at 126 Hereford Ave. in Ganges and offers a number of programs for adult learners, children and families.

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## Walking off Parkinson's disease

**John Pepper, the maverick South African Parkinson's disease campaigner, will be on Salt Spring on Thursday, Sept. 29 to speak and demonstrate about his unique way of managing Parkinson's symptoms.**

This talk — at the Salt Spring Public Library from 3 to 5 p.m. — will be of interest to those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, as well as their care givers, and anyone else who wishes to learn innovative healthful daily living techniques.

The meeting is part of a two-month North American speaking and book tour. His book, *Reversing Parkinson's*, details his personal journey, and the unique lifestyle modification protocol, diet and exercises he uses.

Pepper, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's

in 1992 when he was 58, has spent the past 13 years travelling the world promoting his non-medical technique of managing Parkinson's symptoms.

After being diagnosed, Pepper took up the challenge of managing his symptoms by focusing his mind on his walking action. This has changed the neurological pathways in his brain, corrected the typical Parkinson's shuffle and reduced his hand tremors.

"After some difficult years of trial and error my symptoms have become less obvious," Pepper said.

"I have not needed to take any medication or see a neurologist for the past 13 years and I am now at the stage where, despite having had Parkinson's for almost 25 years, the symptoms

are barely noticeable."

Pepper's success has been highlighted by renowned Canadian psychiatrist Dr. Norman Doidge who, in his latest book *The Brain's Way of Healing*, dedicated chapter two to Pepper's management technique.

Pepper is clear to emphasize that his technique is not a cure but a strategy to reduce Parkinson's symptoms. Fast Walking can also help many other conditions.

His visit on Salt Spring is presented in partnership by SSICS Seniors' Wellness, the Salt Spring Public Library, Anna Haltrecht of Bones Forever and the Feldenkrais Guild of North America.

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**VOLUNTEERISM**

# Auxiliary volunteering has many faces

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary celebrates 80 years of service

BY SHARON CALLAHAN  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It's easy to imagine that on a September day in 1936, at least some of the ladies of Salt Spring's new hospital auxiliary were at home canning plums or making blackberry jelly, setting a few jars aside for the fall fair and many more for the hospital pantry.

Maybe one was knitting wool soakers for the hospital's new babies. Perhaps another was mending hospital linens — and maybe she was also considering whether the auxiliary could contribute funds for medical equipment. After all, the new power lines to the hospital had already raised hopes for an X-ray machine.

Eighty years later, members of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary are still contributing time, goods, ideas and funding as they work toward the same goal: furthering the care and comfort of patients and residents at the hospital, and more recently, at other Southern Gulf Islands health-care facilities. Last year about a hundred men and women volunteered 31,159 hours of their time and talent working at the hospital, at Greenwoods and Braehaven, at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop, in their own homes and even on the road!

The auxiliary has been able to donate \$2.6 million to the hospital community over these years, and members' work has



PHOTO BY JIM WELSH

LMHA volunteer Gisela Welsh tends flowers brought to people in the ECU. It's one of many tasks that some 100 LMHA volunteers undertook last year.

provided everything from two daily teas at ECU and one at Braehaven, to two waiting-room monitors with slide shows, from a piano to a blood analyzer, from television sets in rooms to a cardiac monitor, from curtains and quilts to therapeutic programs in music and art. It has funded a bath lift, many hospital beds and mattresses, special chairs and wheelchairs, and over-bed tables.

A few thousand "comfort bags" with personal supplies have been provided to people whose plans for the day didn't

include sudden hospital admission.

And in just the last two years, \$22,000 in scholarships and bursaries has helped Salt Spring students going into health-care fields.

The hospital gift cabinet and even the penny jar contribute usefully, while the main fundraiser for donated programs and equipment is the LMHA Thrift Shop.

Like generations of earlier sales for the hospital, it still relies on your donations of, well, almost anything as long as it's clean and desirable and small enough or seasonal enough to fit in our limited space. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. almost every Tuesday through Saturday of the year, volunteers sort and sell donated treasures and ordinary useful items. In addition to pricing and stocking shelves, they improve shop arrangement, enjoy the sociality and engage in the necessary work with pride in its value — \$320,000 of donations to care and comfort in the past two years alone.

Recently members picked up their cameras to share some of the things we are doing in the auxiliary's vigorous 80th year. The result is the photo essay on page 9 of this paper (and an even larger collection in an album on the Driftwood's Facebook page). Likely you'll see some jobs you didn't know about, and you'll surely see some of the pleasure we take in it.

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**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH**

# Ometepe connection shared by U.S. doctor

Dr. Chris Dodd visits Salt Spring

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Next week aficionados of Ometepe Coffee can get a taste of one of the innovative projects their coffee purchase helps support.

For 28 years there's been a tight connection between Salt Spring and the island of Ometepe in Nicaragua. Fair trade, certified organic coffee grown by a cooperative on Ometepe and sold locally on Salt Spring generates funds that are returned to support development and social justice projects in Nicaragua.

To help keep the connection strong, Chris Dodd, a medical doctor from Seattle who has lived and worked extensively in Nicaragua, is visiting Salt Spring to provide current updates on Atención Primaria en Salud, a primary health care organization he works with.

The Salt Spring-based, volunteer-run Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association sends over \$5,000 from Ometepe Coffee proceeds each year to APS. These funds help the Nicaraguan non-profit organization improve accessibility and quality of primary health care in dozens of rural communities.

Since 2004, Dodd has worked closely with the health promoters of APS to identify local health issues and assist them in crafting com-

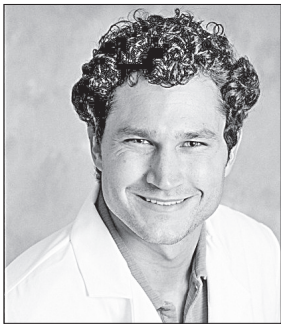


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Dr. Chris Dodd, a doctor who has lived and worked in Nicaragua, gives a public presentation on Tuesday.

munity-based responses. He has trained and worked with APS community health workers in both rural and urban settings where they learn to diagnose and treat the most common illnesses and to provide education on a wide variety of topics.

A successful new project of mini-pharmacies is making basic medicines available at affordable prices.

Dodd will be presenting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the upper hall of Salt Spring United Church.

This free event includes refreshments and, of course, bags of delicious Ometepe Coffee will be available for purchase.

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Diane was born in Aldershot, UK but spent her youth in Port Alberni. Later she lived in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Baca Grande, Colorado and for five years sailed the world. Diane was fiercely intelligent, articulate and knowledgeable with a strong voice for beauty, truth and justice. She made an enduring contribution to Canadian ceramic art. She was a spokeswoman for breast cancer, an advocate for the homeless and an activist for good land use and city making.

She will be missed by many.

Donations can be made to: Woodwyn Farms, Saanich, BC or the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

A Memorial will be held: Saturday, September 17, 5 pm, St. Ann's Chapel, 835 Humboldt St. Victoria, followed by Celebration of Life (pot luck) at 6:30 pm, Vic. West Community Centre, 521 Craigflower Road.



**Pauline Wilson**  
1926 - 2016

Polly died on August 18 at Lady Minto Hospital under the compassionate care of Dr. Crichton, the wonderful nursing staff and hospice volunteers.

She had friends around the world and especially on Salt Spring.

Polly was the epitome of graceful aging. Despite almost constant pain in recent years she remained cheerful and when asked, "how?" replied with a smile, "There's no point in being anything else, is there?"

Born in England in 1926, she left school early during the war but she continued to observe and to learn all her life. She was interesting herself and always interested in others and was an avid reader.

In her early 30's her adventurous spirit took her to Kenya to work for a few years. Back in England she met her life-long friend Char and together they trained to be British Animal Nursing Auxiliaries, a three-year course sustained by her great love of animals. Together they sailed to Canada then crossed the country by train to settle on the West Coast. During a trip to the Yukon Polly found her true place in the world and returned to live there.

She and her partner, (the late John Lammers) lived for many years on the Pelly River, 27 miles from the nearest community, welcoming guests, running river trips and opening the eyes of visitors to the beauty and wildlife of the North.


After retiring to Salt Spring Polly took pleasure in long walks, her garden and her little Norfolk terrier, Minnie. As her mobility decreased she enjoyed tea with friends, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, a good game of scrabble, (if you weren't too serious about it), and more reading.

As she said from her hospital bed shortly before she died, "I've had a good innings".

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**Brian Rowley**  
August 17th, 1931 - September 7th, 2016

Nothing compares to the simple pleasures of cycling. I don't ride a bike to add days to my life, I ride a bike to add life to my days.



**Agnes Joyce Harrison**  
1923 - 2016

Joyce passed away on September 4, 2016 at Greenwood's Elder Care.

Joyce will be remembered for her generous heart, avid readership & good humour & especially her willingness to chuckle at herself.

Agnes Joyce Harrison (nee Lewin) was born in Liverpool, England, the only child of Frederick and Winifred Lewin. Living in the resort town of Colwyn Bay on the north coast of Wales Joyce acquired a love for the sea. As a child she experienced the war as a relocation to the countryside, later she joined the RAF as a WAF and drove trucks for the air force while being stationed on the Salisbury Plains. She met her husband, Len Harrison, and soon left post war England in 1954 to immigrate to Canada. She found herself pulling her children on a sled through the snow in the prairie city of Winnipeg. After her 4 children went out on their own she travelled with Leonard to The Pas, Manitoba and then to Saudi Arabia by the Persian Gulf and finally settled on Salt Spring Island in 1988.

May her body rest in peace, having lived a full and long life. May her soul be held in love for eternity and may her memory be held in the hearts of those who she loves and who love her.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at the Greenwood's Complex Care; Lady Minto Hospital & Heritage Place for Seniors. Your expertise, compassion and kindness brings dignity to the elder's journey and comfort and peace of mind to their families. Thank-you.

A funeral service will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Sept 17 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers please send condolences or a memorial donation to Greenwood's Eldercare Society or by using the link - [www.haywardsfuneral.com](http://www.haywardsfuneral.com)


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2pm



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**STUDIO TOUR 2017.** All Salt Spring artists and artisans who would like to be part of the Salt Spring Studio Tour for the 2017 season are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Studio Tour at the Lions' Hall at 7:00 on Tuesday October 4th. Prospective members may simply come to the meeting, or for further information, contact [david@saltspring-cheese.com](mailto:david@saltspring-cheese.com) We look forward to seeing you all on October 4th. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

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**Meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Community Hall Society**  
WEDNESDAY  
21ST SEPT, 2016  
AT 7:00 PM.  
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COMING EVENTS



**Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Service Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**4:00 pm Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016**  
**Community Gospel Church**  
**147 Vesuvius Bay Road**

SSICS provides a broad range of community services including early childhood, family development, child and youth mental health, youth drop in, victim services, recycling, community housing and emergency shelter, seniors wellness, developmental disabilities and food security. AGM agenda includes reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director and election of Directors.

All residents of the Southern Gulf Islands are welcome to attend. Only paid members may vote. Annual membership fee is one dollar. Your support is appreciated. For information contact SSICS at 537-9971

www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

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**Concerns may be:**  
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 What do I do with all these emotions?  
 When will I know grieving will be finished?  
 My family says I should be over this now?  
 What happens when you are grieving? What is normal?  
 How can I support someone who is experiencing loss?  
**Tuesday Sept. 20th 3:00-4:30pm**  
 Salt Spring Library's Program Room  
*if you are unable to attend, we will provide another date & time to meet*  
 for more info contact Salt Spring Hospice 250-537-2770 or office@saltspringhospice.org  
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# sports&recreation

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

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## This Week's Horoscope

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### TIP OF THE WEEK

This Lunar Eclipse Full Moon represents both a culmination and a tipping point. This is at least true in a more general sense which the 'astro-weather', the planetary alignments, on any given day reveals. As mentioned last week, September is a 9-month and 2016 is a 9 year and together these indicate themes of ending, completion and graduation in preparation for a whole new cycle. In the fuller sense this will be activated in 2017, but even now and in October we will get a sneak preview. This will manifest as yet another push for justice and will manifest most obviously at a social, collective level. The revolutionary impulse implied will not be silenced easily or soon. In the bigger picture the fight now is against the excessive and cancerous encroachments of materialism and greed. We have already crossed many dangerous thresholds in this regard. Precedents must be set and, fortunately, they are. For example, recently in Brazil a law was passed recognizing an important parcel of land as a person in the eyes of the law, just as have corporations achieved not so long ago. The more personal story includes deciphering how these generic alignments interact with our own Natal Chart. There are other levels of influence as well, or what may be accurately understood as the progressive manifestation of our destiny. The deep goal of astrology is ever to bring awareness to people so free will can be exercised for the sake of co-creating destiny as indicated by the archetypal portrait in the Natal Chart in alignment with outer realities yet while maintaining a close adherence to authenticity as an individual soul incarnate.

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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)** Your social outreach is steadily increasing. Some promising themes are indicated regarding opportunities for relationships, both personal and professional. Yet, in order to realize this success, you are also challenged to pay closer attention to the details and to approach things realistically. It is for you to decide what realistic means.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)** The steady, rhythmic beat of showing up and putting out continues. The good news is that in doing so what makes you special and significant in terms of what you bring to the world is taking root. Yet, you have to be careful not to overdo it. Is your lifestyle supporting health and balance in your body, mind, heart and soul?

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** A cycle featuring play, fun, creativity and perhaps romance too has begun. This cycle will actually continue well into October. It remains important that you bring extra emphasis to feeling healthy and this includes clearing clutter, body cleansing and any other activity that supports purification. Directing your focus to core levels is implied and also implies connecting with your roots.

**Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)** Focusing to create beauty and balance close to home, continues. This trend will continue for several weeks. In the shorter term, attending to many errands, and a full to-do list, is keeping you busy. Somehow, you are probably covering a lot of ground. You are here there and everywhere and wondering what is next.

**Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)** Investment 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 more demands on your time and attention. Expect a long, satisfying learning curve.

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)** Entering new territory should be keeping you busy now. This pioneering lead can include new interests and projects and the activation of goals, dream and vision that have been awaiting their time. To succeed you have to dig deep and confront one fear after another and this trend will continue.

**Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)** An exciting adventure has begun. The first stages of it are inward. Entering the land of imagination and meditation to conceive and receive fresh insights and intuitions is important now. This journey does not require that you go anywhere geographically, although you could as well. Be open to new knowledge for best results.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)** Building a new sense of individuality has begun. Call it an addition to your home, the place where your heart is, literally. To succeed, there are two main things you must do: love your 'home' unconditionally and have faith that you can make the necessary changes. You can also ask for help both within and without.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)** An expansion process in your public and professional life has taken an important turn. Now the increase is social and perhaps political too. As though you have been called to join the revolution, you are inspired to engage. You want justice and feel strongly about human rights. You mean business and are a growing force.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)** A momentum has been building inside of you. You are currently in the learning and planning stage. This includes getting the facts you need and deciphering your strategy. It may be wise to leave bigger initiatives and launches until next year. Attending to the ground work and perhaps clearing up the accumulations of yesteryear will likely work best.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)** An expansion on cultural fronts, on one hand, and philosophically, on the other, has begun. Increasing your social outreach is featured. In the shorter term, bringing existing projects and commitments to a close is timely and ideal. In both respects, your mood is revolutionary and you are determined to make a clean break.

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)** Reaching out to engage with others is now in focus. Rich interactions and earned rewards too are featured. It remains important that you are willing to give beyond what is expected. You are also in a cycle that requires that you dig deep and perhaps make some changes to limiting inherited beliefs and self-concepts.

## PARALYMPICS

# Murby finishes sixth in discus at Rio

Islander's group proves red hot

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fierce opposition and a slew of personal bests left discus thrower Ness Murby out of the medals, but she's holding her head high as a proud Paralympian with a taste for even better things ahead.

"I knew I was in for a fight. My three closest competitors had a phenomenal competition; all threw metres beyond their personal bests and to that I sincerely take my hat off to all three," Murby wrote in a Facebook post from Rio de Janeiro the morning after her Friday, Sept. 9 competition in the F11 women's discus final. "What an amazing triumph to bear witness to and be a part of.



NESS MURBY FACEBOOK PAGE

Eva Fejes, left, and Ness Murby at a Rio 2016 Paralympics sign.

"At my first Paralympic Games, with guide Eva Fejes, I have already grown. I have learned from myself and from my seasoned competitors and am ready to do battle in 2017," she added.

Though the Salt Spring Island resident said she was disappointed to finish out of

the medals, she conceded her opponents threw so well that even matching her personal best would not have been enough to secure a medal.

Murby, who competes as a blind athlete, entered last week's competition ranked third in the world.

"I trained for more metres,

I've achieved more metres, but unfortunately competitions like last night's happen to us all, and when they do it's painfully devastating," she wrote.

Regardless of where she placed, Murby added, the sensation of performing on such a grand stage was incredibly moving. She said the awe-inspiring and completely encompassing level of noise from the crowd is beyond anything she has experienced.

Her next major competition will be the 2017 world championships in London, England, and her mind is already set on qualifying for the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020.

"One thing that is certain is that I am a growing force to be reckoned with."

## GOLF

# Johnstone and Cutshall top their field

Chamber charity tourney up next on event schedule

BY MARCIA HOGAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Men's and ladies' divisions hosted their annual championship tournaments on Sept. 10 and 11 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The course was in top condition with well-groomed fairways and fast greens thanks to the TLC of Chad Williams and his crew. There were three cups at stake for each group.

The 2016 club champions are Franki

Johnstone, winner of the Wilson Cup with the low gross score of 184 for the women's division, and Zak Cutshall, who carded a 150 to take home the Crofton Cup in the men's division. Second place in these categories went to Melanie Iverson with 189 in the women's division and Jim Charlton with 157 in the men's.

Lynda Joyce and Franki Johnstone tied for the Bramhall Cup with low net totals of 154. The men's low net cup is the Humphries Cup, which was won by Michael Thompson with a 132 and closely challenged in second place by Doug Wellington.

The ladies also awarded the La Belle

Cup to Lynda Joyce and Franki Johnstone as senior ladies low-net winners.

The captains cup for the senior men's division is a gross competition and this year Jim Charlton was the winner.

There are a number of upcoming tournaments before the season's end, including the inaugural Salt Spring Chamber and Salt Spring Tourism Golf Tournament, on Wednesday, Sept. 28. It is a Texas Scramble format with a 3 p.m. shotgun start. Registration includes nine holes of golf, a buffet dinner and fabulous prizes. Net proceeds go to the chamber's Second Chance Scholarships in support of adult education.

## SOCCER

# Island soccer players ready to hit the pitch

Yes, another soccer season is starting and the Salt Spring United Soccer Club has a tremendous program to offer the youth of Salt Spring at all levels.

## Off-island Teams

Sept. 17 and 18 sees our off-island teams begin their games. The teams are Boys U-10, U-11, U-12, U-14, U-15 and U-18. Girls teams are U-19, U-11, U-12, U-15, U-18 and women's open. (They actually started on Sept. 11.) Note that our U-10 teams start Sept. 24.

There is still space on these teams and if interested to register, go to our website: [www.saltspringsoccer.com](http://www.saltspringsoccer.com).



Malcolm Legg

## SOCCER ROUND-UP

### House & Tots

This program covers youths aged three to nine and plays every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and will be starting at the Salt Spring Middle School for four weeks (until Portlock Park's side fields are repaired) starting Sept. 24.

Registration can be done online at [soccer.com or at the field on Sept. 24 with registrar Maggie.](http://www.saltspring-</a></p>
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### United Academy

This season starts an exciting program for our club. The United Academy is a program to give our youth members an opportunity for extra training under the guidance of Josip Bratanovic, our technical director, and his staff.

The program will be in two parts, with fall and spring sessions, with 10 sessions for \$150 per player. It will feature guest coaches brought in from other organizations, as well as our local squad, to give the players a broad spectrum of training techniques. It includes Acad-

emy uniforms also.

Details and registration are on our website at [www.saltspringsoccer.com](http://www.saltspringsoccer.com).

### Coaching/Refereeing

Opportunities are available for those that wish to coach or referee. We do the training and can get you certified at either or both. Contact me (Malcolm Legg) at [mallegg@shaw.ca](mailto:mallegg@shaw.ca) or call at 250-537-4970.

There are lots more exciting things that will happen over the season, including photos in the fall, goalie clinics in fall and a tourney at the end of the season for both the house league and our off-island teams.