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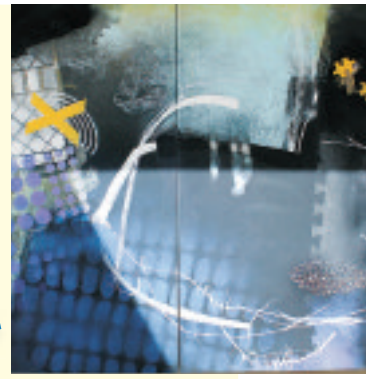
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REFERENDUM

Sept. 9 vote date cemented

CRD Board makes final incorporation referendum decision

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring will have to learn to live with having its incorporation referendum date and the biggest event of the Salt Spring Pride festival scheduled on the same day.

The Capital Regional District's board of directors voted Wednesday, April 12 to accept a set of staff recommendations on how to proceed. It includes approving the schedule set by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. In addition to the main voting day on Sept. 9, two advance polls have been set for Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Salt Spring electoral area director Wayne McIntyre described the situation in short before the vote was called.

"I'd just like to give the board a little information on this as there's been a little bit of a glitch, but I think it's been resolved, in that Salt Spring has the third largest Pride parade in B.C. and [the referendum] is the same day as the parade," McIntyre told the board. "So there's been quite a few representations to change the date."

McIntyre said the ministry was standing by the date it had selected, but that advance polls and mail-in voting should provide all the opportunities needed for voters.

"And you're obviously welcome to come over and march in the parade. We'd be delighted to have you," he added.

REFERENDUM continued on 2



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

A HANDFUL: Helena Cuddy holds Clara at the Salt Spring Cheese Farm's annual Easter open house. See the Driftwood's Facebook page for more photos from the event.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC okays unique 'saucer home'

Cedar Mountain TUP also approved

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee has given its support to an innovative Domespace house bound for the ridge overlooking Vesuvius Bay.

The LTC granted a development variance permit at their business meeting Thursday, required because the flying saucer-shaped home will exceed the maximum height guideline of 7.6 metres at its highest point.

Trustee George Grams said he believes the Domespace dwelling does not contravene the Trust's preserve and protect mandate. He pointed out that like the igloo, the dome house's interior space is maximized while the surface area is a fraction of that of a box-shaped building with the same floor space.

"And I think it does what Salt Spring has a reputation for being, which is innovative and deep green."

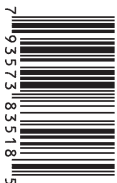
"I think it's remarkable," Grams' fellow Salt Spring trustee Peter Grove agreed.

Neighbours Lorna Skawski and Ernst Kucklich spoke against the application during the meeting's town hall session, while another neighbour praised its direction.

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Credibility of process 'wrecked,' says Pride rep

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"The move stinks of disrespect for the Pride celebrations and of desperation by the BC Liberal government that has

pushed so very hard for incorporation," said Pride committee representative Dennis Lucarelli, who was among those advocating for a change of date.

"A bad day for voting wrecks credibility of the process and it 'queers' the question being

decided."


Voting places are to be determined by chief election officer Thomas F. Moore, who was appointed via last Wednesday's CRD Board vote. Salt Spring resident Anthony Kennedy and CRD staff members Brent

Reems, Emilie Gorman and Angila Bains were appointed as deputy officers.

Wording of the referendum question was also approved as recommended. The ballot will read "Are you in favour of the incorporation of a Salt Spring

Island Municipality? Yes or No?"

The final report and other documents from the Salt Spring Incorporation Study, plus ongoing updates on the referendum process, can be found at www.latest.ssiincorporationstudy.com.



**ISLANDS TRUST
SOUTH PENDER ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

- Proposed Bylaw No. 113 – cited as "South Pender Island Official Community Plan, 107, 2011, Amendment No. 1, 2016"; and
- Proposed Bylaw No. 114 – cited as "South Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 114, 2016"; and

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:00 pm, Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Poet's Cove Resort & Spa, Pender 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. 113 – cited as "South Pender Island Official Community Plan, 107, 2011, Amendment No. 1, 2016"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 113, is to amend the Official Community Plan to make consequential amendments to enable changes to the regulations affecting floor area and use of the water for private moorage.

Proposed Bylaw No. 114 – cited as "South Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 114, 2016"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 114, is to adopt a new Land Use Bylaw, replacing existing Land Use Bylaw No. 92, 2003.

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 Friday, April 21, 2017 and up to and including Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

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 South Pender Island, B.C., commencing Friday, April 21, 2017. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and by selecting: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/south-pender/projects-initiatives/land-use-bylaw-amendments/.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- 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., Tuesday, May 2, 2017.
- By email to vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca.
- After 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017, to the Local Trust Committee at the Community Information Meeting & Public Hearing at 12:00 pm, Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Poet's Cove Resort & Spa, Pender Island, BC.

The public is encouraged to send any electronic response to vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the South Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the South Pender 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 SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

BC ELECTION

Candidates debate on April 27

Provincial campaign in high gear

With the provincial election date of Tuesday, May 9 fast approaching, the Salt Spring Forum has partnered with Gulf Islands Secondary School to sponsor a provincial all-candidates meeting in the GISS gymnasium on Thursday, April 27. The event runs from 3 to 4:10 p.m.

Three of the four candidates running in the Saanich North and the Islands electoral district have confirmed participation. They are Gary Holman (NDP), Adam Olsen (Green) and Stephen Roberts (Liberal). The fourth candidate is independent Jordan Templeman from Saanich.

"The public is encouraged to attend this all-candidates meeting, as are GISS students, many of whom are taking a leadership role in organizing the event," states a Salt Spring Forum press release. "This is a great opportunity to find out where local candidates stand on important election issues. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions."

For community members who are unable to attend, the Salt Spring Forum will post a video-recording of the meeting on its website at www.saltspringforum.ca.

For more information on voter registration, polling stations, candidates and more, visit <http://elections.bc.ca/>.

Sign vandalism

Election sign vandalism has already occurred, with reports of destruction coming in from the Salt Spring BC Liberals campaign.

Cliff Jones, coordinator of local volunteers for Stephen P. Roberts' campaign, said Monday that Liberal signs had been removed and/or destroyed in a few different spots. A big sign near Embe Bakery was seriously damaged and thrown about 30 or 40 feet away into the bushes, he said. "It's very disappointing," said Jones.

"I thought we had a little more class on this island."

WATERWORKS

NSSWD AGM includes election

Tuesday night meeting

Owners of property within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District have an opportunity to exercise their democratic muscles at the district's annual general meeting on Tuesday, April 25.

That's when qualified-to-vote ratepayers in the district will be given a ballot to complete for the election of two new board trustees. Robert Steinbach, Michael McAllister and Bryce Chapman are the three candidates in the running for two seats. One is for a two-year term and the other is for three years. According

to NSSWD office manager Anne Williams, "The person receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected for the three-year term and the person with the second highest number to the two-year term."

The three candidates have provided brief profiles and answers to four questions, which can be seen on page 3 of this week's Driftwood.

Ratepayers can also vote on motions regarding auditors and trustee remuneration, but the trustee election is the only balloted vote at the meeting.

The AGM takes place at Community Gospel Chapel beginning at 7 p.m.

Voters will be required to register at the door. Non-ratepayers are welcome to attend the meeting but they cannot vote.

Williams said there will be an opportunity for people to ask questions from the floor. She added, however, that if a question concerns a matter currently before the courts then trustees may not be able to comment.

The Brinkworthy Properties Ltd. challenge to the NSSWD's parcel tax bylaws was heard by Justice Bruce Greuell in the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver last Wednesday and Thursday. A judgement will be forthcoming.

And . . . vote for fire trustees held this Saturday

An election to fill two vacant seats on the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board of trustees runs this Saturday, April 22.

Qualified voters — who must own property within the district, among other criteria — can cast their ballots at the Ganges Fire Hall

between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Candidates are Rollie Cook, Mary Lynn Hetherington and Michael Jaeger. Statements from candidates are available on the www.saltspringfire.com website. Information about voter eligibility is also available on that site.

A report on the all-candidates meeting held April 5 was published in last week's Driftwood and is also online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com in the News section.

The fire district's annual general meeting is set for Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall.



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 Saturday, APRIL 22
 Ganges Fire Hall, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Three island men chase two NSSWD trustee positions

Three individuals are vying for two available seats on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District board of trustees. The election takes place at the April 25 NSSWD AGM.

A brief biography and answers to four questions posed by the Driftwood are below.

Bryce Chapman

Bryce Chapman has been married for 37 years and has two grown sons. He has lived on Salt Spring Island for nine years. "I love it here and its diverse population," he says.



BRYCE CHAPMAN

He owns two companies in the property management and real estate investment (commercial/industrial/residential) fields.

Q. Why do you want to serve on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District board?

My businesses in Alberta are under great management and I now have more time to give back to my community. Water is a critical issue for us all.

I have worked in various cities across Canada and have experience managing hundreds of millions of dollars in assets and tens of millions in annual budgets, both as management and as trustee. This gives me a unique perspective understanding both sides.

Lessons I've learned from people much wiser than myself: Respect employees; invest — never spend — available funds; fiscal control is critical; ask experts, then listen and learn; become informed and then have the courage to make decisions and move with speed; be respectful, polite, open and honest to all stakeholders. Do not bring personal biases. And as a trustee, you are there to serve the needs of the stakeholders.

Q. What do you see as the district's biggest challenge in the next 10 years? How do you think it should be addressed?

A. All of the issues facing a potential transition from a water district to a municipal governance format I believe will be quite complex and interesting and will offer some water security and fiscal advantages for us all.

Q. Do you support the restructuring of the parcel tax as enacted by the NSSWD board last year? Why or why not?

A. I believe in being well-informed before offering an opinion on important and complex issues. So I will politely abstain from this question at this time.

Q. Do you agree with the current board's position that if Salt Spring voters do not choose a municipal governance option this fall that the NSSWD should ask the Capital Regional District to assume responsibility for the district?

A. Same reply as #3. This is very complex and will involve many governance levels.

Michael McAllister

Michael McAllister has practised law on behalf of local governments throughout British Columbia for the past 29 years. He has worked closely with city councils and regional district boards over the entire course of his legal career and has acted for improvement districts from time to time.



MICHAEL MCALLISTER

McAllister has published, lectured and advised on many topics related to municipal law at Capilano University, BCIT, Union of BC Municipalities, Local Government Managers Association and Union of BC Police Chiefs, to mention a few.

Prior to his legal career, McAllister was a social worker for 10 years.

He is married to Lisa Spitale, the CAO for the City of New Westminster.

McAllister has owned property on Salt Spring Island continuously since the mid-1980s and has owned his island home since 1993.

Q. Why do you want to serve on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District board?

A. Two months ago I would have said that I had no intention of serving the NSSWD. Then I read the NSSWD newsletter and noted the retirement of trustee Denis Russell after 18 years of service, and that got me to thinking about whether I had what it takes to serve. I believe I do, for two main reasons.

First, I would bring a wealth of experience to the NSSWD. I have spent the past 29 years providing legal and governance advice exclusively to local governments around British Columbia, including several improvement districts.

Second, and as trite as it sounds, it is about giving back to a community that I care about and have been involved with for the past 35 years. I am ready to do whatever needs to be done for the ratepayers of the NSSWD.

Q. What do you see as the district's biggest challenge in the next 10 years? How do you think it should be addressed?

A. Over the next 10 years, I see three main issues as: change in governance structure; anticipating and accommodating future population growth; more open and transparent government.

Q. Do you support the restructuring of the parcel tax as enacted by the NSSWD board last year? Why or why not?

A. My issue is not with the restructuring of the parcel tax so much as it is with what I understand to be the process of adopting the bylaws and with the issues of transparency and fairness.

Change often leads to reaction. However, when that reaction leads to multiple threats of litigation and to significant dissatisfaction with the end result, the problem is often, in my experience, a perceived lack of consultation and fairness. Brinkworth is a good example of these issues given its court action. If the bylaws are upheld, all parcel tax costs will undoubtedly be passed on to the tenants, thereby affecting affordability.

Q. Do you agree with the current board's position that if Salt Spring voters do not choose a municipal governance option this fall that the NSSWD should ask the Capital Regional District to assume responsibility for the district?

A. As an outsider looking into the NSSWD, my initial reaction is that the NSSWD's assets should not be handed over to the CRD. Salt Spring has a legacy of off-island decision-making that has, from my perspective, not served the best interests of the residents of Salt Spring. NSSWD needs to continue to be accountable to the people who pay the taxes.

On the other hand, NSSWD clearly has a funding issue. I understand that NSSWD is not eligible for infrastructure grants, which may make sense in the context of the vast majority of the improvement districts in the province. It does not make sense on Salt Spring, given the island's connection to the Islands Trust.

So assuming the incorporation referendum fails, it is my view that all options need to be pursued before handing over control of the assets to the CRD.

Robert Steinbach

Robert Steinbach has lived on Salt Spring Island for nine years and is the past president of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. Many islanders know him as the manager of the BC Liquor Store at Grace Point Square.



ROBERT STEINBACH

Steinbach has a background in architecture, finance and productivity coaching.

Q. Why do you want to serve on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District board?

A. Water is our most precious resource. Good water stewardship is becoming more essential every day with the challenges of global warming and economic growth.

I believe that there are many misconceptions about the purpose of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, and that a far better communications approach with rate-payers is essential so we can all know and understand exactly what is possible regarding our water resources — and why. I would like to see islanders receive improved communications about the state of their water system and have more openness and transparency of the decision-making process.

I offer a practical viewpoint on matters, not one solely shaped by science or technical skills.

Q. What do you see as the district's biggest challenge in the next 10 years? How do you think it should be addressed?

A. At the moment, summer conditions dictate a great deal about the allocation of our water resources. We need more creative solutions to address the existing parameters of water supply and consumption. Our biggest challenge is that we have aging infrastructure and, again, we need to open up to considering new approaches to providing enough potable water for the island to be able to meet its present and future needs.

Q. Do you support the restructuring of the parcel tax as enacted by the NSSWD board last year? Why or why not?

A. The restructuring of the parcel tax is an attempt to bring a fair playing field to water users. This needs to be reviewed more thoroughly to understand the impact on every user.

Q. Do you agree with the current board's position that if Salt Spring voters do not choose a municipal governance option this fall that the NSSWD should ask the Capital Regional District to assume responsibility for the district?

A. This is a very complex matter and we need all the facts to be able to make a decision that will best serve islanders. I'd like to consider ways that the NSSWD could strengthen its effectiveness and keep responsibility for this essential resource on our island.



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WATER USE

Royal Roads researchers launch survey

Rainwater harvesting info to be shared with SSIWPA

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of environmental science students from Royal Roads University will be setting up shop at Salt Spring's Earth Day Festival to gather information on rainwater harvesting practices on the island.

Dromedary Environmental is the name the group of four researchers has taken. They will conduct a survey on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA). While the main focus is on those who currently harvest rainwater, the team will also be gathering data on the barriers and limitations that may be preventing others from following suit.

"All data helps," reports Derek Wilcox, a member of the research team.

The survey includes basic information to help determine household water use, such as the number of baths and showers, car washes, etc. that take place in a given period. Insight on current rainwater harvesting practices will potentially help

guide SSIWPA's future initiatives and decisions relating to water conservation, with the results and final report expected to be available sometime in August.

While the survey should take 15 minutes or less to complete, the information it uncovers could be significant. Kendra Anderson, another student with the Dromedary Environmental project, said past efforts to gather information on the island have typically yielded participation from the same small group of islanders. Their research aims to capture a much wider perspective.

"We're looking to get a new base of responses and a better idea of the different experiences and situations of the island," Anderson said.

Useful data will therefore come both from people who are using rainwater catchment systems successfully and those who might be having problems, in order to help improve methods. As well, the team would like to hear from people who aren't currently collecting rainwater to understand what the barriers might be. Overcoming those barriers through future policy could aid water conserva-

tion efforts.

Anderson said the group has not yet reached the point where it would need to calculate how much rainwater can be harvested without impacting groundwater reserves.

"We haven't done a lot of work on that yet, but it's definitely one of the avenues we're looking to explore," she said.

Survey responses will be held in the group's online database for use in their research, with sources to be kept anonymous. With permission, the group may contact some participants at a later date for follow-up questions and/or a possible site visit.

The survey can be accessed through the Dromedary Environmental Facebook page, or email dromedaryenvironmental@gmail.com for a link. The students will be on hand to answer questions at Salt Spring's Earth Day festival on Sunday, April 23.

One random survey participant will receive a free site visit and consultation on rainwater harvesting by local water resource management specialist Sandra Ungerson.

IDEA

Chomsky joins Forum

Skype and screening event this Friday

SUBMITTED BY SS FORUM

What is democracy? According to Noam Chomsky, democracy is when the people determine the actions of a government. Democracy, in theory, puts power into the hands of the general population.

This simple definition raises many questions: What role can corporate power play in a functioning democracy? How does income inequality affect democracy? Are we actually living in a democracy in Canada (or the United States) today?

On Friday, April 21 at ArtSpring, Noam Chomsky will join the Salt Spring Forum in a livestream discussion on these questions and more. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a Salt Spring audience to speak directly with one of the greatest thinkers of our time.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. with a screening of the documentary Requiem for the American Dream, which is made up of four years' worth of interviews with Chomsky. In the interviews, Chomsky argues that the bulk of America's wealth and influence has been transferred to the hands of a few, and illustrates the devastating effects this has on democracy.

"Even people who have already seen the documentary will gain greatly from watching it again," said Salt Spring Forum manager Julian Paquette. "The film sheds light on how Donald Trump came to power, and what this could mean for democracy."

At 12 noon, following the film, attendees are invited to a reception with light snacks and beverages generously provided by the Country Grocer.

Then, at 12:30 p.m., Chomsky

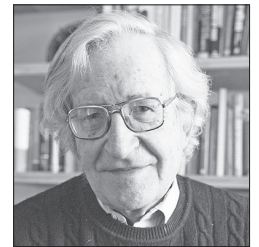


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Noam Chomsky is the Salt Spring Forum's guest speaker on democracy this Friday.

joins the Salt Spring Forum exclusively for a live, fully interactive discussion from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology via video-conferencing software.

Chomsky is professor emeritus at MIT where he taught for more than five decades. A linguist, philosopher, historian, social critic and activist, he is the author of more than 100 books.

Chomsky has been politically engaged throughout his life. His first published article, written when he was only 10 years old, was against fascism. He is renowned for both his insightful critiques of political systems and his groundbreaking contributions to linguistics.

No stranger to controversy, Chomsky remains a highly respected and much sought-after thinker who continues to shape public discourse in profound ways.

Salt Spring Island's own Jennifer Abbott, who directed the award-winning documentary The Corporation, will moderate the discussion.

Tickets are on sale while quantities last at ArtSpring and Salt Spring Books. The forum will also put 25 tickets, for seats with imperfect sightlines, on sale 10 minutes prior to the 10:30 a.m. event — on a first come, first serve basis.



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 Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 497.

At the Public Hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw 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, Regional Planning Manager Stefan Cermak 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?

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 497 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 by changing the zoning classification of Lot 15, Sections 2 and 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 18728 from Commercial Accommodation 4 (CA4) to Residential 6 (R6) on the land illustrated below.



Proposed Bylaw No. 497 is cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 6, 2016" and concerns Lot 15 Park Drive, Salt Spring Island (Application SS-RZ-2016.2).

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the proposed bylaw and other relevant background documents may be inspected at the Islands Trust Salt Spring Office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, from Wednesday, April 19, 2017 to May 3, 2017.

A copy of Proposed Bylaw No. 497 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) under "Islands", "Local Trust Areas", "Salt Spring", "Bylaws", "Bylaw 355" under "Bylaw Amendments".

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Regional Planning Manager Stefan Cermak 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?

Prior to May 4, 2017:

Mail or in person to: Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC. V8K 2N8
Email: ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

On May 4, 2017:

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.

Claire Olivier
Deputy Secretary

HEALTH CARE

Rotary denied in blood clinic quest

Canadian Blood Services responds

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Rotary Club has been disappointed in its effort to bring a mobile blood clinic to the island, leaving would-be donors with off-island travel as their only option for giving.

"It is with a great sense of disappointment that we have to inform the more than 150 qualified blood donor volunteers who supported a blood clinic on island that it will now not take place," Rotary Club president Gill Taylor and community services director Tom Bremner stated in a letter to the Driftwood.

Canadian Blood Services had previously told the group that a minimum of 100 eligible donors would be needed before the organization would consider sending the mobile

unit over, and other factors could also come into play. The Rotary Club was excited to meet and exceed the donor target and made a formal request for the mobile clinic on March 12.

David Patterson, Canadian Blood Services' director of donor relations for B.C. and the Yukon, thanked the community for its effort to aid the organization, but cited cost efficiencies as the main reason for limiting blood clinics to larger centres in his April 13 response.

"Decisions around where and when we run clinics are based on a number of factors, including the number of units collected, labour and transportation costs, the distance and guaranteed access to the nearest production site and the need to operate an efficient blood system," Patterson explains in the letter.

The Salt Spring Rotary Club

"It looks like smaller communities such as ours have been affected by a strategic change in the CBS."

GILL TAYLOR AND
TOM BREMNER
Salt Spring Rotary Club

felt that cost should not have been an issue, since it had offered to cover expenses of the mobile clinic in conversations with Canadian Blood Services leading up to the official request.

"It looks like smaller communities such as ours have been affected by a strategic change in the CBS. We offer heartfelt thanks to all the Salt Springers who so generously

offered their time and blood," Taylor and Bremner said.

Patterson noted in his letter that the demand for blood has declined over recent years with changing surgical and therapeutic practices. He also stated that even without a local donor clinic, blood products are locally available when needed by patients.

"The benefit to all Canadians of a national blood system is that we are and will continue to be well-positioned to provide the right product, to the right place, at the right time," Patterson wrote.

Patterson suggested there are other ways islanders can help Canadian Blood Services in its work, such as joining the adult stem-cell registry, continuing to show support through social media and using the clinic locator on its blood.ca website to find a nearby clinic at which to donate.

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Cedar Mountain TUP approved

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"This, I think, is an exciting and interesting building and would serve to create other innovations," said Jim Standen, who felt the design warranted the home being a little higher.

"It's a fascinating plan, but in that particular location the height variance would not be appropriate," Skawski countered.

Calculations based on the average measurement between the ground and the roof's proposed peak put the building height at 12.6 metres, (41 feet) a difference of five metres or nearly 16 feet from the maximum permitted. Kucklich argued the extreme height variance and the home's proposed site near the top of a ridge would make it highly visible from many points on the island and even from the Vesuvius ferry crossing. He observed that height restrictions inform an important part of the LTC's mandate and could make it difficult for the body to reject other variance applications if approved.

"Without these restrictions, the character of the island would be gone within a few years," Kucklich said.

During her presentation to the committee on behalf of the property owners, landscape architect and consultant Nancy Krieg pointed out the height average was skewed since one side of the home design edges over a steep precipice. The difference from the entrance side of the house is just three metres, or approximately 10 feet.

Documents included with the application give the impression the home could be largely made of glass, and neighbours also expressed concern about the light that excess skylights and windows might emit. Images of other Domespace houses that Krieg provided show the home will actually be largely faced with cedar shakes.



An example of a Domespace house, similar to what homeowners are planning to build on a Margaret Drive property.

Krieg said trees on the north side of the home will provide adequate screening.

Cedar Mountain Studios TUP

In other business Thursday, the Local Trust Committee followed a staff recommendation and issued a temporary use permit that will allow Don and Suzanne Zacharias to continue operating and to expand Cedar Mountain Studios over the next three years.

According to a staff report, bylaw enforcement officials had visited the Thomas Road property based on a complaint and discovered the home-based business employs more people and uses more building space than is permitted in the guidelines. The company manufactures items such as coasters, cell-phone covers and wall art, and has been on the site for about 20 years.

"This is the kind of business that, quite frankly, I want to see on Salt

Spring," Grove said. "It's clean, it's successful, it employs locals, it provides a beautiful product which is exported all over the world — they're Salt Spring products that just add to the fame of Salt Spring."

The committee agreed with staff that the TUP was warranted but sided with the property owners against including a condition for "re-wilding" the edges of a pond.

Suzanne Zacharias explained the pond was man-made and is not fish-bearing. The family had allowed frogs and ducks to take over but removed blackberry bushes for their daughter's wedding celebration a few years ago.

"We like the way it looks now. We think it's pretty. And I think the frogs are happy . . . we think we can live in harmony as it is," Zacharias said.

The matter was raised since the property is located within Development Permit Area 4 for the protection of streams, lakes and wetlands, but Grams questioned whether there would be any benefit to insisting on a revegetation scheme in the circumstances.



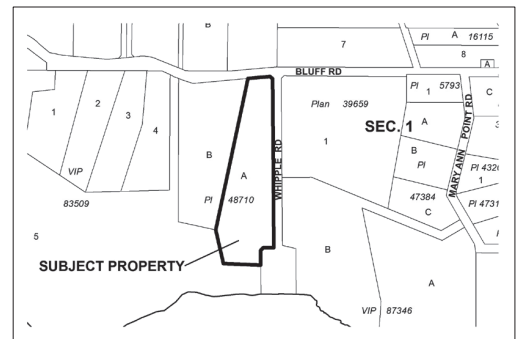
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NOTICE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE GL-TUP-2017.2

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot A, Section 2, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, Plan 48710 (PID: 014-262-401) – 617 Bluff Road.

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

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



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing **April 19, 2017** and up to and including **April 28, 2017**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494(1) (a) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing **April 19, 2017**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Rob Milne, Island Planner at (250) 405-5177, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before **4:30 p.m., April 28, 2017**. The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **12:30pm, May 1, 2017**, at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC.

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario
Deputy Secretary

OPINION



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Silver - Environmental Initiative (Elizabeth Nolan) | Bronze - General Excellence



EDITORIAL

Voting is hard work

Salt Spring Islanders can be forgiven if their heads are spinning from election overload.

Like the rest of B.C., they are trying to take in as much as possible about provincial election issues ahead of the May 9 vote. Locally, the campaign will be hard fought with the three main candidates providing a rematch of the 2013 election. A mere 379 votes separated winner Gary Holman of the NDP from third-place finisher Adam Olsen of the Green party, and with Liberal Stephen P. Roberts only 163 votes behind Holman.

An all-candidates meeting at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Thursday, April 27 at 3 p.m. will give people a chance to see those three men in action. For people who can't get to the school that day, the event can be viewed later online on the website of the Salt Spring Forum, which is sponsoring the meeting.

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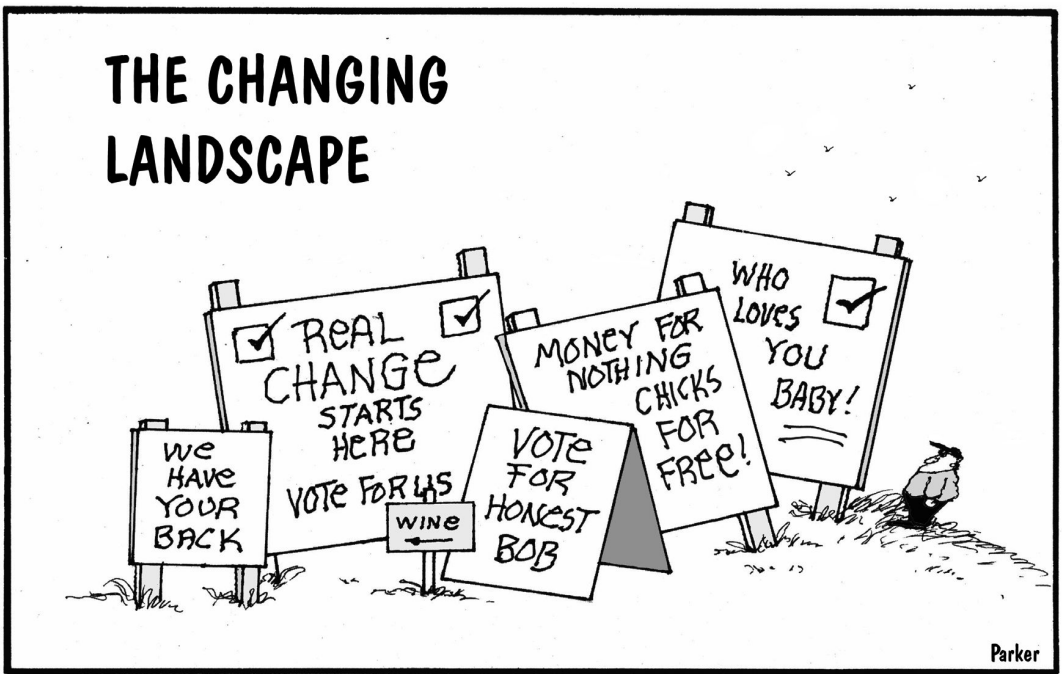
WE SAY:

Take time to know candidates

For property owners within the Salt Spring Fire Protection District — which is most of the island — an election for two trustees takes place this Saturday, April 22 at the Ganges Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Michael Jaeger, Mary Lynn Hetherington and Rollie Cook are vying for two seats. With several fire trustees failing to complete their terms in recent years, we hope the island can look forward to a period of fire board stability following this election.

Then on Tuesday, April 25, an election for two spots on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District board of trustees takes place during the NSSWD annual general meeting at Community Gospel Chapel beginning at 7 p.m. Candidates are Robert Steinbach, Michael McAllister and Bryce Chapman. Waterworks AGMs are usually low-key affairs. The last time trustee seats were not filled by acclamation was in 2014, when the vote spread was 39 to 17 for two challengers for one seat. Yes, only 56 people of those owning approximately 2,087 properties in the district participated in that election.

It's not easy to become adequately informed about such a range of issues and to confidently cast a ballot for one person or another. (Remember too that a vote for one person, not two, is an option.) Some candidate information is available through the Driftwood, in print and online, and on the NSSWD, SSIFFD and B.C. party websites, but in-person conversations may be the best way to determine where candidates stand and if they represent a voter's philosophy and wishes. Voting is hard work, but it's worth it.



VIEWPOINT by Murray Reiss

Break big money's grip on May 9

Christy Clark's Liberals love to call themselves the party of "free enterprise." As we all know, in a free enterprise system you get what you pay for.

In January, Premier Clark's government approved the Kinder Morgan pipeline. Is it any surprise that over the last five years Kinder Morgan and other supporters of the project donated about \$718,000 to the BC Liberal Party? Some of the Liberals' biggest donors are companies with huge stakes in the oil sands, like Chevron, Imperial Oil and Cenovus.

Then there's the \$40,950 that accounting firm KPMG gave to the BC Liberals in 2014. KPMG? They're the company BC Hydro hired to "independently review" the costs of the \$8.8-billion Site C dam. Christy Clark cited their report when the Liberals ignored an expert recommendation to send the project to the B.C. Utilities Commission for review. Since 2005, KPMG and its related companies have given \$284,994 to the BC Liberals.

The BC Liberals raised about \$13 million in donations last year. It's a staggering sum. (Ontario's Liberal party, with three times the population and a much bigger economy, raised only \$9.7 million.) Of that, \$6.9 million came from cash-for-access events, where donors pay big bucks for face-time with the premier, cabinet ministers and MLAs. In a free enterprise system you don't spend that kind of money without expecting a sizable return on your investment.

Much of the Liberals' campaign war chest comes from registered lobbyists — people who get paid to influence politicians on behalf of their clients. Dozens of them have been funneling tens of thousands of dollars to Christy Clark's Liberals every year for years, often in their own name, concealing the corpo-

rate connection.

Upset about salmon farming decimating wild salmon stocks? Take it up with Mark Jiles.

Who?

Mark Jiles holds the record for Most Donations to the Liberal Party by a Corporate Shill — 89 since 2011, totalling \$68,209 (more than the average Canadian earns in a year) and mostly in his own name. One of Mark Jiles' clients? The BC Salmon Farmer's Association.

For the 2017 election, the Liberals have taken free enterprise efficiency to new heights (or depths). They've eliminated the middle man. Five of their candidates are former lobbyists who have promoted the interests of clients like Chevron, Pacific Northwest LNG, Woodfibre LNG, ExxonMobil and Kinder Morgan with Premier Christy Clark and other top ministers, including Environment Minister Mary Polak and Minister of Energy and Mines Bill Bennett.

Since 2008, the NDP has tabled six bills (one by our own MLA, Gary Holman) to get big money out of politics. The Liberals squashed every one. On May 9 we can finally end what Democracy Watch has called "legalized bribery" and break the two-way flow of money and favours between the Liberals and environmentally destructive corporations.

An NDP government will ban union and corporate donations, and place a hard cap on individual donations. Electing the NDP on May 9 will finally break big money's death grip on our fragile democracy.

The writer is a long-time Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should union & corporate political donations be banned? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Will you vote in the SSI fire trustees election? YES 22 NO 40

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Without these [height] restrictions, the character of the island would be gone within a few years."

ERNST KUCKLICH, NEIGHBOUR TO PROPOSED DOMESPACE HOUSE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Do you have an Earth Day message for our political leaders?



BRENDA GUILLED
I'm not pure, but I measure every choice I make against its cost to the Earth.



ALANDRA LARA-MACLEOD
The power structure needs to be more evenly distributed between the older generation and the youth [to effect change].



DAVID NORGET & BRYAN DUBIEN
We hope the conversation around the Earth could move from debate into positive, constructive conversation.



JOAN BYRNE
Take climate change seriously and change the way we treat the Earth.



KATIE BURKE
We need to really focus on what's happening here. We can produce the green resources that are now becoming readily available.

Letters to the editor

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

Reasons to vote no

We've been watching the letters regarding incorporation. As we see it, there are a number of problems relating to this possibility. The main ones on our minds are:

1. The roads will cost millions to upgrade. Although the provincial government has offered \$20 million for roads and other transition costs, our guess is that may repave the highway, and that's all. There are many kilometres of roads on Salt Spring that need major work. The only way to pay for these repairs, if we incorporate, is to raise taxes. No wonder the government is so eager to give us \$20 million.

2. If we incorporate, we will need to be paying for a mayor, his secretary, plus a myriad other staff, plus offices yearly. There likely will need to be a town hall built to house all these people. Costs? Again, likely taxes will need to be raised to pay for these.

3. We are concerned that a municipal council would want to open up many areas of land to a lot more development. Can our aquifer handle that?

Already there is a huge problem with the water for Channel Ridge and many other areas. Already many people's wells run dry in the summer. How will that be handled?

BRIAN AND KISHORI HUTCHINGS,
MAIN STREET

Have and have not

From reading letters to the editor and discussions on the yes and no sites, I am realizing folks are not sure of what incorporation entails. It seems many think it will mean losing the Islands Trust input and Capital Regional District representation.

However, incorporation retains those while adding a mayor and three councillors to focus entirely on Salt Spring Island and three more that also represent us on the CRD and Islands Trust. Here is how the two compare:

At present we are served by one electoral area director at the Capital Regional District, Wayne McIntyre, and two elected Islands Trust council

trustees — Peter Grove and George Grams. Incorporation would mean a mayor and six councillors, with one councillor continuing with the CRD and two staying with the Islands Trust. The three with the mayor would provide 100 per cent island representation in community needs while liaising with their co-councillors attached to the CRD and Islands Trust.

In addition, if incorporation is supported, Salt Spring stands to get close to \$20 million from the province for transition and other costs. The money would include \$11.8 million for road maintenance and \$2.8 million for police costs over five years. Plus, our waterworks district would be eligible for two-thirds of the funding for infrastructure improvements. These capital

infrastructure improvements are necessary and at present will be paid for by us in the form of taxes, tolls and fees.

SHERI HICKMAN,
SALT SPRING

Protect coast

I live on Salt Spring Island and spend some of my most cherished moments here hiking up Mount Erskine, in the centre of the island. Once at the summit, I look out in awe and wonder at the expansive beauty of the Salish Sea, the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island and feel grateful for the refuge of this place.

However, in recent weeks, my trips to the summit have been filling me with despair and anxiety for what might happen to the animals and plants of the Salish Sea if the Kinder Morgan pipeline gets

built, and the increase in supertankers results in an oil spill.

As I prepare to vote in the coming election in B.C., I am looking for the candidate who will be a champion for the coast in the Legislature, someone who is committed to protecting the coast from the Kinder Morgan pipeline. This is of the highest priority to me, as I believe it should be for all of us living in B.C.

Heeding the powerful words of First Nations leaders (CoastProtectors.ca), I am convinced this is the most important choice for all of us in B.C. We all must vote for the coast.

AHAVA SHIRA,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Questions posed to NSSWD trustee candidates

The following is an open letter to all the candidates for district trustees of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY RAYMOND HEUNG

As you know, an annual general meeting is to be held on April 25, at which time two new trustees will be elected. We hope that the new trustees will be a force of change in order that the district would commit themselves to transparency and open communication in their governance.

As the property owner of Brinkworthy Place (a manufactured home park with 137 households whose residents are 55-plus in age), we have been involved in a dispute relating to the restructuring of the parcel tax initiated by the district in the latter part of 2016. The Driftwood has given coverage to this dispute in the last few months.

In September 2016, we were told by the district that with the restructuring of the parcel tax, that (1) there would not be any change in parcel tax for ratepayers who own single family dwellings (SFD), and (2) since the average water consumption of a manufactured home is the same as the average water consumption of a SFD, each manufactured home in Brinkworthy Place should be treated in the same way as a SFD.

In October, we kept asking the district to

provide us with actual consumption data to justify their claim so that we could report such evidence to our tenants, as ultimately they had to pay for such an increase with the new parcel tax. The message that we got back from the district was basically that they had the data to support their claim, so "trust us," while not recognizing that the average lot at Brinkworthy Place is only 4,800 square feet, the average size of a manufactured home is only 1,100 square feet and the average number of persons per household in our seniors park is only 1.4 persons.

The district also offered to hold a town hall meeting with our residents. We gladly accepted such an offer and a meeting was set up for Dec. 16. Unexpectedly on Dec. 1, we were told that the meeting had to be cancelled as none of the trustees or officers of the district would be available on that date. (A subsequent effort on our part to reschedule the meeting to January 2017 was rebuffed.)

Frustrated with the stonewalling, within a week we decided to file a lawsuit to challenge the district's new parcel tax bylaws in the Supreme Court of B.C. During the legal process, the district finally released, perhaps reluctantly, historical consumption data. Surprise! The average water consumption of a manufactured home is not the same as

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the average consumption of a SFD. As a matter of fact, the consumption of the latter has been about 1.43 times higher than the former. This has only led us to surmise that the decision not to change the parcel tax of ratepayers who own SFD has been adopted out of "political expediency," as SFD ratepayers perhaps form the dominant group of voters, whereas all of our residents at Brinkworthy Place can not vote.

Now, I have two questions to the candidates. The first question relates to the forthcoming referendum of the incorporation of Salt Spring Island. The final report of the Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study has indicated that "... a municipality would be eligible for senior government conditional funding for infrastructure planning and capital projects ... These sources of conditional grant funding are not available to improvement districts. As an example, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District is not eligible for senior government grant funding for a capital project to raise the Duck Creek Weir."

On March 18, 2017, the Vancouver Sun reported that the City of White Rock, as a municipality, has been able to obtain over 80 per cent in the form of grants from senior levels of government for a water infrastructure project expected to cost over \$14.2 million. Under the NSSWD's "Fifteen Year Plan

2017 to 2032," the total cost of capital projects is estimated to be over \$28 million. How do you foresee the funding of such projects going forward? Are you in favour of incorporation?

The second question relates to the status quo, i.e. that the NSSWD is to remain as an improvement district. First, do you support the recent restructuring of the parcel tax initiated by the current board of trustees in 2016 for the purpose of funding capital infrastructure projects? Would you generally support the more equitable "property taxation or ad valorem taxation" rather than the antiquated "parcel tax" system of taxation?

Second, for the sake of transparency, would you ensure that in all future referendums for approval of capital projects, the district has to inform the voters as to how such projects are to be funded beforehand?

Third, would you give due consideration in future to treating all Brinkworthy Place residents as property owners (as they are owners of their own homes and do pay property taxes) so they would be able to vote in all referendums and at the AGM, thus eliminating their concern with "taxation without representation?"

The writer is president of Vanac Development Corp. and owns Brinkworthy Place.

MORE LETTERS

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NSSWD actions questioned

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a common sense, or legal, basis for the actions of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustees.

First, they proposed a close to 12,000

per cent parcel tax increase on Brinkworthy homeowners without any evidence that this fairly allocated the district's costs. That was in spite of the Improvement Districts Manual's clear directive that "Whatever the basis of taxation chosen, it should be based on an equitable allocation of costs that can be explained to the landowners." Second, they refused to consult with, or even talk to, the affected homeowners — so much for the "can be explained to the landowners" require-

ment. Now, to complete this trifecta of discrimination, they wish to exclude the people paying the tax from voting for the trustees that impose it.

This was made clear in the district's notice of its annual general meeting in the last Driftwood, which stated you must be a registered owner of land to vote at the meeting. That does not square with the legislation governing NSSWD elections. The legislation bases voting rights on the right to possess land or having a substantial interest in land, not on having a name on title. Brinkworthy homeowners qualify under both categories, but have been told they will not be allowed to vote, even though they voted in the last Salt Spring Fire Protection District election governed by the same legislation. The legal advice given the fire district was apparently the same as that received by the homeowners — they have the right to vote.

This raises a concern that the AGM notice may mislead or scare off both ratepayers of the NSSWD and the general public and thereby invalidate the meeting and election. That would be a tragic waste of time, money and public confidence.

The annual general meeting of the NSSWD is to be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel. It is open to the general public. Here's hoping many Salt Springers will attend, whether as ratepayers, advocates of sensible rates, supporters of Fraser's

Thimble Farms, or just committed to fair and understandable actions by those in local government positions.

The community deserves a reasoned explanation of past actions, future plans and the intent of the nominees.

FRED MARTIN,
BRINKWORTHY

Could the Gulf Islands incorporate?

I'm curious to know if anyone in the debate around incorporation has considered if there may be benefit to incorporating, not as an island, but as a group of islands.

Surely there's a great deal of overlap in issues and interests that are in fact common to the entire group of Gulf Islands communities. Are there not benefits in governing locally as a group of small communities affected by the same small community issues: ferries, police, fire, zoning, garbage, affordable housing, sustainable living, farming, schooling, protecting local waters to name but a few?

Perhaps we're presently considering the wrong question.

Is our current question seeking to put Salt Spring Island somehow in a different "camp" than its logical neighbours? Perhaps we should be trying to work together to improve issues that affect us all.

STEVEN S. BARER,
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Brinkworthy treatment not fair

The annual general meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District is set for Tuesday, April 25. It is open to the public and everyone concerned with water issues and water tax fairness should be there. We need to elect new trustees and give some corrective direction to the board.

As a representative of the Brinkworthy Homeowners Association, I am particularly concerned with the dramatically unfair tax proposals for Brinkworthy homeowners. When one of them recently tried to talk to the board about this he was told, "You'll be paying the same as everyone else, what could be fairer than that?" Just about anything, it turns out.

Put yourself in the place of a Brinkworthy homeowner in a simple allegory. You walk into Barb's in a hurry and decide to just get a shrink-wrapped sandwich and eat it on the run. While walking out you pass a table where three friends are sitting. They say, "Hey, join us for lunch!" You're not in that big of a rush so you sit down. They all have a good meal and you have the sandwich you bought.

Then the cheque comes. One of them says, "OK, why don't we just split it into four equal parts — all the same, that would be fair." It's equal all right, but it's certainly not fair. You already paid for your meal, now you have to pay again. That's the Brinkworthy situation. We pay for the distribution system we use that is owned by the landlord, and the district says, "Now pay again for the distribution system you don't use." Clearly here "equal" is not "equitable."

But "equitable" is the charge given the water board by the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The Improvement Districts Manual is clear: "Whatever the basis of taxation chosen, it should be based on an equitable allocation of costs that can be explained to the landowners." The board's proposal is clearly not equitable. Brinkworthy homeowners pay for their own system and then again for the system of their other "friends at the table."

It is apparently also unexplainable since the board has refused every invitation to explain it to Brinkworthy homeowners.

If you care about a properly funded and managed water system, please be at the meeting and speak out for openness, accountability and fairness. The system doesn't work if we don't.

JIM DICKINSON,
TREASURER,
BRINKWORTHY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MORE LETTERS

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Happy with hospital

A colonoscopy is a procedure that allows a colonoscopist to see the inside of your rectum using a special instrument. It is a flexible tube with a miniature camera.

Videos and pictures enable the colonoscopist to detect any abnormal growths. Drs. Morris and Butcher, who performed the procedure on me at Lady Minto Hospital, were amazing; very very good at what they do. I was put under and ended up on Cloud Nine for one and a half hours.

I highly recommend this painless pro-

cedure to anyone and everyone over the age of 45.

Cheers and thank you, Lady Minto Hospital staff.

WOLFIE LACHMUND,
SALT SPRING

Inadequate response

Regarding the safety of Isabella Point Road after the slide over two months ago and discussed in the April 5 Driftwood, I wish to say that there has still not been an adequate response to my concerns about safety.

Transportation Minister Todd Stone indicated that he feels the present signs and barricades "suffice." However, there are still many

serious deficiencies.

After numerous complaints both to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and my elected CRD and provincial representatives, I did finally receive a promise by email from Ryan Evanoff, the MoTI representative to our island, that in conversations with Mainroad South Island Contracting "we determined that additional flashers for the barricades and additional signage for motorists need to be installed immediately."

Indeed a sign to yield to oncoming traffic was installed and is working well. However, the flashers were not installed and four are needed as the present one is dim.

As reported in the Driftwood, a ministry

official erroneously stated there were flashers (plural) and flags. There are faded flags on one of the diamond-shaped warning signs but the other three which have mounts for flags do not have flags. One of these signs continually blows over as they are not weighted down.

Two pylon poles originally there are down to one. And the three small plastic orange bags have faded.

It is obvious that MoTI and Mainroad are not cooperating sufficiently. This reconstruction project still appears to be in the future and continual monitoring of the situation needs to take place.

DAN DICKMEYER,
ROLAND ROAD

RANTS and Roses

Rants

The daffodils I plant along our frontage on Reynolds Road are for the enjoyment of all passers-by. Sadly, some mean-spirited person, who cannot understand the ideas of sharing and community, has picked them and taken them away. To the picker: it would be nice if, someday, you can evolve into a decent human being. Marlyn Horsdal

Why was there no-one giving guidance to the many motorists stranded at the accident on Fulford-Ganges and Cranberry roads for two hours on April 3? The RCMP either did not have the manpower or they just did not care. Wolfie Lachmund

Roses

A medley of Merseyside mari-golds to Mark Devereaux for being the ultimate knowledgeable and

skilled professional who completely understood the urgency to quickly fix my icemakers. A heartfelt thank you for your kindness to this old lady and my unlimited supply of ice! Eve

Roses to neighbours Carolyn, Liam and Lily for taking the time to fix potholes on Garner Road. Liam and Lily are quite a bit younger than the folks at Mainroad who usually do the work, but it looks like they did a very good job. Doug P.

A bouquet of orange roses to all the people who organized and attended the Gary Holman for MLA campaign office opening party on April 1! Maxine Leichter

A cyber-bouquet of digital roses to the Salt Spring mentors, sponsors and community supporters of the Gulf Islands Second-

ary School Robotics Team, the Cyberscorpions. Mentors Todd Brett, Doug Chapman, Mark Fraser, Liam Johnson, David Roberts, Brien Anderson, Greg Slavov and Jon Scott supported the team with countless hours of expertise designing, prototyping, coding and fabricating. Thank you to the numerous community sponsors who have donated items, materials, time and supported the team financially. Thank you to the many individuals who donated online and in our not-so-digital jar. And thank you to our teachers at GISS, who realize that even when building robots, we need the caring help of humans.

Carefully sterilized bouquets tied neatly with gauze for Izzy and Ian in our wonderful hospital's ER. They make injuries almost worthwhile. Thanks, both. Carol H.

Force of hope endures after death

BY GEORGE SIPOS

News came through a few weeks ago that the Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko had died at the age of 84.

It's the accustomed story of the times — once-prominent artists, musicians, actors and celebrities of one sort or another are leaving us almost weekly. Why should we care about a poet from a distant country whose fame as a dissident writer was made in the Khrushchev years?

The easy answer is that he was important in the Cold War era for speaking the truth in his writing about the evils of Stalinism, about the horrors of Nazism, about freedom of speech, about political dissidence.

But 60 years later that's not really enough to make us care, and in any case his credentials as a dissident were not unchallenged in his day by those, like Joseph Brodsky, who felt he compromised himself too much with the Kremlin for the sake of his international rock-star celebrity.

His importance lies deeper, I believe, in his belief that poetry inhabits the centre of what it means to be human.

I met Yevtushenko in 1995 when, in partnership with the then-new University of Northern B.C., I invited him to do a reading in Prince George. My memories of his visit are vivid.

Since his plane arrived at mid-day and the reading was to be in the evening, I took him around to one of the local high schools to speak with the students. About 50 of them were gathered in a big classroom when I walked a 60-year-old Russian in a pink suit, a blue and green floral shirt, and a red tie. You could feel the teen skepticism in the air.

But once he started to recite poems, in English, with theatrical passion, everything changed.

"I tell you," he told them, walking up and down

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and looking them with Russian fervor in the eye, "The only thing . . . in a life . . . is the love." And 50 students melted into puddles.

That evening he read to an audience of several hundred, partly in English, partly in Russian. It made no difference. Everything he read spoke fervently and devotedly from the heart, whether we understood the words or not.

At the end, when he was signing books, a girl in her teens came up, rather diffidently, and mumbled that she wrote poetry.

"Ah, this is wonderful," he said, ignoring everyone else around them and speaking only to her, "You must continue, and you must write only about the truth." I looked over his shoulder as he signed the book "To my fellow poet . . ."

Later that evening, over many bottles of brandy, he told outrageous stories about his life, like the time Imelda Marcos tried to seduce him in Manila, and so on.

Yes, he was as much a ham and showman as a good poet, but under the celebrity persona was a genuine artist who believed that art redeems the fickleness, the banality and even the barbarity of human life.

A few days later I spoke with him on the phone about something to do with his itinerary, and when we said goodbye he said, "George, I hope we do not lose each other in all this world."

I thought at the time he meant me, but realize now that he was talking about all of us, and how we need to hang on to each other "in all this world."

Now he is gone, but the force of that hope, I believe, will remain his enduring legacy.

The writer is an author of poetry and non-fiction books, and a retired arts administrator and bookstore owner.

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- 7:30 p.m. - National Canadian Film Day Showing of My American Cousin. The Fritz.
- 7:30 p.m. - Songjam at Moby's Pub.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 7:30 p.m. - Classic Rock Bingo at Moby's Pub.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- 10:30 a.m. - SS Forum Presents Noam Chomsky Film Screening & Live Discussion. ArtSpring.
- 12 noon - Artist Talk with Martin Herbert. Mahon Hall.
- 1 p.m. - Drop-in Life Drawing with Stefanie Denz. Mahon Hall.
- 7 p.m. - Dialogue with the Arts: Pravin Pillay. Mahon Hall.
- 9 p.m. - Ange Hehr at Moby's Pub.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Saturday Market in the Park.
- 10 a.m. - Met Opera: Eugene Onegin. ArtSpring.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - 7th Annual Blossom Picnic at Heiwa Garden in Peace Park.
- 1 to 3 p.m. - Salt Spring Garden Club Spring Plant Sale. Farmers' Institute.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 cont.

- 7 p.m. - Youth Movie Night: Ghostbusters (1984), ages 10+. SS Library Program Room.
- 7 p.m. - Tribute to Leonard Cohen. Mahon Hall.
- 9 p.m. - Never Never Band at Moby's Pub.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 7 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12 to 5 p.m. - Earth Day activities at Centennial Park.
- 7:30 p.m. - Wanda Nowicki Jazz at Moby's Pub.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 1 to 4 p.m. - Volunteer and Community Resources National Volunteer Week Open House at the SS Library Program Room.
- 7 p.m. - Book Launch: Terry Fallis and One Brother Shy. SS Library Program Room.
- 7 p.m. - Gumboot Gala. Salt Spring Folk Club at Fulford Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. - Elmer Iseler Singers. ArtSpring.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Saturday Market in the Park.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - 2nd Annual Emergency Fair. Farmers' Institute.

1 p.m. - Cemetery Walk. St. Mark's Cemetery on Baker Rd.

2 p.m. - Death Cafe. ArtSpring.

6 p.m. - Uncle Jim's Blues Band and Fabulous Flakes at Fulford Hall.

7 p.m. - Stagecoach Theatre presents Jungle Book. ArtSpring.

9 p.m. - Compassion Gorilla at Moby's Pub.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

2 p.m. - Stagecoach Theatre presents Jungle Book. ArtSpring.

7 p.m. - Open Stage Old Timey Cafe. Fulford Hall.



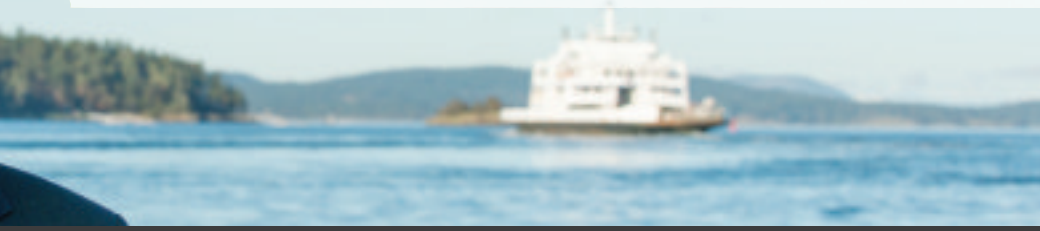
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ART REVIEW

Human form in focus at Body of Work



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

OJ Clarke fired clay sculptures are backed by Susan Benson portraits at Body of Work, a Salt Spring Arts Council exhibition featuring 20 artists at Mahon Hall.

Easter Art Show at Mahon Hall this week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The human figure in all its variations is the focus of the Salt Spring Arts Council's Easter Art Show at Mahon Hall this year, and Body of Work proves there are just as many ways to express that variation as to live it.

Any artist, whether working in clay, paint or pencil, is faced with the challenge of not just getting the form right but to somehow convey the life-force behind the curves and wrinkles that makes the body more than just an object. Meeting the theme has meant reaching back to earlier pieces by several of the 20 local artists involved, which serves to add another interesting layer to the exhibition.

It's hard to imagine a better grasp of the body in art's inherent duality than the gestural sculptures by OJ Clarke. His fired clay pieces are textured and unglazed, with the nude figures at one with the earthy material in which they were formed and yet full of human character and emotion.

Standing Nude Man, with arms crossed and face tilted down, has an especially sensitive appeal. Emperor, seated in a thinking pose with robes draped over his lower body, is both classic and acces-

sible. Nude women also have a classic elegance, with their sharp shoulders balanced by heavier thighs and bottoms.

Melanie Williams likewise has a sense of marrying classic themes and style with a modern approach in her oil paintings. Crouching Man is a great exploration of the male body's capacity for power. The bent naked body, seen in profile, seems to showcase every muscle, from shoulders, back and arms to legs and gluteals. The man's curved back suggests vulnerability as well, though. His furthest arm wraps around to grasp his neck, protecting his face from the viewer.

The human figure is a murkier presence in two masterful works by John Macdonald, where oil paint is laid down in big chunky smears and the image is secondary to colour and energy. Down By the River - The Portrait of the Artist as Neil Young is warm in tone, with the seated figure's skin and his guitar mirroring a coppersy glow. The man's clothing is dark, with deep shadows drawing the eyes to a centre full of gravitas among all the light.

An untitled painting by Macdonald is seemingly cheery, with a pickup truck in the centre blanketed by a jungly green canopy and drift of vibrant red in the foreground. The human figure in this piece is noticeable after a longer look, a shadowy being that exists in the negative and thereby produces a sinister cast to a scene otherwise full of light and life.

Alanda Nay has two large-scale photos, printed on canvas, that provoke and disturb by placing the body out of context and under water. The photos are named for female subjects, but their identity as individuals is erased. The photo called Emily has the model encased in a stretchy white fabric, with her arms pushing out and one knee raised as if in a dance. In Hannah, the figure is captured as if submerging, most of her body veiled by a cascade of bubbles.

Martin Herbert shows what a pencil and a sensitive hand can convey with minimum line and shading in three different drawings of women. In Triple Portrait, the viewer gets to understand the figure better thanks to two additional aspects, expressed as portraits hung on the wall of the room the subject sits in.

Jeannette Sirois conveys a strong sense of realism in her large-scale pencil and charcoal drawings, and also brings something different to the idea of portrait. In Equality of Same - Aaron, the figure's neck and bare arms are inscribed in red by words expressing the heartbreak of inequality. "Because I am gay, I am a minority who is stigmatized, marginalized and rejected," one portion reads.

The drawing titled Lorraine is unusual in a different way. Showing part of a woman's face and shoulder, the much bigger than life-sized work has the woman's head tilted back while under the shower. The immediate background is black, while light hits the woman's face and the stream of water as it runs down her skin.

Diana Dean has anchored the Easter art weekend with a solo show in the past, and gets double exposure in this round. Three of her early works are shown: giant-sized nudes based on her family life during the '80s. Dean's colour treatment at the time was much different to her current style, but the figures' positioning and the geometry of their household environment will be familiar tropes.

Dean is herself the subject of the most natural, and perhaps most interesting, portrait in a series by photographer David Borrowman. He captures the artist in her studio surrounded by her work and her materials. Seen in a rare moment of rest, she appears unaware of the camera.

Body of Work continues at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Sunday, April 23. Artist talks and special events are happening through Saturday. See the What's On calendar for details.

LITERARY EVENTS

Island readers the first for new Fallis novel

Meet the author on Monday at the Salt Spring library

Award-winning author Terry Fallis visits the Salt Spring Public Library on Monday, April 24, unveiling his new novel called One Brother Shy.

Attendees will be the first readers in Canada to access it — about one month earlier than the rest of the country.

The event begins at 7 p.m.

Fallis is the award-winning author of five national bestsellers, including his most recent, Poles Apart, all published by McClelland & Stewart. His debut novel, The Best Laid Plans, won the

2008 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and was crowned the 2011 winner of CBC Canada Reads as the "essential Canadian novel of the decade." In 2014, CBC aired a miniseries based on The Best Laid Plans and, in 2015, it debuted as a musical in Vancouver.

The High Road was published in 2010 and was a finalist for the 2011 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour. Terry's other novels, Up and Down, No Relation and Poles Apart have all been bestsellers and Leacock award finalists. No Relation won the 2015 Leacock humour award.

In 2013, the Canadian Booksellers Association presented Fallis with the Libris Award for Author of the Year. Fallis has a Bachelor of Engineering degree from McMaster University.

ART REVIEW

Evolving vision at anniversary show



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Tiffany Hastie, a new artist at Gallery 8, demonstrates her method at the gallery on Saturday. Her paintings are part of a special exhibition of new work by Gallery 8 artists done especially for the Symbolically 8 exhibition and eight-year anniversary of Razali May's ownership of the gallery in Grace Point Square.

Symbolically 8 on through May 8

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The opening reception of an exhibition at Gallery 8 is always a busy and celebratory affair, with those who want to actually see the art advised to come early, or return the next day.

The eighth annual Symbolically 8 show, which opened Friday night, represented an important milestone for the space and for gallery owner Razali May, and was even more packed than usual with artists and clients there to wish him well. May lost most of his voice just greeting people Friday night, and was recovering but happily still welcoming masses of visitors the following day.

The show itself, found in the upstairs exhibition room, reveals the evolution of the space and Razali's curating skills over the past eight years. Many of the core artists remain the same as when he bought the gallery from Judy Mitchell, but there are also new names every year, both Salt Spring artists and a select number from the West Coast and other parts of Canada.

Visitors will find new works from gallery stalwarts such as JD Evans, EJ Feller, Bill Boyd, Donna Hall, Jan Sharkey Thomas, Dennice Stambuck and Ida Marie Threadkell that show how experienced artists with a distinct voice can constantly explore and grow. Janis Woode has two interesting variations on her wrapped

wire art, both of which embrace the "eight" theme. A tiny figure navigates an elaborate set of gates in a piece titled The Next Eight. Each frame is inset with rectangles made of the welded crossbars, creating a three-dimensional puzzle that melds Escher and Mondrian. Woode's Size 8 is a playful take on the theme, with life-sized wickedly pointed high heels made from a rainbow of reclaimed telephone wires over perforated steel soles.

Somewhat new to the gallery is Corre Alice, who provides a lovely abstract oil painting on two panels that is appropriately called Delight. Her work is inspired by nature and "often explores the relationship between the emotional and the intellectual." Here, small blocks of saturated pigments are set against an amorphous background that moves from aqua to lavender and back. The colour fragments overtop provide the feeling of movement in their shape and their placement, appearing as petals or butterflies on the wind. Yellow tones on either edge move into a section of midnight blue that converges on the centre line.

Also quite new to the gallery and to Salt Spring is Tiffany Hastie. She was on hand at the gallery on Saturday demonstrating how she creates her miniature landscapes. Her set of eight island scenes in ornate antique-looking frames proved popular among visitors, who marvelled at her ability to reproduce scenes with photo-like accuracy in a mere 1.5 by two-inch space.

The vibrant acrylic works seem to radiate light, the scenery pulsing with fresh greens.

John McConnell is another new addition to the gallery. He lives in Victoria but paints on Salt Spring, providing an interesting new perspective on the local landscape in slightly abstracted acrylic works. Two pieces with barn and fields evoke the damp early spring, with pooled water reflecting sky in the lower fields and bare shrubs waiting for leaves. McConnell has an interesting tendency to his brushstrokes that produces a vertical pull to wide vistas.

Deborah Tilby is constantly impressive in her oil-on-panel landscapes, with a knack for producing impressionist-tinged objects or scenes. Two pieces in the show move away from the studies of boats her recent series have focused on. The painting called Red Wagons poses antique machinery against a backlit forest road, with light dappled through firs. Grasses at Willows II contrasts the warm spray at the forefront with a refreshingly cool palette of greys and blues in sand, sea and sky.

Brenda Walker also takes inspiration from the sea in her West Coast series of encaustic works, which really makes the most of the medium. The wax is perfect for creating the sense of the foaming water as the sea hits the shore and for portraying the translucent yet creamy green and blue tones produced by the combination of air, water and motion. Walker completes the illusion with an edging

of actual sand and stones for the beach.

Many other artists and works remain to be discovered. Symbolically 8 continues through May 8.

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Bittancourt House Museum. Museum open at the Farmers' Institute every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until June 30. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
National Canadian Film Day 150: My American Cousin Screening. Free showing of 1986 film with writer/director Sandy Wilson in attendance for post-screening discussion. The Fritz Cinema. 7:30 p.m.
Songjam. Pub-style singalong to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Doug and the Thugs. Live at the Legion. 7:15 p.m.
Ange Hehr. Live rock/pop/dance at Moby's. 9 a.m.
ACTIVITIES
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.
StoryWalk. Follow a story from the library, through Mouat Park, to the Rainbow Road Pool. Day starts with a special activity or author at the library from 10 to 10:30 a.m. School groups and daycares are welcome; please contact Children's Librarian Nikky McCarvill at nmccarvill@saltspringlibrary.com if attending.
Noam Chomsky Film Screening & Discussion. Watch Requiem for the American Dream film and then participate in discussion with Noam Chomsky, who will join the Salt Spring Forum from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology via video-conferencing software. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
SSI Watershed Protection Authority. Regular meeting at the school board meeting room. 10:30 a.m.
Artist Talk with Martin Herbert. Part of Easter Art Show events and Body of Work exhibition at Mahon Hall. 12 noon.
Drop-in Life Drawing with Stefanie Denz. Part of Easter Art Show events and Body of Work exhibition at Mahon Hall. 1 to 3 p.m.
Library Games Night. Bring your friends, your snacks, and your 20-sided dice to the library for games night every Friday night. 6 to 9 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 21

ACTIVITIES
Dialogue with the Arts: Prav Pillay. Discussion on Moving from the Unseen to the Seen (between the Sacred and Profane). Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Tribute in Song and Poetry to Leonard Cohen. Part of Easter Art Show events and Body of Work exhibition at Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.
Sky Valley Jazz. Live at the Legion. 7:15 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
SS Fire Protection District Election. Ratepayers vote for two seats on the board of trustees. Ganges Fire Hall. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday Market in the Park. Locally produced crafts, foods and produce at famous event in Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Met Opera: Eugene Onegin. Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. ArtSpring. 10 a.m.
Help Build & Learn about Rammed-Earth Garden Beds. Volunteers are invited to help construct terraced garden beds with Joss Krayenhoff (Terra Firma/SIREwall). Snacks provided. Salt Spring Elementary. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. RSVP to Robin for a two-hour shift to riverjenkinson@gmail.com, or 250-221-0011.

Sat. Apr. 22

ACTIVITIES
Seventh Annual Blossom Picnic. Music, food, demos and more at the Heiwa Garden in Peace Park. Schedule as follows: Aikido demo at 11 a.m.; tai chi demo at 11:20 a.m.; karate demo at 11:40 a.m.; Jim Raddysch music at 12:10 p.m.; Ruwadzano Marimba Band at 12:30 p.m.; Salt Spring Japanese Singers and the Samurai Theatre at 1:10 p.m.; Laurent Boucher and Iroko at 2:15 p.m.
Salt Spring Garden Club Spring Plant Sale. Popular annual event at the Farmers' Institute. 1 to 3 p.m.
Scott Point Waterworks District AGM. Annual general meeting held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club pavilion. 3 p.m.
Youth Movie Night: Ghostbusters (1984). ages 10+. Free event with free popcorn for island youth ages 10 and up. Spring Island Public Library. 7 p.m.

Sun. Apr. 23

ACTIVITIES
Earth Day Cyclist program. Family-friendly event with journalist and athlete Laura Robinson, who shares stories and her award-winning book: Cyclist BikeList. SS Public Library. 2:30 to 4 p.m. Bikes welcome.
Film: Niigaanibatowaad/Frontrunners. Based on a play by Laura Robinson, this film depicts the injustice of residential schools and the PanAm Games incident of 1967 and what was done to make amends at the 1999 Games. Discussion with Laura Robinson follows screening. Salt Spring Library. 7 p.m.
National Volunteer Week Coffee Coupons. During National Volunteer Week - April 23-29 - and until May 7, volunteers can pick up a coupon for free coffee from their volunteer coordinator or from the Volunteer and Community Resources office in Merchant Mews.

Mon. Apr. 24

ACTIVITIES
SS Transportation Commission. Regular business meeting. Portlock Park. 4:30 p.m.
Choral Workshop. Led by Lydia Adams, director of the Elmer Iseler Singers. ArtSpring. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Pre-registration required.
SSI Fire Protection District AGM. Annual general meeting and reports, plus election results announced. Lions Hall. 7 p.m. April board meeting follows.
Terry Fallis Book Launch. Award-winning author of five national bestsellers shares new novel One Brother Shy. SS Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
Film: Special Replay of Stem Cell Documentary. The God Cells film will be screened at Croftonbrook Lounge at 132 Corbett Rd. Followed by a Q&A. 7 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 25

ACTIVITIES
Rural Business Accelerator for Green Businesses. Learn how to grow your green services business on Salt Spring. Free info session for potential participants and mentors in Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission training program. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
Floor Hockey. Every Tuesday at Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Thur. Apr. 20

ACTIVITIES
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.
Artist Talk with Renee Sanden. Part of Easter Art Show events and Body of Work exhibition at Mahon Hall. 12 noon.
SS Community Economic Development Commission. Regular monthly meeting at Portlock Park Portable. 4 p.m.
Classic Rock Bingo. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.
Intro to Squash. Free sessions at the new court on the Salt Spring Golf Club property. Bring some non-marking shoes and appropriate clothing. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sun. Apr. 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Wanda Nowicki Q'Tet. Live jazz at Moby's. 7 to 10 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Help Build & Learn about Rammed-Earth Garden Beds. See Saturday's listing.
Earth Day Festival. Music, performances, storytelling, vendors, food, education and art in Centennial Park. Special activities for kids too. Scheduled events include: Morning yoga sun salutations at the gazebo with Celeste at 7 a.m.; water blessing at the gazebo at 11 a.m.; Tsawout Nation Children's Choir at 12 noon; Community Knit-out from 1 to 3 p.m.; Susan Cogan performs at 1:30 p.m.; Earth Hero Awards presentation at 2 p.m.; Yael Wand performs at 3:30 p.m.; Zumba at 4 p.m.; Orca Soundings at 4:45 p.m.
Intro to Squash. See Thursday's listing, except the time is at 1:30 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Gumboot Gala. Salt Spring Folk Club's season-ending concert hosted by Valdy and Bill Henderson. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. (6 p.m. for season's pass holders).
Elmer Iseler Singers. Professional chamber choir from Toronto performs concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Volunteer & Community Resources Open House. Island volunteers can drop by to pick up their coffee coupon for National Volunteer Week, find out about VCR and the Canada 150 Challenge, and fill in a survey to explore admin services to not-for-profits. SS Public Library. 1 to 4 p.m.
Adam Olsen Town Hall with Guest Elizabeth May. Provincial Green candidate for Saanich North and the Islands and local MP Elizabeth May host a town hall at Salt Spring Island United Church. 2 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 25

ACTIVITIES
Intro to Squash. See Thursday's listing, except the time is at 9 a.m.
Celebration of Math. Kids and families from preschool to high school invited to an evening of games, hands-on activities, the Math Playground and yummy snacks with coordinators Sue Robinson and Janet Hoag. GISS. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
North Salt Spring Waterworks District AGM. Annual general meeting and trustees' election runs at Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Madou Diarra. Vocalist and ngoni player performs at Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)
ACTIVITIES
Tech Cafe: How to Improve Your Website and Gain More Customers. Join Myles English from Stratosphere Digital for a fun and engaging workshop. Pre-register at the library, at 250-537-4666, or email info@saltspringlibrary.com. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 7 p.m.
Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.
Songjam. See last Wednesday's listing.



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EXHIBITIONS

- **A multi-media exhibit by GIFTS** artists titled "this is WHO I AM" at GIFTS on McPhillips Ave. can be viewed most days between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Gallery 8** celebrates eight years with a Symbolically 8 anniversary show of work by gallery artists daily through May 8.
- **The Easter Art Show** titled **Body of Work** continues at Mahon Hall until April 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A youth exhibit sponsored by Pharmasave runs in the hall's annex gallery PLUS special arts events take place at Mahon Hall throughout the exhibit period.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Paul Robert Bryans** presents new paintings in an exhibit called Nature in Motion at Salt Spring Gallery until April 30.
- **Stefanie Denz** shows Hypnotic Charisma, a solo exhibition of new works, at Fault Line Projects in Grace Point Square until May 3. The gallery is open on Wednesday afternoons plus Thursdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive shows What is Hidden, lino-cuts by Maura Byrne in the lower gallery, and Stay Still, drawings by Karen Andrews in the upper gallery. Open Thursday through Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. until April 30, or by appointment at 250-653-0089 or pointgallery@telus.net. Anna Gustafson's Snow Fence labyrinth is open any time, any day until dark.
- **Distant Glimpses**, new pastels by Susan Benson, is at the Duthie Gallery on Churchill Road until May 7. Hours are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.
- **Ian Thomas** shows his mixed-media works called "The Walkers" for the first time at Kizmit. On through April, Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4ish.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Patricia Brown** shows paintings in the Salt Spring Library Program Room through April.
- **Looking Up**, a joint display of art by Suzanne Prendergast and photography by Bill Underwood, is in the ArtSpring lobby until April 29.
- **Judy McPhee** shows photographs with a theme of automobiles at Embe's sandwich shop through April.
- **Avril Kirby** shows animal photos at the Salt Spring Coffee cafe; **M.C. Benmore** shows photographs in her Salt Spring Goddess series in the hallway.

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FESTIVAL

Earth Day celebrated on Sunday



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Pete Terrell cooks up a treat at last year's Earth Day Festival in Centennial Park. The 2017 version is packed full of activities and vendors.

Party at Centennial Park

Salt Spring's Earth Day Festival keeps on growing, with more activities than ever before planned for this Sunday, April 23.

The free all-ages event runs in Centennial Park. It begins with sun salutations at 7 a.m., a water blessing at 11 a.m., and then non-stop activities from 12 to 5 p.m.

Music, performances, storytelling, vendors, food, education, art and fun activities for kids are all part of the afternoon. Wildcrafting with Wisdom of the Earth, fort building with Green City Builders and demos that

include a battery-powered lawn-cutting "automower" from Mid Isle Marine are also on tap.

The Second Annual Earth Hero Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. Awards will acknowledge local individuals working to care for the Earth and the community through local, regional, national or international initiatives.

Individual winners are Elizabeth White, Leanna Boyer and Andrea Palframan. According to a press release from organizers, White is the winner "for ongoing leadership and advocacy for climate action, sustainable building practices and alterna-

tive energy, and food security."

Boyer is earning the award "for research and advocacy for protection of the Salish Sea. Boyer brings her vast knowledge as a marine biologist to help create grassroots ... fighting climate change."

Palframan is receiving the award "for using her writing and art skills as well as wit and warmth to raise the volume and expand the reach of many non-profit and grassroots initiatives focused on human rights and environmental protection."

This year's group winner is Coastal Cleanups, consisting of Siobhan Francis, Rebecca Grim, Laura Desjarlais and Balazs Vekes. They are spearheading local beach and ocean cleanup initiatives and are challenging other community members to do the same.

More volunteers, contributions to the silent auction and vendors can be accommodated at Sunday's event. People should contact Alex Lyons at 250-538-7573 for more information about how to participate.

A Facebook event page has also been set up. Search for Earth Day Centennial Park Salt Spring.

Earth Day is a 100 per cent grassroots community event organized by a small group of volunteers with support from Transition Salt Spring, the Chamber of Commerce, PARC and many generous local sponsors.

Feature performances and activities are as follows:

- 7 a.m. Morning yoga sun salutations at the gazebo with Celeste
- 11 a.m. Water blessing at the gazebo
- 12 p.m. Tsawout Nation Children's Choir
- 1 to 3 p.m. Community Knit-Out
- 1:30 p.m. Susan Cogan performs
- 2 p.m. Earth Hero Awards Presentation
- 3:30 p.m. Yael Wand performs
- 4 p.m. Zumba
- 4:45 p.m. Orca Soundings performance with costumes and sounds



NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

As required by the Letters Patent of the District, the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
2. To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
3. To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
4. To elect TWO Trustees - one for a term of 3 years and one for a term of two years.
5. To appoint the auditor for the ensuing year.

NOMINEES FOR TRUSTEE ARE:

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- Has been a registered owner of the real property within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District area for at least 30 days.
- Has an account in good standing.
- Is entitled to be registered as a voter under the Election Act, and is not disqualified from voting by the Local Government Act or any other enactment.
- Is present at the meeting.
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GARDENING

Gardeners' mega-sale unfolds

Annual plant sale a must-visit

Islanders' green thumbs may still be chilly due to the slow change of seasons, but the Salt Spring Garden Club Spring Plant Sale is arriving right on schedule.

A huge variety of locally grown plants is available at the sale, which runs at the Farmers' Institute on Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 3 p.m.

"This year that includes willows, many types of succulents, crocosmia, hellebores and lots more," states a club press release about the event. "The special vendors this year include Eagleridge Seeds, Chorus Frog, Bamboo Ranch and Ted Baker, and they'll have veggie starts

(including tomatoes and many others), seeds, bamboo, irises and other perennials, and more."

The club's mentor gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions, and the "treasure table" includes tools, books, magazines, supplies and produce.

Doors open promptly at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate additional plants can deliver them to the Farmers' Institute at 9 a.m. on the day of the sale, as long as they are nicely potted up and labelled.

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The sale is a major fundraiser for the garden club.

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Your Island Volunteers

NAME: Bill Nash

MAIN ORGANIZATION YOU VOLUNTEER FOR:
Salt Spring Community Services

Q. What are your duties?
 Setting out everything beforehand, getting ingredients from the food bank, cooking, cleaning and engaging with the people we serve at the Tuesday brunch on food bank day.

Q. What do you like about volunteering?
 I like being with dedicated people who make a difference in their community, filling gaps in services not provided by government.

Q. What is something you have learned through volunteering, either about yourself or in general?
 Volunteerism is a noble act. I just wish governments would not offload their responsibilities to volunteers as much as they do.

Q. Do you volunteer or have you volunteered for other groups as well? If so, which ones?
 I volunteer every Sunday to prepare the dinner at the United Church and the gazebo at Centennial Park with the Bensons and friends.

Q. What would you say to encourage other people to volunteer for your organization?
 Get out of your comfort zone and volunteer where you can make a difference.

Q. How long have you lived on Salt Spring Island?
 Nine years.

Thank-you, Bill!

Part of a series of volunteer profiles marking the Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge. See versalspring.org for more info.



Bill Nash mixes eggs for the Tuesday brunch on food bank day.

PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

FESTIVALS

April springs fun island festivities

Blossom Picnic and Festival Active Pass on tap

With warmer conditions finally in evidence in the Gulf Islands, residents and visitors have plenty of reason to get out and celebrate spring at various festival events happening this weekend.

Salt Spring's Blossom Picnic will see its seventh annual event at Heiwa Peace Park on Saturday, April 22, but this marks the first year the event will be co-hosted by the island's local Japanese group and the Japanese Garden Society.

The day opens at 11 a.m. with a set of short martial arts demonstrations in aikido, tai chi and karate, followed by musical performances from 12:10 to 3 p.m. Jim Raddysh and Ruwadzano Marimba are the first two acts, followed by a special performance of the Salt

Spring Japanese Singers and samurai comedy theatre at 1:10 p.m. Laurent Boucher and IROKO drum out the exciting finale starting at 2:15.

The island's Japanese community will be offering a home-style sushi lunch, and green tea, juice and baked goods will be for sale. Also happening at the park will be a sale of Japanese goods held by the kinder-age Japanese language group, demonstrations of calligraphy and the Japanese tea ceremony, and Saori community weaving.

Over on the southern Gulf Islands, Mayne Island is the location of Festival Active Pass this year, with events for naturalists, birders, photographers, visual artists and arts enthusiasts, historians, families and children taking place from April 21 to 23. Free events plus special workshops and excursions make this a well-rounded program with

something for everyone.

Just a few of the offerings inspired by the natural beauty of the area are a showcase of multi-media artists and their inspirational works; the Big Weekend Bird Count Challenge; boat and land-based nature explorations of the region; spoken word presentations by local authors; island food and music; a square dance; natural history and science of the region; gallery and studio openings; and tours of heritage orchards and historical locations.

The hallmark event of the weekend is the Festival Feast of locally sourced and prepared foods on Saturday, April 22. This year's keynote speaker is marine historian, author and storyteller Anthony Dalton. The event starts at 6 p.m. with a mixer at the Mayne School gym.

See the website at festivalactivepass.com for the full schedule of events.

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COMMUNICATION

Home Words initiative seeks writers

Unique project also needs facilitators

Writers of various ages and writing group facilitators are invited to join a new partnership project of the Salt Spring Arts Council and Connecting Generations.

Funded by an arts-based community development grant from the B.C. Arts Council, the project called Home Words - Writing In Community will create multi-generational writing groups that gather to journal, share, listen and experience the transformative power of personal storytelling in community.

Bringing together diverse individuals from the community — youth and adults — as equals to write and share stories, Home Words will focus on developing the artistic practice of writing, as well as on nurturing individual growth and building supportive connections.

The project's key objectives are:

- To cultivate a community where adults and youth use their authentic voices to tell their stories and develop their artistic potential;

- To foster intergenerational and cross-cultural connections as a means of encouraging social transformation and community resilience on our island;

- To explore our understanding of what home is, to acknowledge our diverse experiences of home, and to expand our connection to the land and people of Salt Spring as home.

The writing groups are modelled on Writing Alone Together, co-developed and adapted for the community context by local writer, performer and facilitator Ahava Shira. For five years, Shira has been working with Connecting Generations, facilitating a weekly writing group at the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The group uses the four practices of Writing Alone Together: writing freely, reading aloud, listening deeply and bearing witness. Shira and Connecting Generations participants have watched the writers' group flourish through the four practices and feel excited to see it grow and expand.

Community outreach to invite participants is taking place now.

Home Words is building on the success of this group by training 12 individuals to facilitate new writing groups across Salt Spring. The project invites a diverse mix of islanders — youth through seniors, published and closet writers, all genders, long-time residents

and the newly arrived — to participate.

Community outreach to invite participants is taking place now. Selected individuals in the "facilitator group" will experience and be trained in the four practices of Writing Alone Together this coming fall. Then, in the winter (January-February 2018) each of the trainees will work as part of a multi-generational pair to facilitate a month-long community writing group. The project will culminate (its first phase) with a public reading and performance event at Mahon Hall, inviting participants from all of the writing groups, as well as the public.

For more information and to apply for the facilitator training starting in September 2017, people should contact Sarah Hook-Nilsson at shooknilsson@sd64.bc.ca.

Pairs of youth and adult trainees will be selected by June 30.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Obstacles plague Monday bridge games

Players hope for calmer sessions this month

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

March went out like the screwed-up Cowardly Lion as far as Monday evening bridge went on the 27th.

Poor Patricia Brown (aka Glinda the Good Witch of the South) was run ragged while heroically manning the computer. At first it seemed there were going to be five tables, so she set things up for that. Then oh no, it was only four and a half, so she had to change things. But then well after the time play was to start at 6:45, another pair showed up late, and that made up five tables again, needing yet another adjustment to the computer, which didn't work. So travelling slips were needed, and many players had to rack their brains to remember how to use them.

Fortunately Gisela Welsh (the Good Witch of the North) offered to sort them out and, with the help of Patricia Hewett, Nick Beringer and Patricia Sutherland, results were obtained and posted online at ssibridge.blogspot.ca. It was Nick Beringer and Patricia Sutherland who came first, while George Laundry and Jeff Bell were second. Third place went to Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette, and there was a tie for fourth between Trinlay MacPhee with Ted Bartrim and Patricia Brown with Jill Evans.

And then there was April 3 and that terrible traffic accident blocking Fulford-Ganges Road south of Ganges until 9 p.m., so again there were late arrivals but for a very solid reason. Eventually there

BRIDGETRICKS

were five full tables again, and things got going with Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor climbing to first place, Blanche Poborsa with Vic Parks in the second spot and Liz and Oleh Mycyk coming third. There was a tie again for fourth place between the Beringer-Sutherland pair and George Laundry with Brent Vickers.

Cravats, ascots, bolos, four-in-hands, bows and

of course the notably long one a certain U.S. person sports all are kinds of ties, but there's another kind which showed up on April 10 among five and a half tables of duplicate. There was a tie for top score with Jeff Bell and Brent Vickers matching Trinlay MacPhee and Ted Bartrim. Believe it or not, there was another tie for second best when Gisela Welsh with Judith Borbas equalled the Beringer-Sutherland partnership. Third best all alone were George Laundry and Terry Clement (welcome back, computer whiz),

and again fourth place was also a solitary pair — welcome home Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy. Amazingly there was yet another tie for the fifth spot when Ted Baldwin and Catherine Gardner got the identical score to the Brown-Evans total.

So here's a reminder that games are supposed to start at 6:45 p.m., so please show up on time (or earlier to help with setting up and shuffling). Latecomers may be in luck if there's a half table, but if all tables are full by 6:45, so sad, too bad, no go, says the Guardian of the Gates.



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Mary Gail (Pike) Smith



It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Gail (Pike) Smith at 11:55 am on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Gail left us peacefully, in her own home surrounded by family.

Gail was born in Vancouver General Hospital on September 28, 1942 to parents Al and Mary Pike. She spent her youth between Revelstoke, Vancouver and the Yukon.

Gail married Alexander David (Sandy) Smith on June 27, 1970 and they had two daughters, Jennifer Shaw and Fiona Ooi. After spending their family's early years in Scotland they moved to Salt Spring in 1980 and eventually on to Vancouver.

Gail impacted many lives through her volunteer work as a Girl Guide leader, a home economic teacher and a cheerleader for her daughter's Ringette team.

Gail is survived by her husband and her two daughters.

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The election results will be announced, as well, the District auditor's report, Fire Chief's report & Trustees annual report.

A meeting of the SSIFPD's Board of Trustees will commence following the AGM.

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SAILING

Annual Cobanli race marked

Club co-founder honoured

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On Sunday, April 10, the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club celebrated renowned Salt Spring Islander Bas Cobanli with the annual running of the race created in his honour.

They were treated to a truly magnificent race event sailed in brisk ESE winds and sunny breaks.

At the skippers meeting, club fleet captain Vincent Argiro introduced the Bas Cobanli race custodian Roger Kibble. Kibble said that Bas Cobanli had been "one of a small band of visionary islanders who had founded the SSISC in 1974. Bas designed the docks, created an ingenious construction system

to permit the docks to be built locally from scratch and led a small band of volunteers to construct them in Booth Bay and Welbury Bay.

"Without Bas the SSISC marina would not have existed. It was a remarkable example of selfless Salt Spring volunteerism, leadership and achievement."

Today the sailing club is one of the few West Coast yacht clubs to own its entire facility and has been recently recognized as one of the top three yacht marinas in B.C.

Cobanli's wife, Gil, spoke at the meeting about her husband's passionate dedication to the sport and to the SSISC. She was given a rousing ovation for her eloquence and spirit.

Cobanli was a professional engineer, a prolific potter, house builder, boat builder, an

official PHRF handicapper and a long-time competitive sailor.

Kibble designed the course to be a "grand tour of Prevost Island," using many familiar course marks which were first established by Bas Cobanli. A counter-clockwise direction was set for this more-than-round Prevost circuit that kept most boats in fairly good alignment with the tides — ebb to begin with, followed by a strong flood. John Cameron was there to photograph all the action.

The overall winner on corrected time was Imp, a Martin 241 skippered by Craig Leitch sailing without flying sails. Second and third places went respectively to Kibble's 33-foot Electra, an Aphrodite 101, and Argiro's 33-foot Velica, an Alerion Express 33. Line honours went to Bob Jones' 41-foot Oasis, a Beneteau First 41S.

IDEAS

Laura Robinson visits Salt Spring

Two library events with writer set for Sunday

Laura Robinson, known as a gutsy journalist, author and champion in several sports, will be on Salt Spring on Sunday, April 23 for two different events at the public library.

Robinson's awards include the Investigative Researchers and Editors Award, the Debewin Award ("truth" in Ojibwe) for journalism and Best Live Short at the American Indian Film Festival (2008) for her film called Frontrunners/Niigaanibatowaad. As she's coming out to B.C. to cover the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in April, she is available for two special events.

The first, starting at 2:30 p.m., is co-sponsored

by Island Pathways and features Robinson's award-winning youth-oriented book Cyclist BikeList: The Book for Every Rider. Bikes are welcome too, as there will be time to check them over and do some minor adjusting to get them ready for the spring and summer cycling season.

A showing of Frontrunners will start at 7 p.m., in an event co-sponsored by the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace group.

The film weaves together a story of an epic 800-kilometre torch run by 10 native youths, betrayal, apology and the realities of Indian residential schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission cited the film for its ability to portray a dark past, celebrate the tradition of running and move towards reconciliation. Since the film is less than an hour long, there will be ample time for discussion afterwards.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

The Sun enters Taurus on April 19 at 2:27 pm (all times listed in PDT) and engages Retrograde Mercury in an interesting exchange as they first form an exact conjunction at 10:54 pm and then Mercury re-enters Aries, the previous sign, at 10:37 am on April 20th. Since we are referring to planets and stars, the time factor is very close. All the while, the Moon arrived at 4th Quarter on the 19th as well as 2:57 am while at the 29th degree of Capricorn with the Sun at the 29th of Aries. A planet at 29 degrees is regarded as 'critical' in astrology and symbolizes 'something to be overcome'. What should be overcome merits more than one answer, but it includes crimes against humanity perpetrated by powers that are securely concealed from public view. This is also the Moon Phase that produces the effect of the Moon appearing to be cut exactly in half. Otherwise called a Sun/Moon Square, this is a complicated aspect which can be described as the left hand not knowing what the right is up to. It also marks a sharp turning point so expect some noticeable shifts or have a peek back over the past week. Pluto turning retrograde on April 20th as well as 5:49 am and Mars entering Gemini on April 21st, indicating that it too has been hovering at 29 Taurus all the while added even more fervor to the series of events listed above. Mars in Taurus is a challenging sign position for the red planet as the Yang active force meets the Yin fixed principle at its peak. Altogether, the Sun entering Taurus is eventful indeed.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): The contrary energies active now will require extra patience by everyone and not least of all you. Mercury re-entering Aries will add to the challenge by leaving you feeling impatient. The Sun in Taurus and Venus in Pisces are a saving grace. Imagine walking naked in a hot rainforest to keep your spirits up.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): A charge forward should be evident now. Mercury in Aries will not exactly help, however. It could leave full of energy but uncertain where or how to direct it. To overcome this, try to make snap decisions regarding the small stuff and activate a momentum that pushes you to be proactive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Mars entering Gemini on the heels of the Sun in Taurus and Mercury in Aries will both ignite new dreams and trigger the impulse to act on them. There is a great saying that suggests that even having dreams at all is positive, regardless of whether they are realized. Maybe you can do one better and realize both.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The Bull will activate your sense of individuality supported by a burst of creative energy. Mercury Rx could add to your sensitivity to public opinion, however, so focus on offsetting that. Amidst a steady pace of seeking of late, you may benefit by slowing down and simply being. Communion and contemplation will add depth to this cause.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The time has come to take new initiatives. These include the support of significant others. Focus on working with them and asserting your determination to be fair in both directions. Venus in Pisces could, ironically, manifest as taking advantage of others or the reverse. Call it innocence or naivety, but just be aware and deflect it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): The Sun in Taurus can actually prove to be quite adventurous for you. This time around it could well include romantic encounters. Yet, things are probably not quite as they appear. Avoid engaging people at face value. Exercise full empathy and remember, as the Buddha says, all beings suffer. Center in your heart before you advance.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): Recent relationship encounters are now entering their next effective phase, the deep end. This is when their future potential will be assessed and tested. Was it all an emotional and imaginative ride or were there actually some seeds of destiny there? You will know the answer soon. Focus on asserting your genuine thoughts and feelings about it all.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have probably been working fairly hard of late. Expect your mood to shift this week. You are ready for more social activity and perhaps some romance too. The danger now is that you will think more than you perhaps should and act less than you may wish you did. Coming back to this moment now, connect with the one(s) you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are coming out of a playful cycle and hopefully, you found the openings to do just that. Now it is time for quality time close to home. This could well manifest as the joyful process of fully transitioning into spring. Clean-up and adding to the beauty of your living environment is highlighted.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): All being well, you got the jump on spring. If not, there is still time to do those chores. Yet, striking a balance between intellectual and emotional activities is also featured. This could lead to upsets if not handled well. An invitation to be creative has been sounded. Aim for variety for balance.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Many fresh perspectives have been blooming in your mind like spring flowers. This lovely momentum will actually continue and deepen this week. It will inspire you to be more playful and creative too, especially next week. The main culprit now is miscommunication leading to misunderstanding. Nip them in the bud.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The current array of planetary shifts should produce some satisfying momentums. Yet, these may take a while to build to the levels you truly want. Faith and patience remain keywords. Avoid trying to control people and events in any undue fashion. Reach out to connect then patiently trust the results that will come, soon.

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RUNNING

Sneakers enjoy award-winning year's end



Sneakers team MVP Marcia Jansen.

Team nabs sixth place and several individual awards

Salt Spring Sneakers closed out the road racing season on April 9 with some great results both for the team and individual members.

The last event in the Vancouver Island Runners' Association's Island Race Series was the 17th running of the Cedar 12K. Launching into the day's blustery winds promptly at 11 a.m., Marcia Jansen, just back from a trip to the Netherlands, was the first Sneaker to cross the finish line at 53 minutes, 13 seconds in 41st place of 262 runners overall, fifth out of 132

women, second in her 45-49 age group, and was the second-place female masters runner, again setting a personal best on this course by three minutes.

Pat Peron, finishing his first race series with the Sneakers, was the next Sneaker across the line, earning a fifth place out of 18 in his age group (60-64 males). Jill Thompson was the third Sneaker across the finish line, in sixth place out of 21 in her 30-34 age group, followed eight seconds later by Lise Fraser, the fourth Sneaker to finish, her time earning her a first place in her 60-64 age group of 17 runners.

Eric van Soeren was the fifth Sneaker to finish, his time earning him a third of 10 in his 60-64 age group.

Janice Dickie was the sixth Sneaker across the line, her performance earning her a fifth place of 18 in her 50-54 age group, followed 10 seconds later by Marion Young, winning a fourth of 13 in her 55-59 age group, followed eight seconds later by Eric Ellis for a fourth of 10 in his 70-74 age group.

Julie van Soeren was the ninth Sneaker to finish with an 11th place of 17 in her age group despite a fall-out on the course, which prompted other runners to stop and help her. Finally, Conrad Bowden in his first season with the Sneakers, finished his first Island Series competitive road race. Eight of the 10 Sneakers running finished the race on the podium.

End-of-series awards

As the event in Cedar was the last of eight series races for this season, the Vancouver Island Runners' Association also conferred awards for the entire series. In a complicated formula based not on places finished in races but on a comparison of a runner's average of their five best times to the international world record for the distance, gender and age group, nine Sneakers qualified for podium rankings, eight in the top five of their respective age groups.

Jansen, better known for her world-ranked triathlon performances, led the way this year for the Sneakers. She was ranked second overall in her age group and 18th overall of the 220 runners who finished at least five out of the eight races.

Thompson was ranked 36th overall and fourth of 11 in her age group (30-34).

Fraser was ranked 45th overall and first of 14 qualifiers in her 60-64 age group.

The fourth Sneaker was Dickie, ranked 74th-fastest in the series and fourth of 12 in her 50-54 age group.

The fifth Sneaker to win series recognition was Young. She earned 77th in the series and fourth of nine in her 55-59 age group for the series.

Peron ranked 94th overall and fourth of 14 in his 60-64 age group.

Eric van Soeren earned 113th place in the overall competition and third of eight in the 65-69 age group.

Ellis was ranked 128th overall, and third of 10 in his 70-74 age group.

The ninth Sneaker to qualify was Julie van Soeren, who was ranked 156th overall and ninth of 14 in her 60-64 age group.

With these performances, the Salt Spring Sneakers finished sixth overall of 66 teams competing, with a total of 1,000 points, based on scores attached to finishing places of each Sneaker in each race. The first five ranks went to the big island teams with more than twice the membership of the Sneakers. Ellis led the Sneakers' contributors with 134 points, followed closely by Young with 132 points, both having completed all eight of the series races. Eric van Soeren was the third place contributor with 128 points. Young has also earned the distinction of now having completed 37 Island Race Series races over six seasons.

Finally, Jansen was chosen the Sneakers' most valuable player of the race series. In each of Marcia's five race performances this year, she was the first finisher and set a personal best time for each course by three or more minutes in all but one of these races. This is an incredible achievement for an athlete better known in the triathlon discipline than for road running.

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| Nooner 1:00 - 2:00 | Adult Youth 1:00 - 2:00 | Nooner 1:00 - 2:00 | Adult Youth 1:00 - 2:00 | Nooner 1:00 - 2:00 | | |
| Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 | Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 | Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 | Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 | Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:30 | | Toonie Swim 1:30 - 5:30 |
| Shared 4:00 - 6:00 | Shared 4:00 - 6:00 | Shared 4:00 - 6:00 | Shared 4:00 - 6:00 | | | |
| Swim Team 6:00 - 7:30 | Swim Team 6:00 - 7:30 | Swim Team 6:00 - 7:30 | Swim Team 6:00 - 7:30 | Friday Night Madness 6:30 - 8:30 | | |
| Evening Lengths 7:30 - 8:30 | Evening Lengths 7:30 - 8:30 | Evening Lengths 7:30 - 8:30 | Evening Lengths 7:30 - 8:30 | | | |

GENERAL ADMISSION Taxes included / Toonie swim \$2.00

| Single Admission rates apply to each entry per day. Fees include applicable taxes. | Single Visit | Passes | | | |
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| | | 10 Times | 20 Times | 1 Month | Annual |
| Adult (19 yrs and older) | 6.00 | 54.15 | 102.30 | 60.15 | 410.00 |
| Youth/Student (13-18 yrs or valid student card) | 4.50 | 40.50 | 76.50 | 45.00 | 295.00 |
| Child (6-12 yrs) | 3.50 | 31.50 | 59.50 | 35.00 | 295.00 |
| Tot (5 yrs and under) | Free | Free | Free | Free | Free |
| Family (max 5 members) | 13.00 | 117.00 | 221.00 | 130.00 | 820.00 |

LESSONS
 Lessons 1/2 hour class \$60.00 / 10 lessons
 Lessons 3/4 hour class \$70.00 / 10 lessons
 1/2 hour private lessons \$22.00
 1/2 hour semi private lessons (2 people) \$33.00

AQUAFIT
 Pass \$7.50 drop in / 1 month pass \$67.80
 10x \$67.50 / Annual \$575.00

WATER FITNESS CLASSES

Energizer
 This class will challenge you to work hard in shallow or deep water. A qualified Instructor will guide you through a number of exercises which will help with your strength, flexibility and fitness.

Nooners
 For those looking for more strength and stretching. These exercises are designed to get your blood flowing and your muscles moving.

Aquafit
 If you have had hip or knee trouble or have had heart problems, then this is the class for you. This low intensity, cardio exercise class is perfect for those needing to focus on balance and core strength.

Friday Night Madness
 This is a fun time for the younger folks in our community to come out and enjoy the pool. Periodically special events will be planned for this time slot.

Please contact us at 250-537-1402 for MORE information & to register. 262 Rainbow Road • www.recreationexcellence.com
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