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**THEATRE SPORTS**

## GISS Improv Team triumphs at nationals

High school team deemed best in Canada

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Improv Team returned home to a heroes' welcome Sunday after being crowned the national champions at the Canadian Improv Games the previous night.

Melanie Gregory-Worsell, Peter Hoskins, Amelia McCluskey, Kane O'Scalleigh, Fiona Pirie and Shaye Steele formed the first local team to bring home the trophy, making their historic achievement at the 40th edition of the competition.

"It was such a surprise. We didn't go into this with the thought of winning nationals — we were just so excited to get to the finals in the first place," Pirie said Monday morning.

"We're so happy that we got to take home the gold."

"They were stunned and so was I," said coach Jason Donaldson. "We were so exhausted mentally and physically, I don't think we knew what was happening."

Eighteen teams from across Canada competed from April 19 to 22, winnowing down to the five finalists competing for the trophy on Saturday night.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

GISS Improv Team members greet their fans Sunday, moments after arriving home from Ottawa with the Canadian Improv Games title. From left are Melanie Gregory-Worsell, Fiona Pirie, Amelia McCluskey, Kane O'Scalleigh, Peter Hoskins and Shaye Steele.

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**FIRE DISTRICT**

## Hetherington, Cook win fire board seats

Mitchell Forest acclaimed board chair

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring's fire board is back up to full strength following Saturday's trustee election.

Mary Lynn Hetherington topped the polls with 262 votes, with Rollie Cook close behind at 260. The third candidate, Michael Jaeger, earned 99 votes.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who voted for me,"

Hetherington said. "I am honoured and I will do the best job I can."

"I'm positive and enthusiastic and grateful," said Redwing Farm owner Cook on Tuesday. "It's good for an old farmer to get out of the barn."

According to deputy returning officer Tony Kennedy, one ballot of 342 cast on April 22 and in the April 12 advance poll was rejected.

Hetherington was an incumbent trustee, having served on the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board

since mid-January after being acclaimed to fill one of four vacant seats, along with Chris Budd, Howard Holzapfel and Per Svendsen. A random draw saw Hetherington allotted the shortest available term, which expired at the SSIFPD annual general meeting held Monday night at Lions Hall.

Mitchell Forest and Howard Baker are the board's veterans, with two years and 17 months of service, respectively.

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# Games feature friendly support over battle scenario

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In the end, just one point separated the GISS team from the second-place finishers, North Vancouver's Carson Graham Secondary — who received silver for the second year in a row. The talented group of finalists also included two teams from Ottawa and Lord Byng Secondary from Vancouver, which ended up in fourth.

Donaldson said while four GISS teams made it to nationals in the past, none of them made it to the finals, so getting to that stage was really as far as anyone was hoping.

"Everyone always thinks they're a contender, no matter how realistic that actually is, but you're also fighting against pressure and expectations, which can sabotage the performance," Donaldson said, adding once they did achieve that step the team felt they had nothing to lose.

"The worst case going into the finals

is fifth place in the country. So not too shabby," he observed.

In this case, GISS students went into the final round with the attitude they wanted to have fun in their last chance to play in the national arena. Despite coming at the end of a long, tiring week, this helped them remain clear and playful, and to ultimately score the points. During the finals GISS scored the highest mark in the "life" category for the entire week-long competition, and the highest "theme" points of the night. The rest of the time they stayed extremely consistent.

Donaldson said if this year's group stands out for anything it's their great teamwork and being committed to each other as an ensemble. He feels the development of the program as a whole also brought a more mature outlook to the event.

One of the unique things about the improv games is that although winners are advanced in competition rounds, words like "battle" and "beating" oppo-

nents don't express the real spirit of the event.

"We see it as not really a competition but a nationwide family that gets to play together," Pirie explained.

A crowd of parents, friends and school district members were among fans waiting for the team to touch down at the Ganges floatplane dock on Sunday evening. Their gruelling day of travel ended on a high note thanks to Gulf Islands school board chair Rob Pingle and Salt Spring Air/Harbour Air, who arranged the final flight home to Salt Spring from Vancouver after a missed connection would have had them arriving in Victoria at 1 a.m.

"We want to give a huge thanks to the community for their love and support, and the beautiful welcome home on the dock," Pirie said.

"I think it just made us appreciate the region we're from even more and that we came home to the Gulf Islands as champions."



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Proud dad Jaysun O'Scalleigh waits to greet the returning GISS improv team at the floatplane dock Sunday evening.

## POLITICS

# Provincial candidates outline platforms on Thursday

Forum and GISS co-host

The Salt Spring Forum has partnered with Gulf Islands Secondary School to sponsor a provincial all-candidates meeting on Salt Spring this Thursday, April 27.

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting, as are GISS

students, many of whom are taking a leadership role in organizing the event.

"This a great opportunity to find out where local party candidates stand on important election issues," the forum states.

Gary Holman of the NDP, Green candidate Adam Olsen and BC Liberal candidate Ste-

phen P. Roberts have all confirmed their attendance. The three men last faced off in the 2013 election, which ended with Holman winning "the closest three-way election in modern B.C. history." He received just 379 votes more than third-place finisher Olsen.

Independent candidate Jordan Templeman has not con-

firmed he will attend.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions during the main event. The candidates will also have an informal meet and greet both before and after the debate, from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m. and then again from 4 to 4:30.

Community members who are unable to attend will be

able to view a video recording of the meeting at saltspringforum.ca in the days following the debate.

The official election date is May 9. See voter registration cards for polling stations. Advance polls are available Wednesday, May 3 to Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Salt Spring Elementary School.

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## HEALTH CARE

# Hospital equipment approved

Lady Minto upgrades coming

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District Hospital Board approved funding toward Island Health capital projects and equipment replacement on April 12, with several items to benefit Gulf Islands residents.

The board's 2017-2026 capital plan includes a \$2,925,000 grant to Island Health for 2017 equipment purchases. Included in the list of items recommended for Lady Minto Hospital are \$13,408.72 for a transfu-

sion machine/plasma system; \$6,278.16 for an ultrasound scanning stretcher; \$11,804 for an emergency room hand-held ultrasound unit; \$17,049.48 for ventilation support for critically ill patients; and \$19,568.85 for equipment for children in acute care.

As well, the nutrition services department was recommended to receive a steam table and electric hot food table at a cost of \$12,653.61, and the extended care unit an Invacare alternating pressure mattress at \$8,551.33.

The CRD Hospital Board also contributes up to 40 per cent towards the total cost

of Island Health minor capital projects, to a maximum of \$3.75 million annually. Under the list of 2017 capital projects, Lady Minto Hospital will get a dumbwaiter replacement worth \$136,063.

Continuing ultrasound services remains a priority at Lady Minto Hospital, according to Island Health communications staff. Upcoming staffing changes have resulted in an aggressive recruitment campaign, with plans to ensure a regular full-time sonographer is available five days a week. As well, a casual technician has been hired who will be able to fill in one to three days a week during vacation periods.

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### TRANSPORTATION

# Island groups call for Fulford-Ganges Road closures

Market expansion and events envisioned

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two community-based groups have proposed closing part of Fulford-Ganges Road to traffic on market days and have brought their cases to local Capital Regional District commissions for their support over the past week.

Island Pathways member Bob MacKie made presentations both to Salt Spring's economic development and transportation commissions during their regular meetings on Thursday and Monday. MacKie announced his group had planned to take a break from organizing Bike to Work Week this year but had decided to go ahead after all, and wanted to have an event downtown at the end of the week on Saturday, June 3.

The proposal is to close the small section of Fulford-Ganges Road adjacent to the fire hall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with MacKie requesting endorsement of an application to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

MacKie said Bike to Work Week could also act as a pilot case for possibly closing the road on other Saturdays, with interest from market vendors in expanding into the road area.

A second proposal made to the transportation commission on Monday came from Val Perkins, speaking on behalf of the Saturday Market Farm and Food Vendors Group. Perkins asked the commission to investigate the possibility of a park and ride service on Saturdays.

Perkins said this could help bring locals back to enjoy the market. She also characterized the idea as proactive way of dealing with potential issues related to her second request, which was support for closing Fulford-Ganges Road on peak season Saturdays.

Perkins said that plan is fully supported by market vendors and agricultural groups on the island, with demand for space at the market exceeding that available at Centennial Park in recent years.

"Farmers are particularly affected and the ability to expand agriculture on Salt Spring without access to the market is detrimental to local food production," Perkins said in her presentation. "Much work has been done by agricultural groups to implement the Area Farm Plan and increase food security. To succeed on Salt Spring, farmers need access to market."

CRD manager Karla Campbell reported the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has indicated it would consider road closures favourably if proponents could

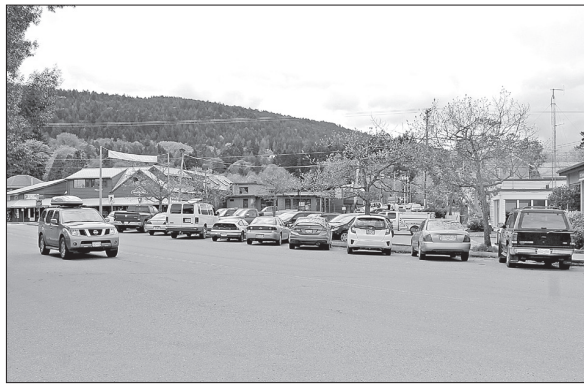


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A section of Fulford-Ganges Road by the fire hall, which two community groups are eying for non-vehicle use on market Saturdays.

demonstrate full support from the community, including local business owners who would be impacted.

While the economic development commission deferred the Bike to Work Week request to their peers in transportation, they enthusiastically supported the market idea, raised by commissioner Curt Firestone at Thursday's meeting. They passed a motion encouraging the transportation commission to "expand the market," such as by entering the roadway, with a condition of community consultation. Commissioners spoke of

producing action as soon as possible in order to aid vendors this market season.

CRD director Wayne McIntyre expanded on the need for consultation when the matter came before the transportation commission on Monday, where neither group received immediate endorsement.

McIntyre said if Island Pathways wanted to have a trial road closure it should start by getting everyone in the area to sign on, including the fire department, the harbour authority and large businesses such as Thrifty

Foods and Mouat's.

"If Bob Mackie wants to go out and get a petition signed by all the parties I'd be more comfortable with that," McIntyre said.

Transportation chair Robin Williams said one major problem with any closure of that section of Fulford-Ganges Road is it would require rerouting the bus to travel a loop around Ganges in the opposite direction from its current route. While Perkins felt this was not insurmountable, Williams said it was not possible because of where passengers are dropped off. However, the transit service may have the service hours available to add an extra run first thing Saturday morning that could bring people from more distant parking areas such as the public pool and the high school to the market.

Other transportation commissioners voiced concern about lack of analysis into traffic flow in the tight area between Lower Ganges Road and Purvis Lane. Commissioner Rod Martens said the longer-term proposal by the farmers might have eventual success if the group comes back with more information.

As for Bike to Work Week, commissioners did not feel there was enough time to make an informed decision at Monday's meeting.

"You can't bring something like this six weeks before an event and expect a positive result," Martens said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Youth Week celebrated

Community partners across Salt Spring are once again joining together to support island youth during the 23rd Annual BC Youth Week, running May 1 to 7.

Salt Spring Community Services with the Core Inn, along with PARC and the Rainbow

Road Pool, and the Salt Spring Island Library are joining to sponsor the week's activities geared to build solidarity in youth, and to reinforce connections between youth and the broader community.

Salt Spring Island Community Services and the Core Inn will be hosting a youth community dinner on Wednesday, May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. "May the 4th" finds Light Saber Cap-

ture the Flag from 5 to 8 p.m. at Mouat Park for youth 12 years and up, or younger if accompanied by a parent, with a Star Wars movie to follow.

Rainbow Road Pool is hosting a free youth swim at Friday Night Madness on Friday, May 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

All island youth are encouraged to participate in the activities to connect and celebrate. Details and further informa-

tion can be found on the Salt Spring Community Services website at [www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca](http://www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca).

### Harbour walk advances

The Capital Regional District says the Ganges Harbour Walk Project team can get down to work on the project's first phase.

The CRD has retained local resident Wayne Lee of Aqion Water Technologies as a project manager to oversee this phase, encompassing an engineering assessment of the existing structure and site investigation. It is expected to determine whether the existing structure can be rehabilitated or if new construction will be required.

The project received

\$150,000 in grant funding to initiate the planning work in three phases. The second phase involves "Peck's Cove Park" design improvements and the third phase will procure designs and order-of-magnitude costs based on initial engineering assessments.

More information and project updates can be found on the CRD's website: [crd.bc.ca](http://crd.bc.ca) under Capital Projects.



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**SIGN BATTLE:** Local BC Liberals campaign volunteer coordinator Cliff Jones re-installs a Stephen P. Roberts sign vandalized at the top of Ganges Hill last week. Jones said several signs have been repeatedly torn down. Candidate Roberts said it was disappointing that a community that prides itself on democratic involvement was seeing attempts to silence others through sign removal and damage. Incidents have been reported to the local RCMP.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

# Salt Spring residents lose welfare services

Toll-free number and online forms suggested

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents who require help with income assistance applications or files no longer have the option of seeing a social development ministry agent on the island.

For the past eight years, an arrangement with the Duncan office allowed a staff member who lived on Salt Spring to serve the local community one day per week, working out of an office at Salt Spring Island Community Services. That ended with little notice or explanation earlier this month.

"My understanding is they won't have anyone doing face-to-face appointments on Salt Spring anymore," said SSICS executive director Rob Grant. "One of the most frustrating parts for me is there's been no communication about it."

Grant said the arrangement was helpful for clients, co-located as it was with outreach services, the

food bank and the Work BC program run by Beacon Community Services.

"My impression is it worked wonderfully. People who have the complex problems we're seeing out there could connect with a worker and see someone face to face."

"There have been line-ups to see that person. It was well used," Grant added.

The Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation, which is responsible for income assistance, has been encouraging a move to online and telephone-based services for the past decade or so. Grant said the reason that office hours were started on Salt Spring was that people were finding it a challenge to get the help they needed that way. In-person visits meant a trip to downtown Victoria.

Grant said the change is significant for a couple of reasons.

"For a community of our size, I question why there would not be the same offer established, to keep the same capacity," he said.

More significant is the fact that the people most impacted by the change are those who are most vulnerable, and rely on income assistance to buy groceries and pay their rent. A small glitch in the file could take weeks to figure out and have a devastating impact in that time.

Grant said clients who need help from a worker are often complicated people with complex situations. Usually they have a long history to explain and they're frustrated by the system. They may have low literacy skills, so simply directing them to a computer won't help.

With no worker on site, the question now is who will help people access and navigate online and telephone services. The ministry's website lists Salt Spring's Service BC office on Lower Ganges Road as a local office, but the services available may be limited.

Community Services does not have the staff resources to jump in as a replacement. One idea is training volunteers through a workshop with a group such as BC Poverty

Reduction.

"We'll have to figure out how much support we can give to people and who else can offer their support," Grant said.

A media contact for the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation said the ministry was unaware of any position ending on Salt Spring but was unable to respond further before the BC Legislature was dissolved on April 11. The start of the election period means official decision-making and communications are on hold until the next government is sworn in and the cabinet is appointed.

Earlier this week, the B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre released results of a Freedom of Information inquiry regarding telephone service wait times. Data provided by the MSDSI showed that people on social assistance calling ministry personnel waited on hold for an average of 34 to 58 minutes between August 2016 and February 2017. In 2015, the ministry stated that it wanted to reduce telephone wait times to under 10 minutes.

# Meeting notice practices queried

## FIRE DISTRICT

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Forest, who became the board chair last October after four previous trustees — Michael Craig, Derek Hill, Linda Lee and Norbert Schlenker — abandoned their seats, will retain the chair's position for the coming year.

Since group members did not know each other well, it was suggested the chair choice be deferred until after a trustees' orientation workshop on May 8. The meeting then heard some confusion about whether or not the chair's position could be left vacant for any period of time or be deemed "interim." The question was ultimately resolved when Hetherington nominated Forest for the position. Svendsen seconded the nomination.

"Thank you for that huge vote of confidence," said Forest with a note of sarcasm in accepting the nomination, adding, "but I do understand the positions that were stated."

After Cook inquired about the process for achieving a contract settlement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4467, trustees decided to hold a special in-camera board meeting on the topic in the evening of May 8. The contract expired in December of 2016.

The topic of giving adequate public notice for special board meetings was raised by trustee Budd. He asked for clarification of a district bylaw that stipulates three days notice of a special meeting be published in a newspaper. He wondered why an April 19 special board meeting was held without public notice. The main agenda item was to accept and sign off on the audited financial statements before the AGM.

Corporate administrator Andrew Peat replied that a Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development official had verbally assured him that notice could be waived with unanimous board consent to conduct urgent business.

Also at the regular meeting, trustees voted to approve an expenditure of \$2,450 for remediation of asbestos and mould issues at the Ganges Fire Hall.

Other business conducted at the AGM included receipt of annual reports from Fire Chief Arjuna George, the Salt Spring Island Firefighters' Association, Forest as board chair, some committees and the audited financial statements. All documents are available through the fire hall.

A proposal to provide some remuneration to trustees, who currently receive no honorarium for their service, did not get the required motion from the floor among approximately 25 ratepayers attending the AGM.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

# Market fees upped

But LEAP program to expand benefits

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has approved an increase to Saturday market vendor fees, but deferred action on increasing other user fees until their next session.

Commissioners meeting Tuesday, April 18 voted to increase vendors' daily footage rate from \$1.99 to \$2.38. Parks manager Dan Ovington reported Salt Spring's footage rates are among the lowest in a wide sample of markets across the region, while recent conflict among vendors had increased staffing resource requirements.

The group agreed that such costs should be absorbed by the people who make use of the market space, rather than taxpayers, although commissioner Garth Hendren said business owners would find an increase of nearly 20 per cent "appalling."

Commissioner Jacky Cooper compared the situation to a mall with tenants, stating the need to hire extra staff in that situation would certainly be passed on to the businesses leasing space there.

"That's a business entity and local government cannot be giving assistance to it," agreed Karla Campbell, senior Capital Regional District manager for Salt Spring.

Utilities charges and off-season permit fees were also increased by 10 per cent. The daily fee did not change.

In other market business, PARC approved recommended changes from the Market Advisory Group regarding the definition of farmer, which will now include a provision for people who lease land from the Salt Spring Farmland Trust. As well, 10 vendors whose status changed last fall as a result of the new definition and therefore lost priority placement status will have an exemption this year to give them time to apply for a permanent exemption or change their products.

## User fee increase deferred

Commissioners voted to defer increasing park and facility rental costs and other user fees until staff can bring back more information and analysis to the next meeting, set for May 15. A staff report

proposed leaving regular drop-in pool rates as they are but changing the Sunday "toonie swim" to a half-price rate instead, to allow increases as needed. A five per cent increase to facility rentals and commercial filming was also proposed, as well as the introduction of a \$25 administration charge to book adult tournaments at local sports fields and courts.

Ovington reported that much recreation infrastructure is in poor repair, with upcoming renovation/replacement plans for Centennial Park, the Portlock portable and the Portlock tennis courts, among others. As well, an increase to the CUPE staff contract can be expected.

PARC chair Jon Suk said an analysis of the revenue to be gained by a half-priced Sunday swim would be useful.

"From the community's standpoint, I just find the idea of the toonie swim is so simple, and so clear, and that's Sunday and that's when everybody goes. And the idea is to get the people that might not otherwise take advantage of the pool to get in there that day enjoying the facility," he said.

Suk added that gaining what could be a negligible increase might not be worth complicating the program.

Commissioner Brian Webster spoke strongly against implementing a five per cent increase to user fees, noting these had increased many times in the past decade, while inflation had increased by an average of less than two per cent per year. Islanders' incomes were unlikely to have increased as much, Webster said.

Campbell said that PARC's upcoming strategic planning review should provide the opportunity to rationalize fees.

## LEAP program improved

Families and individuals with lower incomes will now have better access to services at the public pool, with changes to the Leisure Economic Access Policy program also approved on April 18. Eligible residents can now enjoy 52 free drop-in swims plus either 50 per cent off recreation programs or 50 per cent off memberships to a maximum of \$205 per year.

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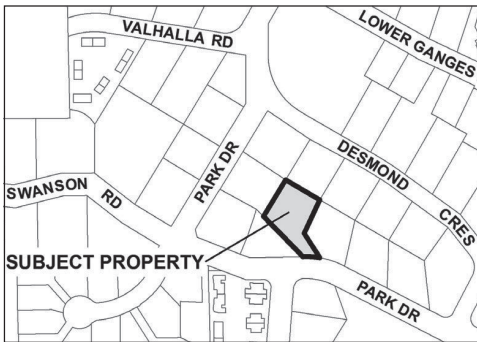
The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee would like to invite you to attend a public hearing beginning at **9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017** at the **Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island** to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 497.

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](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)) under "Islands", "Local Trust Areas", "Salt Spring", "Bylaws", "Bylaw 355" under "Bylaw Amendments".

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to 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.

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Claire Olivier  
Deputy Secretary

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# OPINION



2016 CCNA Awards  
Gold - Feature Series (Elizabeth Nolan) | Gold - Environmental Writing (Elizabeth Nolan)  
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Silver - Environmental Initiative (Elizabeth Nolan) | Bronze - General Excellence



## EDITORIAL

# Green incentives

**E**arth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, initiated by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson.

Environmental awareness and action has come a long way since then, and Salt Spring's own activity-filled Earth Day festival, held this year on Sunday, April 23, is a testament to the staying power of the concept.

Dion Hackett is one Salt Spring Islander with a practical vision for mitigating climate change that deserves support at all levels of government. Hackett has correctly identified financial barriers for many homeowners wanting to make their residences as energy efficient as possible. Hackett points out that installing a heat-pump system, for example, can cost between \$4,000 and \$12,000. Getting a loan for that amount may not be feasible or desirable for some people, he says.

### THE ISSUE:

Energy retrofits

### WE SAY:

Government support needed

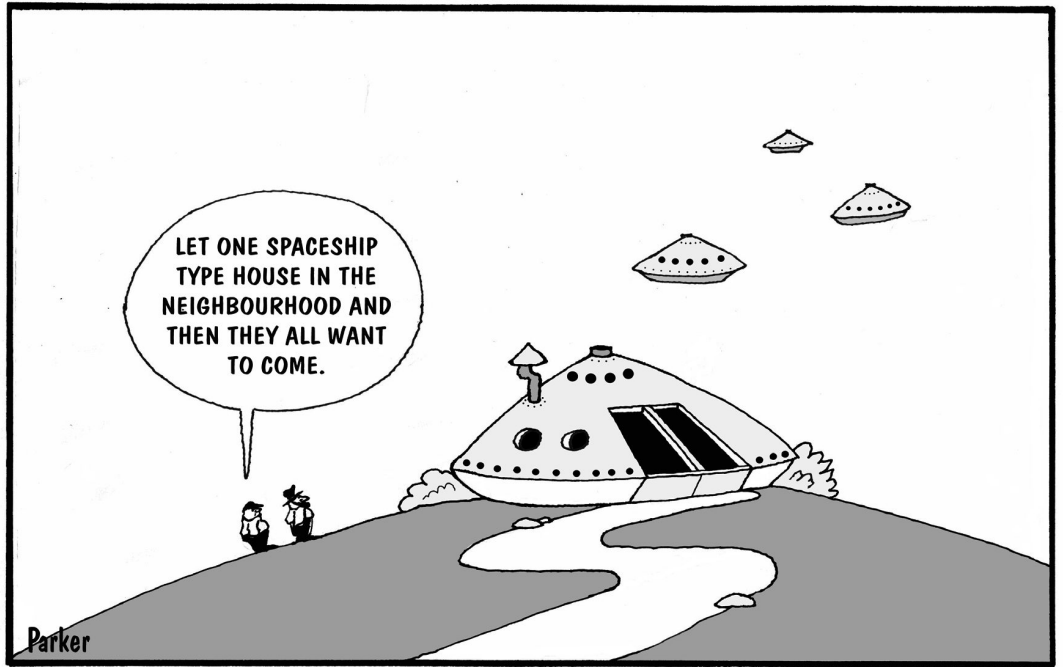
If governments are serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions, he adds, they should be willing to step in and provide some low-interest funds to encourage energy retrofits for our homes.

Hackett has suggested the use of a "local improvement charge" on a homeowner's property. The loan could be paid off over a long period of time at a low interest rate as part of the subject property's tax bill. The LIC notation would remain on the title until all funds are repaid.

The provinces of Ontario and Nova Scotia have created the necessary LIC regulations for energy retrofit incentives, and the city of Toronto has also created a home energy loan program through use of LICs.

While a mechanism of that kind may not be the quickest way to encourage retrofits in B.C. or the Gulf Islands since it could require legislative changes, governments at all levels should be encouraging homeowners to make their homes as green as possible by offering financial incentives.

With a provincial election just around the corner, it's an ideal time to press the point with local candidates and their parties. Incentive programs have been created and promoted by various government bodies at different times over the years, but when it comes to energy retrofits, every day should be Earth Day in B.C.



**VIEWPOINT** by Richard Kerr

# Site C dam should be election issue

Is it too late to stop the environmental and financial damage to B.C. that will result from continued construction of the massive Site C dam on the Peace River?

Although the BC Liberals have vowed to get this destructive white elephant "past the point of no return," a new report from UBC's Program on Water Governance shows that "cancelling the Site C project as of June 30, 2017 would save between \$500 million and \$1.65 billion."

The BC NDP has been demanding for years that the Site C project be referred to the BC Utilities Commission for an independent review of the business case. In 2014, a federal-provincial environmental review panel concluded that the project would cause major environmental damage and also harm First Nations. This panel also recommended a BCUC review. The BC Liberals responded by claiming that the economic benefits would outweigh the environmental costs and continued to refuse a BCUC review.

The UBC analysis uses BC Hydro's latest projections of provincial electricity requirements to blow a huge hole in the BC Liberals' economic benefit claims. The UBC report shows that Site C electricity would not be needed for years after the dam's completion, if ever. Although the surplus Site C power could be sold to U.S. buyers, the revenues would almost certainly be far below the costs of production and transmission. "This would cause hundreds of millions of dollars in losses that would have to be covered by increased debt and further hydro rate increases for B.C. households and businesses."

The UBC report also calls for an immediate BCUC review of Site C.

In January 2017, credit rating agency Moody's noted that BC Hydro's finances are now "among the weakest of Canadian provincial utilities" and that further debt increases threaten both Hydro and the province's credit rating. Vancouver Sun columnist Vaughn Palmer noted the irony that "A government that promised to make B.C. debt free in the last election has, with another election approaching, run up so much debt that it has put its own much-treasured credit rating at risk."

### The UBC report also calls for an immediate BCUC review of Site C.

Before becoming leader of the BC Greens, Andrew Weaver attended the BC Liberals' announcement of Site C and proclaimed it a "green project." He now claims to oppose the project. Weaver also supported the BC Liberals' financially and environmentally disastrous decision to force BC Hydro to purchase tens of billions of dollars of electricity from so-called "independent power producers."

Although I have twice voted proudly for Elizabeth May as our federal MP, I will be voting equally proudly on May 9 to re-elect our MLA Gary Holman as part of a financially and environmentally responsible NDP government for B.C. Gary combines expertise as an economist with years of commitment to protecting the environment of this constituency and of B.C. He has also worked closely and respectfully with B.C.'s First Nations.

*The writer is an economist who has specialized in the evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of government programs.*

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is road closure the best way to expand the market?  Yes  No

Cast your ballot online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://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:

Should corporate & union political donations be banned?   
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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You can't bring something like this six weeks before an event and expect a positive result."**

ROD MARTENS, SSITC, ON BIKE TO WORK WEEK ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What issue is most important to you in this provincial election?



**DAVID ELDERTON**  
*There's a lot of them. Having a progressive government I think is the key thing for me.*



**CHARLES GALLIMORE**  
*I'd like to see a little less of this expansion program for oil off the coast.*



**GAIL NEUMANN**  
*Education and health funding.*



**PHIL GREGSON**  
*It would have to be worker income and house price affordability. I think the young people are getting a hard go of it.*



**LUCIA WONG**  
*The environment — forest protection and pipelines.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Impressed

I'm not a member of the Liberal party, nor any other provincial political organization.

I've voted for the NDP, Liberals and Conservatives — much to my dismay on occasion. Governments typically promise more than they deliver and never seem to live up to our expectations.

We've been fortunate to have excellent representatives from Salt Spring, but I believe the best is yet to come.

I was born and raised on the West Coast and am delighted to be a permanent resident of Salt Spring. Long-time residents, local politicians and

volunteers have made it a very special place to live. That's not to say, of course, improvement isn't warranted.

The island is often beset with conflicts and negativity — even described as "an argument surrounded by water." From time to time, it feels debilitating and depressing. Successful communities need creative ideas and innovative thinking to move to the next level.

The island is blessed with volunteers who perform outstanding work, but their organizations are in dire need of more resources, particularly financial support.

We also face big-ticket infrastructure and capital costs

required of any growing community the size of Salt Spring Island. That's why I think Stephen Roberts, who lives on the island and has a successful private-sector background, can truly make a difference. He is a talented, experienced team player who knows how to get things done.

Roberts, although he is not our MLA, showed his acumen recently by arranging a contribution from the provincial government for desperately needed low-cost housing on Salt Spring

He's also the chair of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation as well as the chair of the Salt Spring Hospice Society. Roberts also serves on the

board of not-for-profit service organizations in both Vancouver and the Saanich Peninsula. There's no better indication of his passion and commitment than this volunteer work.

We need more to celebrate and less whining and complaining. We do not need career politicians or protest parties who will bring more of the same. We need someone without baggage — an innovator who inspires, leads, get things done and happens to be a member of the governing party. After meeting Stephen Roberts, I'm confident he will help us create the future we wish for.

**BOB MOFFATT,**  
SALT SPRING

### Divided

Things could be the same as usual, if we don't wake up. I'm talking about "the split vote."

"I'm voting Green. I'm voting NDP. I'm voting strategically. I'm voting from the heart."

B.C. is still very polarized after all these years, except that members of the conservative right are again rubbing their hands together with glee, one more time, as the grappling left fights with each other.

The old mantra is "divide and conquer." The grey horse comes up the middle to win.

Old question: Why don't the NDP and the Greens join forces and get rid of these corporate Sacred/Liberals?

Old answer: They both have similar goals but can't leave their egos at the door and face the facts.

The "Crispy Clark Gang" needs to be exposed for their corrupt/pathological lying ways. Who knows what will happen? Where did Crispy's campaign millions come from? Guess where?

Chinese oil and gas may rule the day again. They own the Liberals and it's pay-back time. Offshore energy corporations could not care one iota for our coast or environment. Simple as that.

**PETER HAASE,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Don't get burned by ignoring the instructions

The time is right. We are finally retiring our old, trusty Bodum French press coffee maker and relegating it to a spot way up on the top shelf in the far back corner of our pantry. Its years of duty and service are now complete. Admittedly, it is with a hint of moist eye that we decommission our Bodum, nostalgically reliving memories of how the kids, when they were young, used to compete over who would be the one to push down the metal rod that separated the liquid from the grounds.

We are making this change because we have just purchased a Pezzetti Steel Express, an Italian stainless-steel espresso maker. This silver beauty is certainly not one of those high-tech models with all the bells and whistles you would find at Starbucks or any of the fancy specialty cafes.

No, this baby lacks all the tubes, levers and buttons that hiss steam back at the operator. Instead, it consists of three metal parts that screw together to form a pot somewhat reminiscent of an Aladdin's lamp. However, instead of producing a wish-granting genie when its sides are rubbed, our Pezzetti has the power to produce a perfect Americano.

Although our espresso coffee maker looks quite simple, we are happy to find that it comes with explicit directions for assembly and use. Unfortunately, the font of the printed instructions is so tiny and minute, there is no way either of us can read, let alone understand, the information. To this end, we search the house and finally find a magnifying glass that will allow us to decipher the printed matter. It's another matter as to whether we

will remember the long list of steps necessary to making the perfect cup!

The first thing we notice is that the instructions are printed in two languages: English and Italian. It gives us great pleasure to know we are now owners of an authentic Italian espresso maker until we read a little farther down to find that the unit has been manufactured in China. We cross our fingers in hopes that we have not just taken possession of an elaborate stainless teapot.

The next thing we learn is that whoever translated the directions was not completely familiar with the intricacies of the English language. For instance, one of the warnings states, "use exclusively the coffee maker for the purpose for which it was projected." Another safety precaution advises, "not to put nearby children when being very hot."

What follows then is a long list of very specific steps necessary to make the best cup of coffee (without at the same time blowing ourselves and our abode to smithereens). If we didn't know better, we might think that these instructions are being directed at a brain surgeon about to engage in a complex neurological procedure and should probably read something like, "carefully to be attached dorsal dendrites of medulla oblongata exclusively to collateral axon terminals extending from cerebellum nearby when hot."

Nevertheless, I begin to assemble the parts without reading all the directions through to the end, but my wife stops me before I get very



**Shilo Zylbergold**

**NOBODY ASKED ME BUT**

far. As always, she insists on washing any new kitchen equipment before we put it to use. It seems silly to me (after all, it is brand new), but I resign myself to the conical concept that this is a small compromise to make to maintain household harmony.

Back to the espresso maker. One after another, we follow the instructions provided. First, we fill the lower chamber with fresh, cold water making sure that the level does not surpass the metal valve screwed to the side of the pot. Next we place the funnel filter inside the lower part and fill it with freshly ground coffee (medium grind is best) that can hardly wait to share its aromatic flavour with us.

We are then directed to screw the top compartment to the lower one, but not too tightly, and then place the assembled Pezzetti on the stove element, and wait about five minutes until the water has percolated into the upper container. We are just about there.

Having worked our way down the list of instructions, we finally get to the last one. This one reminds us to make sure to wash the coffee maker with soap and water before first use (my wife smirks) and then "to make first pot throw-away coffee." No way, Jose! But, unbeknownst to me, my wife has already read the part of the instructions suggesting this step AND she has watched several Youtube videos which insist that we wash our new purchase AND ALSO DISCARD the first pot of coffee made! She waits for my reaction.

What? After all that diligent reading of the

instructions and following them to the letter, we're supposed to Deep 6 that first precious pot of java? "Not on my watch," I declare vehemently, but then my wife reminds me that our Pezzetti is manufactured in China (whose reputation for signing and adhering to international safety standards falls below every other country on earth with the possible exception of Trump's America). I stop ranting long enough to weigh the alternatives. Let's see, keeping that first pot of coffee versus drinking a double shot of Americano poisoned by an espresso maker produced from radioactive plutonium... maybe better safe than sorry and leave acts of coffee defiance to situations where the victims don't turn out to be us.

Nobody asked me, but whatever happened to the days of old when the offer of a cup of coffee in any shape or form was more than enough to give us satisfaction? On a camping trip, remember the enjoyment derived from a mug of "cowboy coffee" that had been boiled in the same pot in which the pork and beans had been cooked? Do you recall being asked if you wanted another cuppa "mud," and nodding enthusiastically? How did we ever get by without lattes, cappuccinos or long macchiatos back then?

Well, glad to say, our Pezzetti works wonders. AND we could use it on a campfire! We start each day with a steaming hot cup of excellent coffee. But not until after we scramble around looking for the directions again and again to make sure we're doing it correctly. Just where the hell is that magnifying glass? Hopefully, we didn't leave it nearby the stove when being very hot.

## Register for our Emergency Notification System (ENS)

In a major emergency or disaster getting warnings and alerts quickly to people is essential. Timing is critical. A new emergency notification system has been brought in to assist with this need. You can receive notifications using multiple communication methods including: cell phone, home phone, texting or email.

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# Change priorities through election

BY RODNEY POLDEN

A few indisputable facts, and a few personal opinions: Let's see where we can all agree.

To start with some fundamentals: the environment matters. The environment is not some "other place," far way and hidden in the mountains and forests. The environment is the air in your lungs and the water in the cells of your body; it's everything that we are made of. Nature is who we are. It's much closer to you than the money in your wallet, much more real, and infinitely more important. Without a functioning and healthy environment, breathing, eating, drinking and living to a ripe old age are all put into question. Who would want that for their children or for themselves?

So obviously, taking care of that fundamental need — a healthy environment — that would have to be the prime responsibility of every rational government, right? That ought to be true, but for too long we have given control to a conservative crew posing as Liberals, who keep taking a lot of money from fossil-fuel corporations, irresponsible mining interests and the

wealthy few. In return the BC Liberals have given them subsidies, tax breaks and legal loopholes.

The latest of Christy Clark's scams is opening the way for pipelines and an endless stream of tankers to carry some of the world's dirtiest hydrocarbons through our neighbouring waters, and then to scam us all into believing that this does not massively contribute to surging climate change.

If we do not change our priorities, we're heading squarely towards a future almost indescribable in terms of the suffering climate change will cause to both humanity and to the natural environment we depend on.

Every knowledgeable person who deals in facts not scams, every scientist, every person who has studied the best evidence available, knows now in detail that the only hope of saving our civilization, our populations, our kids and their future is to leave much of the confirmed fossil-fuel

deposits in the ground. Just leave it in the ground. No more pipelines, no more tankers.

Another fact: Voting for a BC Liberal candidate is a solid step towards increased climate change. The party has taken so much money from the carbon polluters that they could not go back if they wanted to, and they don't. Vote BC Liberal and see the B.C. coastal waters full of tankers and maybe oil spills too.

Another fact: While the Greens may increase their seat count in this election, they will not be forming the next B.C. government. Three seats? Six seats? That's not a government, that's just splitting the progressive vote.

Fortunately, there is an alternative. The BC NDP will use every tool available to them to see that the pipelines do not go through, and that runaway climate change does not cloud the horizon of our kids' future. It's the least we owe them.

Please use your vote. Thank you.

*The writer is a long-time Salt Spring resident.*

## INDEPTH

### MORE LETTERS

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## Most Canadian

I'm sending native Nootka roses to the Salt Spring Film Festival Society and its presentation of My American Cousin with writer/director Sandy Wilson at The Fritz on April 19.

It may have been the most Canadian event of the 1,700 events held across the country on National Canadian Film Day. The film, Sandy Wilson's often funny stories of her creativity and perseverance to make the film, and Salt Spring audience members' connections to the film and its actors made it wonderful.

**STEVE NEW,**  
VICTORIA

## Effects of poetry

I would like to thank George Sipos for writing and the Driftwood for publishing the piece on Yevgeny Yevtushenko in last week's paper.

I never met the man and did not even know he was still alive until recently. However, his name and the effects of his poetry have been important in my life ever since I first was exposed to it in Grade 11 English class. His poem Baby Yar has stayed with me in my heart and memory all these years because of its powerful imagery and the profound nature of its message. It was my introduction to Soviet/Russian literature and helped me, a privileged child of the affluent West, to become aware of the struggles many others in the world face.

I thought he must have been much older than I am to have been so wise, and now I discover he was only a little older than I am. He must have been quite young when he wrote Baby Yar but clearly he had a mind that reached out to all kinds of people in their sorrows and trials.

I think that George captured his essence in the line about "poetry inhabits the centre of what it is to be human."

I am glad that Yevtushenko came

to British Columbia even if I didn't know he had done so at the time. Believe me, if I had, I would have gone to Prince George to hear him speak. I do hope that his legacy will be that voice of hope and love that he exemplified.

**ANNE ZELLER,**  
SALT SPRING

## Ask candidates about World Heritage Site

We've just spoken with Elections BC, looking for email addresses so that we might ask the candidates running in the upcoming election whether they support a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation for the Salish Sea.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invited Canadians to nominate sites last August, and since then the Salish Sea Trust and SeaLegacy have been working to submit the application and to identify support for this prestigious international honour for places with "outstanding universal value."

At the moment, the north coast of B.C. has a Marine Area Protection Plan, and last fall Queen Elizabeth II announced a sustainability and protection plan for the Great Bear Rainforest in the mid-coast. However, the southwest corner of the coast around the Salish Sea has no plans to ensure that the health and biodiversity, fisheries or other protections will be in place to ensure that our cultural and natural heritage is not lost.

And so we wanted to ask all candidates in the 50 or so constituencies around the Salish Sea, which serve some 3.5 million residents, whether they would support a World Heritage Site.

Unfortunately, Elections BC tells us that they don't collect the email addresses of candidates, nor are they mandated to publish them. The result is neither we nor the public can easily be in touch with those running for election. We think this is a major oversight, one which works against the democratic process and

prevents candidates from letting the public know what they stand for.

We think the more the public knows about their candidates and their goals, the more people will get out and vote on election day, which will help all of us in the long run.

We would then appreciate it if your readers might ask their candidates about support for the Salish Sea and a World Heritage Site. And if they wish, your readers are also welcome to express their support for a World Heritage Site. Just contact us at [salishseatrust@shaw.ca](mailto:salishseatrust@shaw.ca).

**LAURIE GOURLAY,**  
INTERIM DIRECTOR,  
SALISH SEA TRUST

## Some locals hurt by Vancouver tax

Seniors and professionals who mainly live in the Salt Spring/Gulf Islands area but maintain a small apartment in Vancouver are going to be badly stung by the new City of Vancouver bylaw that taxes "vacant" housing (defined as being used less than 180 days of the year) at one per cent of their appraised value annually.

There are a number of legitimate reasons why people may continue to have a small Vancouver presence, including family, illness, specialist treatments, part-time work, academic commitments, etc.

We are mobilizing against this punitive, indiscriminate and retroactive application of the bylaw, meant to curb real estate speculation and increase rental housing availability.

An inaugural meeting of the Unfair Vancouver Vacant Homes Tax Coalition was held on the Sunshine Coast on March 8. Recruitment is critical. Mobilizing will take a number of forms, including a presentation via city council to amend the bylaw, public protest, legal recourse, etc. If this tax applies to you unfairly, please contact me at [rborkenhagen@yaho.com](mailto:rborkenhagen@yaho.com).

**RAINER BORKENHAGEN,**  
GIBSONS, B.C.

### 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](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and by selecting: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/south-pender/projects-initiatives/land-use-bylaw-amendments/](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/south-pender/projects-initiatives/land-use-bylaw-amendments/).

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 prior to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017.
2. By email to [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca).
3. 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](mailto: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.

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Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

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## Stagecoach opens lively Jungle Book

Performances and silent auction run April 28-30

Islanders are invited to join Stagecoach Theatre School's jungle beat this weekend for some great entertainment at its year-end production featuring *Jungle Book*.

Performances running Friday to Sunday, April 28 to 30 will give the community an opportunity to see what all the ages and class groups have accomplished over the school year, with a musical adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's famous stories capping off the program.

Audiences will meet the new Movement for Actors group taught by Veronica McKee. This group of young students will perform their own work and then transform into the monkeys for *Jungle Book* later on.

The audience will then get to giggle with the intermediate kids and their originality, and guffaw with the improv class, both taught by Kate Nash. Some of the students are seasoned performers by now and really know how to entertain.

Intermission provides time to eat treats and buy wonders from the silent



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Stagecoach Theatre School students, from left, Mandy Poystila, Lily McCluskey, Maya Wilson and Lizzie Thompson — just a few of the creatures from the *Jungle Book* show set for this weekend at ArtSpring — get in costume and character for a promotional photo.

auction in ArtSpring's lobby. This important event helps Stagecoach fill the coffers for its Rising

**Jungle Book weaves a story about family and friendship and what makes great leadership.**

Star grants, which support families who need financial help to take classes.

Once back in the theatre, the audience can sit back and prepare to be mesmerized by the school's version of *Jungle Book*. Stagecoach is thrilled to have Maggie O'Scalleigh once again co-teaching with Adina Hildebrandt, bringing her musical magic back to the ArtSpring stage.

Specially adapted for Salt

Spring kids, *Jungle Book* weaves a story about family and friendship and what makes great leadership. It asks the questions of how humans choose leaders and whether they choose out of fear or compassion and wisdom.

Shows run at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

**DANCE PERFORMANCE**

## Dance examines childhood violence

Shay Kuebler presents *Glory*

Shay Kuebler's raw, acrobatic array of mixed-martial arts, dance and theatre called *Glory* hits the ArtSpring stage on Wednesday, May 3.

Kuebler's Radical System Art, a Vancouver-based company of six bold and dynamic performers, enacts the epic battles of childhood and the glorification of violence in a remarkable production.

"Transforming the stage into a playground, *Glory* pushes the audience to question the purpose and reasoning of violent material in society through visceral and impactful choreography," states a press release from



PHOTO BY DAVID COOPER

Scene from *Glory* by Shay Kuebler, which plays at ArtSpring on May 3.

ArtSpring.

Kuebler addresses themes "such as film violence and the way we beautify or glorify it; one recurring scene finds a victim in a horror movie trying to outrun some-

one chasing him. *Glory* also plays with our ideas of voyeurism, with a TV monitor and multiple projections replaying what we see on stage."

"I want to make accessible work that can also

be artistic and take people on an unexpected journey," states Kuebler. "I want to draw people that don't necessarily go to the theatre. That's critical to me. It has to be dance with a purpose."

Kuebler has a versatile dance background in hip hop, jazz, tap, contemporary and ballet. He continues to develop his artistic practice through travel and intensive study in music, theatre, dance and martial arts in Brazil, Japan and China, among other activities.

Next Wednesday's show begins at 7:30 p.m.

The public is also invited to join performers from Radical System Art for a dance intensive on Tuesday, May 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. Registration details are at artspring.ca.

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# eco-friendly HOME

## ENERGY-SAVING INCENTIVES

# Islander lobbies for energy retrofit financing program

Dion Hackett working to make home improvements easier

BY PAT BURKETTE  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

As Dion Hackett watched his 17-month-old granddaughter Ursa sleep one January afternoon, his thoughts turned to the impact of climate change on her future.

"I got emotional," he said. He was in good company. Famed climatologist James Hansen has said, "I have been described as the grandfather of climate change. In fact, I am just a grandfather, and I do not want my grandchildren to say that grandpa understood what was happening but didn't make it clear."

Hackett too understands global warming issues. He gets energized by energy-issue research, drives an electric car and actively encourages people to deal with greenhouse gas reduction and energy efficiency.

And yet, on that January day, he felt the need for speed. As a long-time carpenter who has made energy retrofits in his own home, he considered barriers to adding efficiencies like insulation, heat pumps and solar hot water heaters.

Money came to mind. Make that upfront money.

An average homeowner might need a loan of \$4,000 to \$12,000 for installation of a heat pump, which would pay for itself in three to five years and help the planet. Rebates usually come after, not before, the job is done.

A homeowner might also avoid investing in expensive energy retrofits if a

home sale is on the horizon, common in B.C.'s hot real estate market.

Looking for innovative ways to fund upgrades, Hackett was soon knee deep in PAPER – Property Assessed Payments for Energy Retrofits.

Reports from the Pembina Institute, David Suzuki Foundation and Sonja Persam suggested municipalities offer property owners upfront loans for energy retrofits with convenient repayment through either on-bill financing (monthly payments on utility bills), or "local improvement charges" paid through property taxes.

LICs normally finance infrastructure improvements, like road paving in a neighbourhood. Adjacent property owners are assessed a Local Improvement Charge on their property tax bill, until the improvement is paid for.

PAPER takes LICs one step further by financing improvements on private property. Homeowners benefit from long repayment periods (20 years versus five to seven years for a bank loan) and low interest rates. Costs of approved contractor energy retrofits stay with the building, so that both costs and benefits are shared by current and future owners.

But using LICs to support energy efficiency and renewable energy investments on individual properties could require a legislative change.

A 2007 legal opinion for the District of Central Saanich stated that LICs could be used for energy improvements. But Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development staff determined the Community Charter does not give municipalities the ability to use LICs to finance energy efficiency and renew-



Salt Spring resident Dion Hackett with his grand better up-front financial incentives to encourage improvements.

able energy on individual private properties.

The Columbia Institute's 2016 report called This Green House II notes that "At current global emission rates, the entire carbon budget for a 50 per cent chance of keeping global warming at 1.5 degrees will be exhausted by 2025.



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# IMPROVEMENT



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daughter Ursa. Hackett is lobbying for homeowners to undertake energy-saving

using LICs. Municipalities in Nova Scotia offer Clean Energy Financing for homeowners, offering a 10-year pay-back period on a loan at four per cent interest. In B.C., the City of Nelson has initiated an EcoSave Energy Retrofits loan to be paid back on utility bills.

While noting that he didn't like to tie any implication of change to a referendum that doesn't suggest options specific to one governance option or another, Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre said via email that he was "in favour of things that are good for the community such as climate-change benefits through retrofitting. Different ways of exploring options may exist one way or another after Sept. 9."

**"My agenda is to see municipalities have the mechanisms to go forward with energy-retrofit financing."**

DION HACKETT  
Salt Spring homeowner

In March, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities began offering a five-year, \$75-million Municipalities for Climate Mitigation Program funded by the federal government. Grants of up to \$175,000 for climate mitigation feasibility studies are available to regional organizations delivering municipal services, as well as municipalities. Studies targeting community-based initiatives should, according to the FCM website, "promote new financial options to facilitate energy efficiency."

Hackett has recently spoken to FCM programs advisor Guillaume Couillard about facilitating PAPER programs in B.C.

"My agenda," he says, "is to see municipalities have the mechanisms to go forward with energy-retrofit financing."

## SPRING CLEANING

# Checklist for a healthy home

Cleaning product safety and more

*Welcome the season with this handy checklist for making sure your home is in top shape.*

- **VENTILATE YOUR HOME.** Take advantage of warmer temperatures to make sure you have enough fresh air coming in. Open your windows when using products that may release chemicals into the air, including cleaning products, paints or varnishes. Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions for safe use. Reduce moisture, odours and pollutants by installing exhaust fans in bathrooms and above the stove. Remember to turn them on when showering and cooking.
- **USE CLEANING PRODUCTS SAFELY.** Remember that even the basic cleaning products you use around your home and garage can be dangerous if handled or disposed of incorrectly — in fact, household chemical products are among the top products responsible for injuries and deaths in children under five. These products include cleaning liquids and powders, polishes, drain cleaners, paint thinner and windshield washer fluids.

Stay safe by using, storing and disposing of household chemicals carefully.

Learn the meaning of the hazard symbols and follow all cautionary statements and directions on the label.

• **CHECK FOR MOULD.** Inspect your home for visible signs of mould or areas with too much moisture. Look for stains or discolouration on floors, walls, window panes and frames, fabrics and carpets. Notice if you smell a musty "earthy" odour. If you discover mould, and the contaminated surface is small, clean the mould by following the tips on [Canada.ca/health](http://Canada.ca/health).

You can prevent mould by fixing any moisture problems right away and controlling humidity levels in your home. Water collecting on window sills and in basements is evidence of a moisture problem. If you rent, speak to your landlord about any mould or moisture problems. Information on landlord and tenant issues as well as rights and responsibilities is available from your provincial or territorial government.

\* **DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS SAFELY.** Avoid hazardous waste, whenever possible. Learn how to dispose of chemicals and other hazardous waste properly. Never burn household chemical containers, or pour the contents down the drain or toilet, or reuse empty containers for storing other materials.

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LIVE THEATRE

# Children's group presents new work

The Marsh King's Daughter May 5-7

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring audiences can look forward to a unique theatrical performance next weekend that puts children in the spotlight, both on stage and as key participants in the way the story is told and presented.

Real Play Productions presents the results of its first play-building class with their original musical *The Marsh King's Daughter*, opening Friday, May 5 at Mahon Hall. The event marks the end of four months of intensive — but fun — creative work by local children and youth.

"Working with this group has been very rewarding," said Veronika McKee, a co-creator of the program with Kate Nash. "Students from almost every school on Salt Spring and ranging in age from four to 15 have all been working and playing together. It's been really neat to see the friendships and connections that have formed and the confidence that is held within this dynamic and supportive group."

Nash and McKee created their first theatrical event together in 2016, with the students of Phoenix Elementary School. Parents and community members were impressed by the high production value in their retelling of *The Wild Swans*. Also staged at Mahon



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From left, Zyah Welch, Patrick McKee and Lucie Luke rehearse a scene for *The Marsh King's Daughter*, which opens at Mahon Hall on May 5.

Hall, it included original choreography, live singing and parts on stage for everyone in the school from kindergarten up to Grade 8.

Perhaps unique to local children's theatre is the fact that McKee and Nash don't separate the casting strictly by age group. Recognizing that everyone has different abilities and levels of enthusiasm for the spotlight, they practise a more organic approach that allows the smaller children to share scenes with the older ones.

The team's approach to play-building may also be new to some audiences and students. This participatory method contrasts markedly from handing out a predetermined script.

As McKee explains, "Students

are told the story and then as a group we work each scene, allowing students to choose their own lines and having the group help them remember their lines. Very occasionally, lines are written down and memorized, but for the most part students create the scene with our guidance."

For the production company's first official project this spring they began with a story by Hans Christian Andersen. He imagined the tale as a legend passed down between generation of storks; the giant birds are key players in a story that moves from the Egyptian pyramids to a Danish marsh and then into a Viking stronghold.

The story unfolds as an Egyptian princess travels north to try

to find a cure for her father, the Pharaoh, who has fallen into a deep sadness. Captured by the Marsh King, the princess has a daughter who combines both their personalities in terrible ways. By day she is a girl with her mother's lovely exterior but her father's horribly violent disposition, and by night the situation reverses as she becomes a large, ugly toad with love in her eyes.

"Who will accept this burden of a blessing? Who will raise her with compassion until she's ready to break this spell?" the play asks.

The answer is a long-childless Viking queen and her king, but as the child Helga grows and becomes worse, the curse threatens to tear their country apart.

Andersen's fairytale had a specifically Christian message to impart, but the Real Play Productions version is a more general one about how love can — and must — conquer hatred and violence. That message seems more timely now than ever.

With the youth fully involved in costuming, set design, make-up and stage management, the narrative is supplemented beautifully by their choreography to a catchy modern soundtrack.

The show runs at Mahon Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, with a 2 p.m. matinee on May 7. Tickets are available in advance through ArtSpring or at the door.

LITERARY EVENTS

# Poet Steven Price guest at open mic

Next Thursday at the library



CENTRIC PHOTOGRAPHY

Award-winning Victoria poet Steven Price will read at the Salt Spring library on Thursday, May 4, as part of the library's monthly open-mic poetry series.

Price, who teaches poetry and writing at the University of Victoria, has published two books of poetry. His first, *Anatomy of Keys*, won the League of Canadian Poets' Gerald Lampert Award for the best first book of poetry published by a Canadian, and was named a *Globe and Mail* Book of the Year. Canadian poetry icon Patrick Lane called *Anatomy of Keys* "a masterpiece, a book to be thankful for," while the *Globe and Mail* wrote, "It must have felt like this when T.S. Eliot came on the scene."

Price's second book of poetry, *Omens in the Year of the Ox*, which Mary Dalton called "utterly, dazzlingly original," won the ReLit Award.

Price has also published two widely acclaimed novels. His first novel, *Into that Darkness*, was shortlisted for the BC Book Award, and was hailed by the National Post's Robert J. Wiesema as "a brilliant debut." His second novel, *By Gaslight*, hit #1 on Maclean's bestseller list, was longlisted for the Giller Prize and named a *Globe and Mail* Book of the Year.

The open-mic begins at 7 p.m., with sign-up at 6:45, followed by Steven Price reading at 7:30.

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CHAMBER MUSIC

# Vetta announces next concert season

Plus Romance of the Guitar set for May 1

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

With the third and final concert in Vetta Chamber Music's first season on Salt Spring set for this coming Monday, the group is already looking ahead to its next movement.

Some tickets are available for the May 1 Romance of the Guitar concert featuring guitarist Daniel Bolshoy, violinist Joan

Blackman, Jennie Press (also on violin), Yariv Aloni (viola) and Pamela Highbaugh (cello). However, the previous two Vetta concerts sold out, so people should act fast to be assured of a seat.

Vetta has also just announced its 2017-18 Salt Spring concert season, with series tickets available now. Concerts are as follows:

- Sept. 27: Piano Quartet Favourites, with the program including Adaskin's Introduction and Rondo, Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat major, and the Brahms Piano Quartet in C minor;
- Jan. 27: The Russian Connection, with

string quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Borodin;

• May 2: Ludwig and Friends, featuring Debussy's Cello Sonata, the Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor by Mendelssohn and Beethoven's Piano Trio No. 7 in B flat major.

Vetta's artistic director Joan Blackman, who now lives on Salt Spring Island, performs in all three concerts, with combinations of other well-known musicians performing on violin, viola, cello and piano.

All events take place at ArtSpring. For more information, see www.vetta-music.com.

BENEFIT

# Tour des Îles holds community party

Moby's Pub next Thursday

On Thursday, May 4, Moby's Pub will be the scene for the Tour des Îles fundraiser.

Running from 6 to 10 p.m., the evening will include dancing to the music of local rock band Everyday People.

The 2017 version of Tour des Îles, which is on June 23-25, is expanding its boat connections

with the other Gulf Islands. While the Capital Regional District is providing some funds for the event, more fundraising needs to take place.

In addition to dance music, fundraiser admission includes a

beer, door prizes, an opportunity to make an early reservation on a Tour des Îles voyage and a live auction of great prizes.

Tickets are on sale at Salt Spring Books, Salt Spring Sound and the Ganges Visitors Centre.

RECITAL

# Songstress salute fills stage at All Saints

Billie Holiday and others fêted

In the wake of her acclaimed performance with Judy Sims and Sweetwater — in honour of Billie Holiday — Hannah Brown returns to Tea à Tempo at All Saints church on Wednesday, May 3.

Brown will present a performance of classic jazz hits of the 20th century, sung by the most famous female singers of the era, such as Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington. She will be joined by singer/pianist Suzanne Gay and the Sunny Siders band. Gay is a well-loved and respected vocal and keyboard graduate of VIU's Bachelor of

Jazz program, where she studied under world-class musicians. She will bring songs made famous by, among others, Etta James and Natalie Cole.

The Sunny Siders, a new group assembled for the occasion, includes past members of Sweetwater: tenor saxophonist John Moore, guitarist Jim Shultz and bassist Alan Wardroper. They welcome trombonist/teacher Keith Ollerenshaw and drummer Laurent Boucher to the group.

The concert begins at 2:10 p.m., ending at about 3 p.m., followed by tea/coffee and goodies.

FUNDRAISER

# Jim's band hosts benefit

All-ages event supports Salt Spring Gymnastics

BY MARCIA JANSEN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

They only get together once a year and purely to raise money for the community.

This Saturday, April 29, Uncle Jim's Blues Band will play with the Fabulous Flakes for Salt Spring Gymnastics in Fulford Hall.

It all started with a fundraiser concert to raise money for a basketball court on Salt Spring Island and, since that time, Uncle Jim's Blues Band, led by Jim Raddysh, has raised more than \$30,000 for several organizations on the island. Combined with members of the Fabulous Flakes, the band will have 12 members.

"I gathered a group of musicians for the basketball fundraiser and we liked to play together, so we decided to get together once a year to raise money for the community," said Raddysh.

James Cowan, chair of the Salt Spring Gymnastics Association, is happy with support provided by Uncle Jim's Blues Band and the Fabulous Flakes.

"Gymnastics is wrapping up the spring session and we're getting ready to pack up the equipment until September. Funds raised from this event will help purchase new equipment and to help with ongoing operations to keep the participant fees as low as possible."

Cowan said gymnastics is a unique activity on the island with more than 130 children and youth learning to move their bodies and challenge their abilities.

"It's the biggest indoor activity on the island — other than the pool — and we're grateful to have a home in Fulford Hall," he said.

Uncle Jim's Blues Band, with the Flakes as the rhythm section, will open the fundraiser with dance music, followed by covers and dance music from the Flakes.

"Great songs will be played and we invite everyone to come and dance."

The fundraiser is a family event, so people should bring their kids. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a concession at the event, and all proceeds benefit Salt Spring Gymnastics.

**Salt Spring Concert Band**  
Dawn Hage  
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## Beyond Words

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Apr 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Madou Diarra.** Vocalist and n'goni player performs at Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

### ACTIVITIES

#### National Volunteer Week Coffee Coupons.

Volunteers can pick up a coupon for free coffee from their volunteer coordinator, the Legion or from the Volunteer and Community Resources office in Merchant Mews until May 7.

**Bittancourt House Museum.** Museum open at the Farmers' Institute every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until June 30. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### 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.

#### A Tour of British Gardens Presentation.

Presented by Ted Baker and fellow members of Salt Spring Garden Club. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

#### Songjam.

Pub-style singalong to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.



## Thur. Apr 27

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.

**Library Book Club.** This month's pick is *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 to 3 p.m.

#### All Candidates Debate on Salt Spring.

Salt Spring Forum sponsors in partnership with GISS; open to both the general public and GISS students. GISS gym from 3 to 4 p.m., with informal meet and greets with candidates from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m. and 4 to 4:30 p.m.

#### Green Drinks.

Monthly social mixer for Transition Salt Spring, open to everyone. Penny's Pantry on the Green. 5 to 7 p.m.

#### Salt Spring Hospice Society AGM.

Annual general meeting at SS Seniors Services. 7 p.m.



#### Paddling the Baja.

Presentation by Ron Watts for the Salt Spring Paddlers Club. Public welcome. Salt Spring Sailing Club. 7 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.

## Fri. Apr 28

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Stagecoach Theatre School Presents Jungle Book.**

Youth theatre school presents year-end production at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

#### Vitamin Chi.

Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.

#### 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.



#### Toad People Film Screening.

Join the Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club and Wilderness Committee for a screening of the motivating film *Toad People*, about people across British Columbia who are taking action to save the wildlife in their backyards. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

## Sat. Apr 29

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Stagecoach Theatre School Presents Jungle Book.**

See Friday's listing.

#### Uncle Jim's Blues Band and the Fabulous Flakes.

All-ages fundraising event for SS Gymnastics at Fulford Hall. Doors at 6 p.m.

#### Compassion Gorilla.

Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

## Sat. Apr 29

### ACTIVITIES

**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.

#### Salt Spring United Wrap-up Soccer Tourney.

Games begin at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. and run all day. Plus Thrifty Foods concession and other activities.

#### CFUW Meeting.

Katharine Byers is the guest speaker on the topic of outdoor education. Baptist Church (rear entrance). 10 a.m.

#### SSI Emergency Fair.

Featuring Salt Spring Island First Responder agencies, community groups and sponsors. Booths, workshops, information and door prizes. Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## Mon. May 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Vetta Presents The Romance of the Guitar.**

Guitarist Daniel Bolshoy will combine his six strings with those of the Vetta Chamber Players for an evening of passionate music from the heart. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

## Sun. Apr 30

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Stagecoach Theatre School Presents Jungle Book.**

See Friday's listing, except time is 2 p.m.

#### Open Stage Old Timey Cafe.

Open stage with good music and munchies. Alcohol-free and everyone welcome. On the last Sunday of every month in the OAPO annex at Fulford Hall. 7 to 11 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Intro to Squash.

See Thursday's listing, except the time is at 1:30 p.m.

#### Rural Business Accelerator for Green Businesses.

Learn how to grow your green services business on Salt Spring. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Walking Community Cleanup of Ganges Harbour.

Meet at Centennial Park at 3 p.m. A Coastal Cleanups group initiative.

## Tues. May 2

### ACTIVITIES

**Shay Kuebler Radical System Art Dance Workshop.**

All ages are invited to join performers from Radical System Art for a dance intensive to work through a mixed language of martial arts, theatre and dance. ArtSpring. 5 to 7 p.m. Register through ArtSpring.



#### Art Reception: Julia Lucich.

Art reception for an exhibit of Julia Lucich's paintings, which are on exhibit in May. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Wed. May 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea a Tempo.** Hannah Brown, Suzanne Gay & the Sunny Siders Band perform songs by Billie Holiday and other female jazz singers. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m.

**Shay Kuebler/Radical System Art.** Glory, a dance piece for six performers, examines the complexities of violence and our media-drenched culture. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

#### B.C. General Election Advance Poll.

Advance polling station at Salt Spring Elementary School open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters must prove their identity and home address before voting. More info: elections.bc.ca.

#### Youth Community Dinner.

For Youth Week at the Core Inn. 5 to 7 p.m.



Emergency Fair runs Saturday, April 29 at the Farmers' Institute, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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### EXHIBITIONS

- A multi-media exhibit by **GIFTS artists** titled "this is WHO I AM" opens at **GIFTS on McPhillips Ave.** can be viewed most days between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. through April.
- **Gallery 8** celebrates eight years with a **Symbolically 8** anniversary show of work by gallery artists daily through May 8.
- **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, linocuts 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** will show for the first time his mixed-media works called "The Walkers" at **Kizmit**. On through April Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4ish.

- **Patricia Brown** shows paintings in the **Salt Spring Library Program Room** through April. Then beginning in May, **Julia Lucich** shows paintings in the program room. A reception is set for Tuesday, May 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Looking Up, a joint display of art by **Suzanne Prendergast** and photography by **Bill Underwood**, is in the **ArtSpring** lobby until April 29. Then from May 1 to 31, Sam Lightman shows See Shells, an exhibit of imaginative photomontage treatments of shells.
- **Judy McPhee** shows photographs with a theme of automobiles at **Embe's sandwich shop** through April.
- **M.C. Benmore** shows photographs in her Salt Spring Goddess series in the hallway at the **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe**.
- **Salt Spring Photography Club** members show works in **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe**.

# people&community

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

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Tahlea and Jessa Balint show their support for the Orca Soundings project at Sunday's Earth Day party by being "whale protectors" of Kiki from J-Pod.



Above, Laura Desjarlais promotes Coastal Clean Up activities, including a walking community clean-up set for this Sunday, April 30.

At right, Natsuko Inaba plays her part in a Samarai Theatre production at the Blossom Picnic in Peace Park on Saturday afternoon.



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Jan MacLellan



## VOLUNTEERISM

# Coffee coupons for volunteers

Not-for-profits survey also underway

Volunteer and Community Resources is marking National Volunteer Week with two different initiatives: the It's Coffee Time program and a survey of Salt Spring's not-for-profit groups.

VCR has joined forces with the Royal Canadian Legion by offering Salt Spring volunteers a voucher for a free coffee at one of 15 participating coffee shops on the island. National Volunteer Week is the time to formally recognize volunteers across Canada.

"We know that volunteers don't expect accolades. Nevertheless, being able to say 'thank you' is so important," said Janine Fernandes-Hayden, who is VCR's administrative coordinator.

Volunteers can pick up their coupons through their organization, by contacting VCR at [admin@vcrsaltspring.org](mailto:admin@vcrsaltspring.org) or 250-931-0039, or at the Legion. Coupons are valid until May 7. People also received the coupons at a National Volunteer Week open house event held at the library on Monday afternoon.

VCR and the Royal Canadian Legion gratefully acknowledge the generous and cooperative partnership with 15 coffee shops on the island in bringing It's Coffee Time forward.

## Not-for-profits survey

VCR is exploring the feasibility of providing an administrative services hub for not-for-profit groups on Salt Spring.

Tasks such as fiscal management, information technology, governance support and back-office skills can be onerous to many island not-for-profit organizations with limited resources, and VCR could provide some of those services.

The preliminary survey is available on the VCR website at [www.vcrsaltspring.org](http://www.vcrsaltspring.org). Paper copies may be obtained at the library or by contacting Fernandes-Hayden at 931-0039 or via email at [admin@vcrsaltspring.org](mailto:admin@vcrsaltspring.org).

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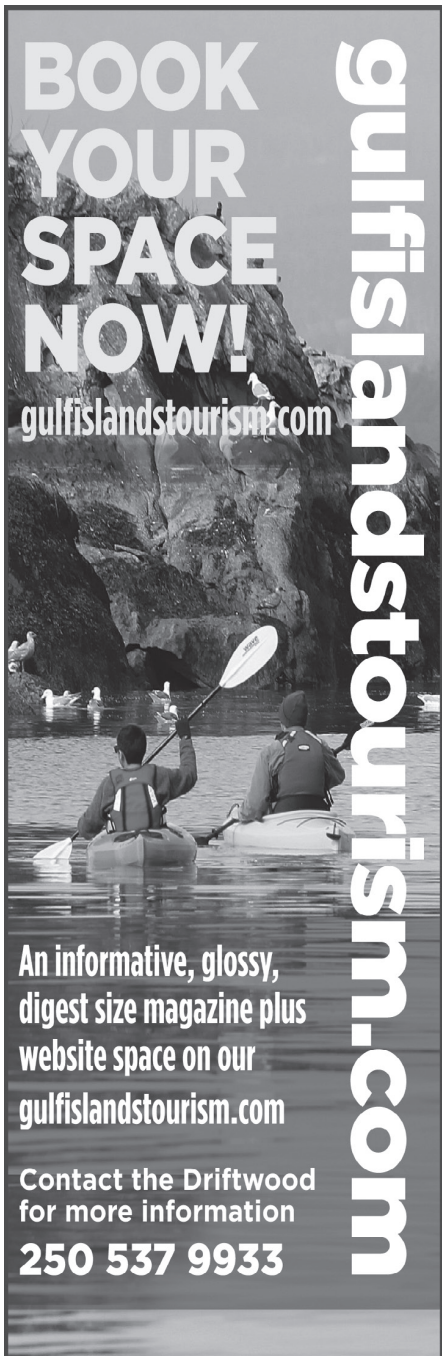
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## FUNDRAISER

# Pass It On celebrates at SparkFest

Fun evening at Barb's raises funds for next session

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Community members have the opportunity to celebrate important programming for youth and help ensure it continues at the annual SparkFest showcase, taking place Thursday, May 4 at Barb's Bakery and Bistro.

SparkFest is a fun-filled night where high-profile indie musicians like Savvie, Tom Vandeursen (lead guitarist for the Boom Booms and Small Town Artillery) and JP Maurice share the stage with local artists and youth performers such as Gulf Islands Secondary School's champion improv team.

The annual event was created by and for SWOVA's Pass It On Girls program as a way for women to showcase their skills and quickly turned into a highly anticipated community outing. For the first time ever the group will welcome Pass It On Boys, which was introduced this year.

"It's definitely lots of laughs," student mentor Fiona Pirie said of the event. "It's really about enjoying the space you're in, and igniting the spark for next year."

Pass It On is a SWOVA mentoring group in which young people get to know and support one another. Kate Nash is the long-time facilitator of the girls' program, which has worked to empower and unite local young

women for the past seven years. This year SWOVA also accomplished a long-term goal of offering Pass It On to boys.

In each case, student mentors at Gulf Islands Secondary School are paired up with middle school buddies in Grade 8, meeting once a week at their own discretion to share about their lives, experiences and challenges. The group as a whole meets once a month.

**"It is a tremendously successful program and works to empower the youth in our community."**

FIONA PIRIE  
 Student mentor, Pass It On Girls

"It is a tremendously successful program and works to empower the youth in our community," Pirie said. "We are all very proud of the program and the SparkFest show that raises money for it."

Jaspar Irwin and Jackson Walde are two of the mentors in the new boys program. Walde explained that when he entered high school his older brother and his friends were in Grade 11, which helped him to get orientated and feel at home.

"I think that Pass It On would defi-

nately help the transition in the same way for kids who don't have older siblings," he said.

Pirie, who lives on Pender Island and was a Pass It On participant in middle school before becoming a mentor, said island kids can grow up knowing just a small number of peers. That can make entering the larger space of high school that much more intimidating.

"It's so important to have a familiar friend waiting for you at school, having an older friend who can walk you around," she said.

Pirie said the senior group also learns valuable leadership skills, both through mentoring their buddies and in peer-group interactions. People who might rarely come together in casual situations find themselves discussing serious issues such as emotions and feelings, sexual health and the school environment, for example. And having the open door example is a healthy role model for the Grade 8s.

"It creates an environment where that's normal and safe," Irwin said.

Sparkfest is therefore more than just a fundraiser, it's a celebration of a year of important work wrapping up. Formal dress is encouraged but the atmosphere is anything but stilted. The stage show is supplemented with special treats and a silent auction filled with amazing items, with all proceeds toward Pass It On programming.

Tickets are available at Barb's, with a discount for those purchased in advance. The evening starts at 7 p.m.

## SEXUAL HEALTH

# Women convene on sex assault topics

Males' group discussion proposed

BY KIM DALTON  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

A Young Women's Summit on Consent and Sexual Assault took place on Thursday, April 20 at Cafe Talia.

Young women ages 14 to 25 were in attendance, as well as mature mentors and parents, to create a dialogue around "rape culture" and to create a safe and supportive place for a much-needed discussion.

Gulf Islands Secondary School student Gia Hasenfratz, who saw a need for action in the community, spearheaded the informal world cafe-style meeting, with the help of SWOVA's Sharyn Carroll. Together we shared thoughts and stories about consent and sexual assault on Salt Spring Island and beyond.

Among the many topics discussed was the sexualization of young girls and women, the influence of pornogra-

phy on healthy sexuality, personal boundaries, what happens after sexual assault and the need for a "sisterhood" to lend support and safety. We recognized a need for the empowerment of girls and women, but also for boys and men.

Using coloured pens, participants wrote down some of their thoughts and feelings, to create a visual representation of the experience.

Sexual assault infiltrates the fibre of our very society, and it is crucial that we, as a community, find a way to create a "consent culture" in our schools and in our homes. More dialogue is needed to get a better picture of what is going on and what we can do about it.

Any young women, including trans women, who are interested in being part of a follow-up discussion should contact Carroll at scarroll.swova@gmail.com.

Any boys or men, including trans men, who might like to participate in a similar discussion for males should contact me at daltonkim@gmail.com.

## ISLAND HISTORY

# Fourth cemetery walk set for this Saturday

Dave Phillips teams up with Death Café

BY ANNA HALTRECHT  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The fourth annual Cemetery Walk will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. This year we will explore St. Mark's cemetery south of Central on Lower Ganges Road at Baker Road.

In honour of Ron Brunette, who died April 28, 1996, and all our loved ones who have gone before us, long-time

Salt Spring resident and historian Dave Phillips will share stories about community members who are buried in the cemetery.

Many pioneer families, including Baker, Beddis, Booth and Robinson, and other well-known Salt Springers, are buried in this cemetery that many of us pass every day, but perhaps have not stopped and taken the time to walk through. Now is your chance to get to know a little bit about this part of our community's history.

A Death Café will be held after the

walk at the ArtSpring lobby from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Death Café is part of a global movement "to increase awareness of death with a view to help people make the most of their (finite) lives." It is not grief support or counselling; it is simply a conversation. The event is facilitated by moderators from Salt Spring Hospice.

As April 29 is also International Dance Day, the Death Café is sponsored by Made in BC-Dance on Tour and ArtSpring.

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Gary Brian Allison, part-time resident of Salt Spring Island and long-time resident of Virginia Beach, passed away on April 23, 2015.

Gary grew up in Akron, Ohio, where he attended the University of Akron and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1974. Gary spent over forty years practicing law in a variety of areas; family law and adoption being the most rewarding for him.

Gary was a great lawyer, he was also a great teacher. He will be remembered for his playful nature, humour, athleticism, love of yoga, his passion for travel, learning, nature, and hiking. During the last few years, Gary divided his time between Virginia Beach and Salt Spring Island. On Salt Spring Gary had begun to create a network of friends. He would have loved to have spent many more years here.

Gary is survived by his immediate family: wife, Cornelia Krikke, son Kevin and sister Andrea. No one can replace Gary. We love and miss him. For those who came to know Gary, there will be a celebration in early July.

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Margaret, long-time resident of Salt Spring Island, died on Good Friday, April 14, 2017, at Greenwoods on Salt Spring Island. Margaret passed peacefully in the company of loving family. She was 11 days shy of her 86th birthday.

Margaret was active socially in many community and church organizations, both during her many years in Victoria and after she moved to her beloved Salt Spring Island in 1980. She thrived on teaching, painting, music, crafts, and literature.

She is predeceased by the love of her life, James, and is survived by her five children, Joan (Lee), Barbara (Joe), Paul (JoAnne), Sandy (Sandra), and Michelle (Jeff), 13 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life and interment for Margaret will be held at St Paul's Church in Fulford, July 22nd, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greenwoods Elder Care Society or to the Salt Spring Hospice. Please come and sign a guest book and find donation information at <http://www.haywardsfuneral.com>

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association**  
Thursday, May 18, 10am  
At Meadowbrook Lounge, 121 Atkins Rd.

**Salt Spring Hospice**

**SALT SPRING HOSPICE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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**For more information please contact:**  
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OUTDOORS

# Trail and nature club sets May schedule

Annual broom pull is on May 9

Presentation

Thursday, May 25 at the Salt Spring Public Library at 7 p.m., birder extraordinaire Ann Nightingale presents a special bird multimedia show titled 2015 - It Was a Very Big Year.

Hikers

**May 2:** Sue and Al Lehmann lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry oak meadows. Some sections will be fairly steep and may be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign on Mountain Road. Drivers should be aware this is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.

**May 9:** The annual broom pull will take place at a location TBA. All members are invited. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought so we can work until about 2 p.m. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10 a.m. at the site.

**May 16:** Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate off-island hike to Stoney Hill (Maple Bay area). A new access road and CRD trail give a new look to a hike we used to do . . . several beautiful lookouts to Salt Spring Island! Meet at Portlock at 8:45 a.m. to carpool for the 9:25 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

**May 23:** Dave and Amy will lead this atypical hike, so please read carefully. Meet at ArtSpring at 8:45 a.m. or at Fernwood Dock at 9 a.m. sharp. We will then carpool in the fewest vehicles to a nearby starting point. This one-way hike involves trails as well as nature, in the form of low-tide foreshore exploration with intertidal biologist Dave Secord. Be prepared for muddy or sandy conditions, and for walking across slippery rocks. We will finish in time for lunch back at Fernwood, so bring food or grab some at the cafe when we return. Note earlier meet-up time!

**May 30:** Angie Trarup leads a hike along trails and byways from Ganges to Vesuvius and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

Walkers

**May 2:** Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park — up the road to the farm house

and on the trail through the woods to Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water. There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet in the first parking lot on the right at 10:20 a.m.

**May 9:** Join the broom pull.

**May 16:** We are walking to the raptors! Back by popular demand! Join Jenny Meyer and meet at Portlock Park in time to carpool by 8:45 a.m. or go straight to the 9:20 Crofton ferry. We will road walk seven kilometres (about 90 minutes one way) to the Pacific Northwest Raptors Centre, have a guided tour at noon; lunch about 12:30 (bring your own); and a flying demo at 1:30. We will walk back likely in time for the 3:55 ferry but be prepared that it could be the 5:05 ferry, which gives us time for a refreshment on the way back. Admission cost is \$13 senior and \$15 adult if we have eight or more attending. Umbrella and camera friendly.

**May 23:** Lorrie Storr will lead us on a walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove or Yeo Point depending how energetic the group is. The walk is between eight and 10 km round trip. There are a few rocky bits, but they are short and we will take it slowly. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet with leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.

**May 30:** Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from the trail head up from Juniper Place. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10:20 a.m. There are some rocky steep sections but we will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper Place to Spring Gold Way, then Trustees Trail, turn right and come to the trail head.

Ramblers

**May 2:** Ramble with Kathy Darling on Churchill Road, weather permitting. Lunch at the beach. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

**May 9:** Trip to the Kinsele Tressel with Frauke. Arrange your own carpooling. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 a.m. to take the 9:25 ferry to Crofton. Lunch on Vancouver Island.

**May 16:** Ramble with Betty Ball along Duck Creek. Lunch at Seaside Kitchen. Meet at the Country Grocer parking lot at 10 a.m.

**May 23:** Marilyn and Bill Harding take us on a ramble on the North End. Lunch at 222 Byron Rd. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

If anyone is interested in joining the club, see the www.saltspringtrailandnatureclub.ca website.

ARTSPRING

# Treasure Fair donations needed

Volunteer corps also being assembled for major event

ArtSpring's 17th-annual three-day fundraiser for the arts, Treasure Fair, is now ready to collect unique items and services for its summertime silent auction.

The event runs July 13 -15, with a grand finale live auction hosted by the ever-entertaining author-actor Chris Humphreys.

"A phenomenal community comes together each year to exemplify a passion for arts & culture thriving on Salt Spring Island," states a press release from ArtSpring. "Treasure Fair — an entirely community-supported fundraiser — secures the future for Salt Spring's largest theatre, gallery and artist workspace. Tours, trips and treasures are some of the items the fundraiser receives."

Handcrafted works, collectibles, like-new home items, décor and furniture, prized possessions ready for another to cherish, or a B&B stay, massage, cooking lessons, adventure tours, tree pruning, dance classes and more are examples of gratefully received donations.

"Every year I'm amazed at the kindness and generosity of community members who give beloved treasures and gifts of experience to ArtSpring for this hugely important event. We couldn't operate without them," said Cicela Månsson, ArtSpring's executive and artistic director.

Anyone who can volunteer or has something to donate should contact Treasure Fair coordinator Terri Reid at terri.artspring@gmail.com or 778-353-0014.

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**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)** If it has felt like spring was delayed, it no longer does. You are excited, even aroused and ready to express yourself. There is a lot of air feeding the fire and you want to recover any lost ground. Practical considerations are weighing in, but they are almost a nuisance. What you really want is to enter new territory and try something new.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)** You are eager to advance now and catch up on all the delay linked to the retrograde storms in April. Now it's a catch-up game. Attending to a variety of fronts is likely. There may well be background and foundational work to do. It may not achieve outer recognition but it has to be done. It will take until next week to achieve full speed.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Balancing desires to be out and about with friends and lovers and wanting also to retreat is a current challenge. This retreat is from expectations and responsibilities. It could also address your thirst for adventure. This is a good recipe for travelling where no one knows you. If you can't get away, dive into a home project or a good book.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** New friends, jobs, and creative projects are all in the mix now. This involves exercising your skills and perhaps accessing some new ones and tools too. You may have to overcome confidence challenges to succeed now, however. This includes overcoming the ego in the center and replacing it with soul.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Making deliberate moves in your public and professional spheres continues. Cultural interests and philosophical elements too are woven into the mix. A new cycle that began last week featuring bold assertions to break free of existing relationships patterns and attitudes is featured. Just be sure not to lose yourself in the process.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)** An adventurous urge to explore new territory continues. This includes new initiatives in your career. Venus's recent re-entry into Aries will prove provocative yet less complex than when it was retrograde. Mercury is still retrograde in Aries and this will contribute to keeping some important thoughts private.

**Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)** A steady flow of changes in your relationships are influencing your lifestyle, and perhaps the other way around as well. You want to express your genuine thoughts, yet you may feel restricted. This will change soon. Already you are feeling assertive and bold. The full measure has yet to be released, but it will be soon.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** The focus has shifted to relationship fronts. The past few weeks have perhaps been edgy and complicated. At best, you have been able to focus on achieving precision. At worst, perfectionistic and critical attitudes have caused some casualty. Avoid trying to control and change others and redirect these energies to yourself.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Health interests and concerns have your full attention now. The time is right to take new initiatives and try new approaches. Contending with impatience and frustration has been important and perhaps quite challenging. This trend will continue this week but you will be in a much clearer space by next weekend.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A creative cycle is underway. Yet, as with many people, you are contending with the complexities of Venus and Mercury retrograde. These have likely created waves close to home. Positively, you are responding by clearing the clutter and beautifying your home environment. This cycle will continue.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** A busy time on the home front is keeping you occupied. This contends with a playful and curious mood. The time is right to entertain new perspectives and possibilities. This includes seeing a bigger picture. Looking down the road and deciphering where you want to go or aim for will serve to direct your focus.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** You are eagerly anticipating some important shifts. The good news is that they have already begun and this momentum will continue. The current challenge includes digging deeply to identify what you truly want and your best approach. It will take extra effort so focus on pushing through to reach out and communicate.

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### General Voting Day

General Voting Day is May 9. Voting is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time).

### What if I'll be away?

Vote at your district electoral office from now until 4 p.m. (Pacific time) on May 9, or ask for a vote by mail package from Elections BC.

### Voter ID

Voters must prove their identity and home address before voting.

### You can show:

- a BC driver's licence,
- a BC Identification Card,
- a BC Services Card (with photo), or
- a Certificate of Indian Status

You can also show two documents that prove your identity and home address. Both documents must show your name. At least one must show your home address. A complete list of acceptable ID is available at [elections.bc.ca](http://elections.bc.ca).

### Look for your Where to Vote card

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### Questions?

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The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Saanich North and the Islands for the 41<sup>st</sup> Provincial General Election.

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## GYMNASTICS

# Salt Spring gymnasts impress at Orca Invitational meet

Four girls strike gold and develop character

BY KIPP NASH  
SS GYMNASTICS COACH

In their last meet of the season before hibernation, four Salt Spring gymnasts feasted like smart orca whales on spawning salmon. A fitting backdrop to the meet, the 17th annual Orca Invitational gym-

nastics meet was held in the old Duncan recreation centre's pool complex. Two Salt Spring gymnasts scored all-around gold and tied for awesomeness. Nina de Roo and Isabelle Kerrigan put down their best efforts and called upon all available brain cells to remember most of all four routines. Mesmerizing the judges with abnormal feats of acrobatics, they left no doubt that they came to compete. Two gymnasts grew two sizes too

big for their gym suits before the invitational was over. Kumi Nash and Nikoya Catty-Bauer had to ignore considerable distractions to develop character beyond their years in the short duration of the four events of bars, beam, floor and vault. In her warm-up, Nash flew off the bars backwards long before her scheduled dismount. The chalky bar, small palms and short fingers conspired to foil a long hand-swing pull-

over and Nash ended up in a clamshell position well offside. Ouch! Six minutes later, Nash competed with another routine, completing all skills she missed in practice rounds. Catty-Bauer had to put up with a gymnastics nightmare. Her name was mispronounced without fail every time! Undaunted, she put down all-star efforts in all events and deserves an award for being the MVG — Most Valuable Gymnast — of the day. Caring, kind, invested

and integral are only four words to describe this gymnast's skill set. Thanks to all the kids who put their hearts into something they love, and accept all the twists of fate that lead to gold. Proof of these feats of bravery can be witnessed at Fulford Hall for the gymkhana on Friday, April 28. Games, routines, prizes and a tug-o-war will wind up Salt Spring's year. Come for the popcorn and stay for the entertainment.

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Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30		
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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		
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## SOCCER

# Players showcased at tourney wrap-up

This Saturday at Portlock Park



Malcolm Legg

The soccer season continues but the wrap-up tourney on Saturday, April 29 is a highlight among coming events.

## SOCCER ROUND-UP

The tourney at Portlock Park is Salt Spring United's showcase of their stars, as all our players, teams and officials are celebrated over the day. Games start at 9:30 a.m. as Euro teams start five-a-side soccer games and the house program does its regular training. At 11 a.m., BC Soccer and one of its technical staff will run two clinics (one before lunch, one after) to show our coaches the new techniques being employed by the provincial body. At 12:30 p.m. our U-13 to U-15 players start their five-a-side games. At 3 p.m. the Salt Spring U-18 girls hope to play the women's team, and 4:15 p.m. should see the boys U-18 team against the Salt Spring Old Boys (with some help from our coaching staff). Registration can be done at the field for the 2017-18 season, as Maggie will be there. We will give away old balls and the usual concession by Thrifty Foods will be operating. It will be a fun time for all, so I hope you can get out and participate or watch our youth players showcase their skills.

## Windsor Plywood Spring League

Our Wednesday night spring league has been a roaring success as we have 81 youth players in four divisions, and 64 adult players on eight teams playing recreational soccer at Portlock Park. Special thanks must go to Ken Marr at Windsor Plywood for sponsoring this league, which will continue play until June 7. The youth teams still have room for more players, but our adult side is pretty well full.

## Player Registration for 2017-18

The early bird discount for registration ends at midnight on April 30, but Maggie recommends you get your payments in by April 28 to ensure we receive these payments and receive credit for the discount. You can also register at Portlock at the wrap-up tourney on Saturday, April 29.

## Girls Training Sessions

Colin Walde will run free training sessions every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at Portlock Park through spring and summer. Sessions are open to all girls, whether playing on a team or not, who are 11, 10 and nine years of age. Contact Colin at [cwalde@shaw.ca](mailto:cwalde@shaw.ca) for further info.