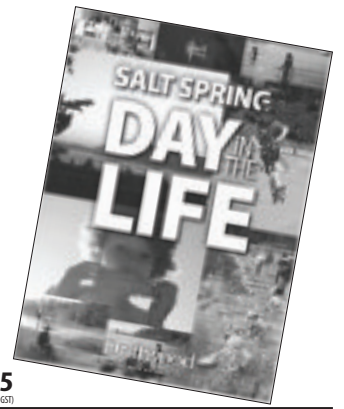




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CRIME

Break-in victim urges vigilance

RCMP investigate theft at Atkins Road home

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A woman whose home was robbed while she slept upstairs is urging fellow islanders not to be complacent about locking doors and windows.

Julie Kemble moved to Salt Spring just a few months ago and was still waiting for the blinds she ordered to arrive when her home was broken into last Tuesday night. She feels the open view through her windows and her location at the end of the Summerside townhouse complex may have made her vulnerable to thieves, who entered her house sometime between midnight and 6:30 a.m.

"I was sleeping when it happened. The doors were locked and the windows were shut because it was chilly that night, but I had neglected to lock one of my living room windows," Kemble said.

"They quietly opened the window and went straight through to the office."

A decorative light had been left on in the downstairs level but apparently did not deter entry.

"That to me was really cocky," Kemble said.

The thief or thieves took Kemble's laptop and two purses but left her cell phone, which was in the charger. The items were located later that day in a quiet courtyard area behind a restaurant in Victoria. Fortunately the thieves weren't able to open the computer as it was password protected. They removed the valuables from the purses and left the empty bags behind as well.

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SING WITH ME: Valdy leads a Canada Day crowd, including a children's choir arranged for the occasion, at Rotary Marine Park in singing Oh Canada. For more photos, see page 33 and the Driftwood's Facebook page.

PENDER ISLAND

Cell tower plan spurs local debate

North Pender community divided by Freedom Mobile proposal

BY SEAN HITREC
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When North Pender Island resident Diane Cuthbert received a letter in the mail addressed to "property owner" with the return address to a company called Prime Site Solutions, she almost threw it out.

Luckily, a neighbour informed her that the letter contained information about a proposed cell tower site on North Pender Island. The contents were a community consultation form and indicated that Freedom Mobile planned to erect a 45-metre-tall cell tower at 1348 MacKinnon Road, next door to Cuthbert's house.

"It's supposed to be clearly indicated what it is, so it will not be confused as junk mail," Cuthbert said.

She said she would have thrown away the letter and that none of her other neighbours had read it by the time she found out. Cuthbert also said she was not given the required 30 days to respond.

Cuthbert moved to Pender Island after leaving her job as vice president of a film company in Toronto. On Pender, she found a place that fulfilled her need to be away from the constant buzz of the city. News of the proposed cell tower stirred up feelings she thought she had left behind on the other side of Canada.

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FIRE SAFETY

Burning restrictions now in place

Camp fires allowed with permit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The official fire-risk rating may be currently set at "moderate," but Salt Spring's fire department is taking all due precautions by restricting most types of burning as of July 1.

Backyard burns, incinerators and machines piles are now banned. Camp fires are allowed with a valid fire permit, but residents should be warned that dry conditions can easily spark dry material. The island's first grass fire of the year broke out on a Maliview Drive property on Friday morning.

Fire-rescue teams used 500 gallons of water to extinguish the fire, which had started as a small controlled burn. The resident had surrounded the fire with a ring of water but didn't have a hose on site, so called 911 when the fire threatened to spread.

"Basically the start of it was a small campfire-sized burning of debris, mostly just paper documents. It did spread very fast into some other paper stuff that wasn't planned to get burned," said Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George, who was incident commander on the scene.



PHOTO BY SEAN HITREC

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue firefighter breaks up a small backyard fire on Friday.

"It didn't really spread too far into the grass or surroundings, but it did spread four or five feet around the fire area." George said fortunately the fire didn't

have time to penetrate into the ground or spread to nearby trees.

North Salt Spring Waterworks staff and the RCMP are also warning about fire safety after locating a campsite in the Maxwell Lake watershed lands that included a fire pit. Signs indicated that it had been recently used.

An announcement put out by NSSWD's board of trustees on Wednesday, June 28 reminds residents and tourists that neither camping nor campfires are permitted in the area.

"The Maxwell Lake watershed lands are an important asset of enormous value while in their natural state. The ratepayers and greater island community are fortunate to have such a valuable resource," the statement reads. "The risk of wildfire in the watershed is real and the consequences could be catastrophic. A wildfire in the watershed lands could render the lake unsuitable for drinking for weeks, months or even years."

District experts say outdoor recreational activities in the watershed also negatively impact water quality, as nutrients are more easily washed into receiving streams and then into the lake from the impervious pathways that have been created.

Activities such as swimming, hiking, mountain biking, motorcycles and ATVs are restricted from the watershed lands.

BC ELECTION

Polling results show how riding divided

Adam Olsen sweeps Saanich, also convinces islanders

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Poll-by-poll voting results reveal an intriguing regional overview of the historic situation that saw Saanich North and the Islands elect Adam Olsen as its first Green MLA on May 9.

It perhaps comes as no surprise that Olsen swept the part of the district located on the Saanich Peninsula. He was born and raised in the area as a member of the Tsartlip First Nation and served as a Central Saanich city councillor for two terms. He rose to further local prominence as an outspoken opponent of the proposed Malahat LNG project.

Area voting results available



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Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen.

through Elections BC show Olsen in fact won nearly every poll in Saanich and Sidney, losing just one to the riding's previous MLA, Gary Holman, and four to Liberal candidate

Stephen Roberts.

To achieve the finish that put him 4,000 votes ahead of second place, however, Olsen also picked up crucial support in the Salt Spring and the

Southern Gulf Islands for a final tally of 14,777 to Holman's 10,764.

Poll counts show Holman maintained a narrow lead of just 26 votes on Salt Spring, earning 3,297 votes to Olsen's 3,271 (including advance voting at Salt Spring Elementary School). In general, voters north of Ganges supported Holman, while Olsen took the Mount Erskine area and every poll south of town plus the most northernmost tip of the island.

Holman won the most votes on Galiano Island, but Olsen won Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands. Roberts won two of the Pender polls.

Olsen also came ahead in each of the advance polling stations on Vancouver Island, and all absentees and special voting polls. Holman had the most votes at Salt Spring's advance polls and by mail.



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INCORPORATION

Roads presentation challenges study report findings

Elected officials request addendum to final report

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A question about the costs of taking on Salt Spring's road network if the island were to become a municipality has provoked calls for clarification, with a recent presentation by Brenda Guiled challenging the numbers presented in the Salt Spring Incorporation Study's final report.

Guiled presented findings regarding Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure project costs on Salt Spring at two events on June 21 and 22. According to her calculations based on 14 Freedom of Information requests, the ministry has spent more than what consultants Urban Systems stated in its final report. As well, Guiled's research suggests future spending needs will be higher than projected, prompting a much higher municipal tax share than what islanders currently pay under the rural tax model.

"The problem I have with the incorporation study report is that when it comes to roads a lot of it's incomplete; some of it's inaccurate; they extrapolate to conclusions that are based on faulty premises," Guiled said, according to a video of her Fulford Hall presentation. "So I just

want to present what's missing and to include the real hard fact data and just address the misleading statements that have come out."

However, Salt Spring's three local government officials have objected to Guiled's presentation and are seeking to clarify the discrepancy in figures. In a press release issued Monday, island trustees Peter Grove and George Grams and Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre said they have written to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development asking for an addendum to the roads report. They say Guiled's work "contains false assumptions and material inaccuracies."

One major difference between the two parties' calculations is the amount MoTI has spent above and beyond regular road maintenance. The Incorporation Study Committee report states an average of \$500,000 per year in 2016 dollars, while Guiled calculates that at least \$640,000 was spent per year based only on the known data from her FOI requests. She told the Driftwood requests regarding major washouts on Walker's Hook and North Beach roads were unanswered.

A further disagreement is what percentage of tax paid by Salt Spring property owners goes back into roads. The Urban Systems report says the island gets \$90,000 less per year than

the \$1,950,000 it puts in; Guiled calculates it gets approximately \$300,000 more than it pays, based on the information she has.

"The highways data is very incomplete. My research made that abundantly clear," she said.

Guiled also disagrees with the report's conclusion that Salt Spring's roads will cost \$7,000 per kilometre to maintain their present standards from now to 2028, as MoTI data supplied puts costs over the past 14 years at least \$8,700 per km.

In comparison, Guiled said Bowen Island has budgeted \$16,300/km per year up to 2019. While that island is less densely populated than Salt Spring, Guiled believes "its terrain, climate and road network offer a good comparison to Salt Spring Island's."

As well as a disagreement about which figures are valid, the elected officials have objected to how the alternate view was shared.

"The author of the presentation has made defamatory statements against Urban Systems, in particular alleging that they knowingly issued false information and sought to cynically mislead voters on island. As stewards of the process, we utterly reject the allegations of bias and the implicit attempt it contains to discredit the consultant and diminish the work of the committee," the press release states.

"Our observations, and those of the committee, were that Urban Systems undertook their duties responsibly and ethically."

"It sort of brought into question the credibility of the report, so that was a real concern," Grove said Tuesday. "They are a professional organization and didn't have an axe to grind."

Guiled said she did not ever state the consultants had intentionally supplied false information.

"If you're going to quote me, please don't put words in my mouth," she said, adding her speech is all captured on video.

"I've done the research; I've put the numbers out there . . . I want the facts to speak for themselves," she said.

Guiled believes having the roads report addendum is probably a good idea, although it will be difficult to achieve given the new government and busy summer months.

A slide show of Guiled's presentation is available on the Salt Spring Island Roads Facebook page. Results from her FOI requests were shared with the Incorporation Study Committee and were posted on the B.C. government's Open Information webpage.

The elected officials said they will update the community once they have had a reply from the ministry on their request. Their press release is printed at right on this page.

Officials' release

July 3, 2017

We wish to advise Salt Spring electors that we have written to the ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development asking for an addendum roads report to be prepared that deals with the contents of a presentation currently being circulated within the community that challenges the roads information in the Incorporation Study Report prepared by the consultants to the committee, Urban Systems.

The elected officials welcome critical analysis and comment on the Incorporation Study Report and its contents. Rational and civil debate advances knowledge of the implications of the choice that electors are being offered and should help broaden understanding of the two forms of governance available to us.

With the assistance of some members of the Incorporation Study Committee we have examined the presentation being circulated within the community and believe it contains false assumptions and material inaccuracies. An addendum report is the appropriate mechanism for dealing with these issues and other claims made in the presentation.

The author of the presentation has made defamatory statements against Urban Systems, in particular alleging that they knowingly issued false information and sought to cynically mislead voters on island. As stewards of the process, we utterly reject the allegations of bias and the implicit attempt it contains to discredit the consultant and diminish the work of the committee. Our observations, and those of the committee, were that Urban Systems undertook their duties responsibly and ethically.

We will update the community once we have had a reply from the ministry to our request for an addendum report.

George Grams,
 Islands Trust Local Trustee
 Peter Grove,
 Islands Trust Local Trustee
 Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring Island
 Electoral Area Director

Salt Spring still 'paradise' despite experience

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"I'm thankful to have my computer back. It wasn't damaged at all," Kemble said.

Victoria police are noting high levels of drug-related crime in that city, and Salt Spring RCMP are also warning residents to help prevent crimes of opportunity.

"Community members are reminded to take precautions in an effort to deter this

type of behaviour by locking doors and ensuring windows are secure," states an RCMP press release.

Kemble feels one of the reasons people come to Salt Spring from the city is because they want a less-heightened sense of security, but it's important to be aware that crime is still a factor.

"I only moved to the island four months ago, and a common conversation is 'Oh, we don't lock our doors or windows,'"

Kemble said. "It's a lovely feeling, but it's not realistic."

"I still think Salt Spring is paradise — this isn't going to burst my bubble — but I'm really trying to tell a lot of people because I don't want them to be complacent."

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ISLANDS TRUST

Group seeks land use bylaw revisions

Current policy felt to not address reality

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Accommodation providers are calling for an update to Salt Spring's land use bylaw to better serve both short- and long-term rental needs on the island.

Peter Lloyd-Jones, president of the Salt Spring Accommodation Group, made a delegation to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting Thursday to bring forward a number of areas members feel should be reviewed concerning bed and breakfast accommodations, guest cottages and short-term vacation rentals.

The association says the present bylaw does not address the current needs of visitors, the accommodation providers or long-term renters.

"We would like to urge the committee to examine the relevant sections of the bylaw and bring it in line with the reality of visitors' demands and 21st-century booking channels, as well as the needs of the Salt Spring community," Lloyd-Jones said in his presentation.

According to the bylaw, the only type of vacation rentals permitted outside a commercial accommodation zone are B&Bs. Breakfast can be provided in an on-site kitchen, but not other meals, a policy Lloyd-Jones said is impossible to enforce. In addition, he said the modern visitor is looking for a full range of options from cabins to "glamping" tents and electronic booking services make it

easy to distribute such choices.

As a key economic driver to the island, tourism should be protected and sustainably managed, Lloyd-Jones said.

"We would like to urge the committee to examine the relevant sections of the bylaw and bring it in line with the reality of visitors' demands and 21st-century booking channels"

PETE LLOYD-JONES
President, Salt Spring
Accommodation Group

His group agrees that some sort of licensing and fee system is appropriate, and that non-hotel accommodation should take place only on properties where the owners reside. They do not like the idea of absentee non-resident owners or large management companies.

Proposed changes include removing the 45-night limit that seasonal cottages can be occupied, as well as the rule that states owners must live in the main house and not the cottage. The rule that owners can only occupy cottages for a temporary period if the person lives elsewhere, and the minimum lot size under which cottages are permitted, have also been

flagged for revision.

Trustee George Grams observed Mayne and Pender islands' local Trust committees have made steps toward legalizing and therefore managing STVRs on their islands, while fellow trustee Peter Grove agreed the bylaw should be reviewed and said the issues raised by Lloyd-Jones are "very real."

"In terms of looking at it from the point of view of those providing the services, we also need to be looking at the island's housing needs — the affordable housing needs," Grove said. "So when you are talking to your group about these issues and making proposals as to how things could be improved, I think it would be helpful to say, 'Okay, this is how we can handle affordable housing issues.'

"Let's bear that in mind to have a balanced view."

"I think that's a very good point because a lot of our members are needing staff," Lloyd-Jones responded. "And the challenge that our members found is getting staff because they can't find accommodation."

Lloyd-Jones said he felt developers of larger projects on Salt Spring should be required to build a certain number of units of worker housing, as is required in some communities.

The LTC assigned staff to review relevant policies and assess issues around STVRs on May 4. The project is on the work program long-list but is not currently one of the top five priorities. Project priorities are next slated to be reviewed in July.

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An Island Municipality: would choose which roads need to be addressed and to what level. This also means the municipality would accumulate approximately \$13 million as a cash reserve fund, as part of the transition assistance offered over the first 5 years. Decisions about road maintenance and improvements would rest with our local council. Each community's spending priorities are different and so we are not bound to what other communities have done.

Manageable Tax Impacts: If all recommended road work were completed and funded only through taxes, the cost over 15-30 years could be as little as \$65 per year, per average property. We would have other options to reduce tax impacts though, including grants from the Community Works Fund, borrowing or using part of the \$13 million reserve fund.

The tax impact could be substantially lower.

If the status quo remains: Our roads will remain the same. What we pay and what we get will be decided by the province. We will not see the Fulford-Ganges or Walkers Hook Roads improved or other upgrades. We won't have a \$13 million reserve fund for future projects, nor the ability to choose what we do, and we will not have direct access to the major grants that help communities across BC pay for a whole range of infrastructure projects, including major roads.

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Cell campaigns underway

CELL TOWER

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"We recently turned our lives inside out and upside down to move to Pender Island from Toronto," she said. "I was getting sick constantly and my husband has heart disease... I haven't been sick one day since I moved here, in six months."

Now she said her "dream home on top of a hill" is threatened by an unsightly and potentially dangerous tower.

"It will be right in our living room view."

Determined to stave off the tower, some residents are taking the matter to local governmental bodies.

At the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee meeting on June 28, Manfred Burandt, another islander who received notice of the site in the mail, presented his issues with the cell tower location.

Burandt said the tower is not meant to serve Pender as much as the ferry traffic and as a jumping point to Vancouver Island, since Freedom Mobile has yet to offer service there. Burandt's issue with the Trust was that the zoning bylaws make it so that local populations have to bear the burden of organizing around issues like these.

"The thing that disturbs me is that the Islands Trust as a whole has not developed a cell tower policy, despite the fact that many of the islands have had to fight this battle individually over and over, with some winning and some losing," Burandt wrote in an email to the Driftwood.

In his Trust presentation he also warned of potential fire and fall hazards and a concern that future additions to the tower could be done if it is built.

Others on Pender believe the tower is safe and will be good for the island as a whole.

Hans and Milada Huk own the property in

question. Hans Huk said that, according to his research, the cell tower will not be harmful to human health. Also, the tower will meet Canadian government standards, which, according to the consultation letter Cuthbert and Burandt received, are "among the most stringent in the world."

Huk plans to build a house on the same property for his family. He wouldn't be planning to move to the property if he thought the tower wouldn't be safe as he would not put his 14-year-old son in danger, he said.

"Neither of the neighbours will see the towers because it will be in the forest," he added.

For Milada and Hans Huk, the tower represents progress. The technology will attract more people to the island, which will help local business development, they said.

Cuthbert and Burandt say they aren't against cell towers in general, but the issue is with proximity to their houses.

"If someone had said 'You're moving to a place with no cell service,' I might not have moved here," Cuthbert said. "But I am certainly against putting cell towers anywhere near people's homes."

"We don't deny the fact that cell towers are necessary. Our only issue is the location," Burandt added.

Another cell tower currently exists on Pender Island near the ferry terminal. According to the consultation letter, "tenure applications were no longer accepted" on that existing tower, which is why Freedom Mobile is seeking a new site.

Both sides have already sought legal advice and are campaigning on the island.

A representative from Shaw Communications, who speaks for the cell-phone company, did not respond to the Driftwood by press time.

Freedom Mobile has informed people that it will have representatives at the next North Pender LTC meeting on July 27.

PATHWAYS

Atkins Road path gets SSITC boost

Partners Creating Pathways accepts contribution

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Another pedestrian safety initiative on the edge of Ganges is about to get started. At last week's Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting, approval was granted to transfer \$19,000 to Partners Creating Pathways to construct the Atkins Road pathway project. "We've been working on this project since 2010. We thought it was a very important part of our pathways network because it's a dangerous part of the road,"

said project designer Philip Grange. Commissioners Shellie Barrett and Rod Martens had initially voiced some concerns about the volunteer group's request because the project cost had increased substantially from the initial estimate and only one company had bid on the tender. Speaking during a delegation to the meeting, project manager Zeke Blazecka explained the cost estimate was based on the historic average of all previous projects, which came to \$134 per metre for a total cost of \$60,000. The contractor entered a bid of \$94,275 but then dropped his price by \$15,000 after working out some alternate material plans with CRD engineer Keith Wahlstrom.

Martens said he was happy to receive information about how the bidding estimate is calculated since he hadn't known that before. "All you get is 'you're over budget, by around 25 grand or so,' which is kind of significant . . . and with just the single bid, I needed to clarify that," Martens said. In other business at the June 26 meeting, the commission approved its 2017-2018 annual operating agreement with BC Transit as well as a memorandum of understanding for a three-year transit service expansion, as previously outlined under the five-year transit plan. SSITC meets next on Sept. 25.

ISLANDS TRUST

Marina expansion back on track

Second Ganges pump-out station planned

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Marina is moving forward with expansion plans after being on hold for several years, with an expired development permit resubmitted to the Local Trust Committee.

The application will go to the Advisory Planning Commission for evaluation and comment, with hopes that a new floating breakwater will be towed into the head of Ganges Harbour next to Moby's Pub this fall.

"The reason we want to move forward with this now is there is material available," marina owner Jerry Parks said during Thursday's LTC meeting. "And if we waited six months or 10 months it might not be there."

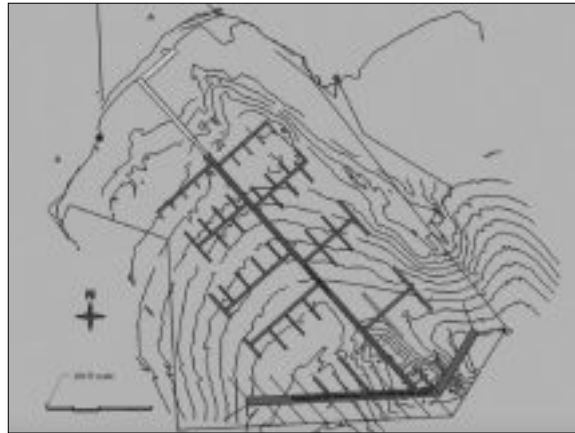
Parks said the breakwater will be made by repurposing parts of a fish farm from the northern coast. Several such farms are now being broken up. The hope is to have the materials towed down this fall and then installed before the winter.

"We want to get going on this, so we appreciate your consideration," Parks said.

Senior Trust planner Jason Youmans explained the marina had previously been successful in obtaining zoning changes related to the proposed project. A development permit was duly issued in 2011 but lapsed without the proposed work taking place.

While Parks and contractor David McKerrell had hoped to avoid sending the application on to the APC, trustees agreed with staff's recommendation given the importance of the development area and the potentially quick turn-around time, which should make it possible to bring the application back to the LTC's July meeting.

"I understand the applicant's need for urgency. My one caution is this is a really important part — I mean all of the parts of our island are important — but this one gets a lot of attention," said trustee George Grams. "I think any work at the marina or the harbour assumes a



Proposed wharfage (with water depth lines) at Salt Spring Marina, as part of a development permit application.

level of priority and responsibility, and encourages me to get as much advice as I can. That's why I feel referring this to the Advisory Planning Commission is sound advice. It's also another way of consulting the community on this particular issue."

Trustee Peter Grove said he would like to move the application forward right away, but also agreed with Grams' points, especially since there will still be enough time for the fall move.

Plans for the marina include dredging parts of the harbour in order to accommodate expanded wharfage. The site includes a public access boat ramp and will have a septic pump-out station as a condition of the previous zoning change. Although the marina did not install the pump when the first permit was issued, one has now been ordered and partially paid for. The station will be directly connected to Ganges sewer.

The only other pump-out station on Salt Spring is located at Harbour Authority headquarters at Centennial Dock. It was recently out of service for several months to undergo repairs, staff reported.

Salt Spring Marina and the LTC also placed a restrictive covenant on title during the rezoning application. It includes Clean Marine BC certification, having dock space

available for rent to Salt Spring residents and a possible connection to the Ganges boardwalk if it ever extends that far.

Trustees did not discuss the dredging requirement during Thursday's meeting but did note a professional biologist's report that outlined the need for proper stormwater management. The initial assessment was updated for the new permit application.

"I feel that if there are measures in place to prevent excessive silting in the harbour and there are no intrusions or impacts outside the marina lease boundaries, the dredging will not affect any environmentally sensitive areas of the harbour," biologist Kathy Reimer wrote on May 23, 2017.

"There is, as mentioned in the previous impact assessment reports, the continuing concern with the probable increased polluted storm water from the expanded marina, the parking lots and the boat yard. Stormwater run-off from developed areas adversely affects the health of fish and other sea life in the marine environment. It is important that there is an engineered and approved stormwater management plan for the entire marina operation."

McKerrell said the Capital Regional District has the stormwater plan on file. Staff concurred that requirement has also been met.

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EDITORIAL

Speaking freely

As Salt Spring inches closer to the Sept. 9 incorporation referendum date, the fever pitch of the combat is rising.

It appears that some activists on both sides would like their opponents to stop expressing their opinion or campaigning. The North Salt Spring Waterworks District board has been piled on for taking a position in favour of incorporation. A petition demanding a retraction is now circulating.

On the other side of things, an alternate estimate of potential road maintenance costs under incorporation, recently presented by island resident Brenda Guiled, has prompted a rather dramatic response from our island's elected officials. Peter Grove, George Grams and Wayne McIntyre issued a press release Monday stating that they have asked the Ministry of Community, Sport and

THE ISSUE:

Incorporation debate

WE SAY:

Opposite views must be heard

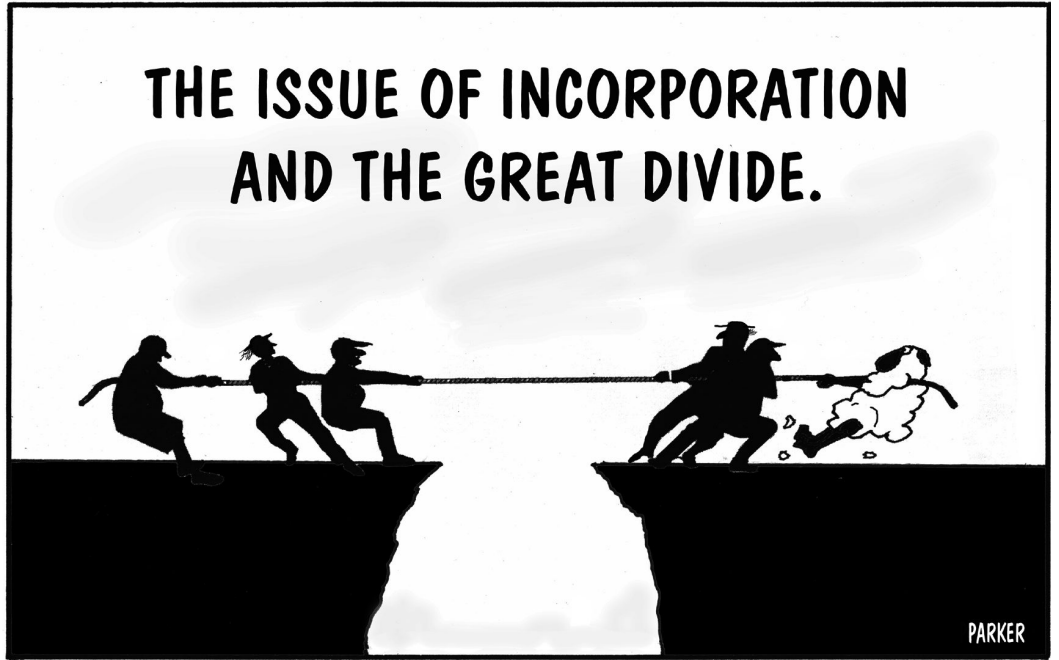
Grams and McIntyre say they feel Guiled's presentation "contains false assumptions and material inaccuracies."

Requesting a third-party examination of Guiled's data and conclusions is a logical thing to do. Further examination of a specific and important topic under dispute will help clarify the issue.

As with all matters of public policy, the "facts," figures and predictions of what will happen under any government scenario are open to wide interpretation by people hoping for one outcome or another. Whether agreement will be found on almost any area of discussion in the incorporation debate so far seems unlikely. But that's not a bad thing.

The situation we're in reminds us of a famous Walter Lippmann quote. "The theory of the free press is not that the truth will be presented completely or perfectly in any one instance, but that the truth will emerge from free discussion."

Let's allow each other a bit of leeway as the incorporation discussions continue and maintain some respect for the notion, at least, of freedom of expression.



VIEWPOINT by Susan Brain

Fabulous day of island hopping

Before I moved permanently to Salt Spring 17 years ago, when I lived and worked in Vancouver, I loved going to the Gulf Islands, even if it was only for a day trip.

Now, I realize, that when I go "off island" for a day, I rush over to Duncan or Sidney/Victoria or occasionally Vancouver, trying to grab lunch and jam in as much shopping as possible between appointments, always driving, driving, watching the time and getting home exhausted.

So Saturday, June 24, was just the greatest treat thanks to the Tour des Îles festival. With two friends, I was on Pender Island by nine o'clock in the morning with time for the market and the Nu2U store before the shuttle bus took us across the island to go to Saturna.

And a fun, serendipitous day unfolded. A guy called Toby was on the dock and gave us a private boat ride because he just happened to be going to Saturna and could take three passengers. We wanted to go to East Point on Saturna but were out of sync with the scheduled shuttle, but "no problem, we'll ask the back-up driver if she will take you." She, Sheila, became our tour guide for the rest of the day! We had a picnic at East Point — Sheila stayed too — "not worth going home," she said, "and, besides, it's such a lovely place." And then we all went to the book reading and high tea at Saturna Lodge, where, believe it or not, I met two people now living on Saturna with whom I had worked in my early days in Vancouver, and hadn't seen for nearly 50 years! Sheila then took the long route back to the dock where our boat was waiting right on time.

I had realized that somewhere along the way I had lost my glasses, so back on Pender I sought out the shuttle driver, gave him my name and number and told him where I last remembered having them: sitting on a rock across from the Nu2U waiting for the bus.

The lovely cruise back to Salt Spring was glorious. The boat was full of friends and neighbours all telling similar tales, some cycling on Mayne, some hiking on Pender, and as we approached Ganges I thought of all the other islanders who visited Salt Spring that day and hoped that they had enjoyed my island as much as I had enjoyed theirs.

Thinking about it later, I realized that sometimes I take living on Salt Spring for granted, and get bogged down in the irritations and dysfunction of day-to-day stuff. I forget that I just don't live on Salt Spring, I live on one of the Gulf Islands, and I want to remember that synergy. Maybe I will have to rethink the whole "to incorporate or not to incorporate" question.

So a huge, huge thank you to all the organizers and volunteers of Tour des Îles, and thanks to my friend for persuading me to go. It meant a lot. Fabulous day. And, of course, the weather helped!

Also — there was a voice mail message when I got home. Dan the cabbie from Pender had found my glasses exactly where I had left them five hours earlier. He sent them back on the very next island-hopping boat.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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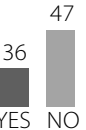
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I've done the research; I've put the numbers out there . . . I want the facts to speak for themselves."

BRENDA GUILLED, RESEARCHER ON ROAD MAINTENANCE COSTS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are you most looking forward to this summer.



SUSAN CAMPBELL
Kayaking on Moyie Lake near Cranbrook. It's an absolutely beautiful lake.



JOHN HUMPHRIES
Getting up to our summer place on Savary Island and swimming and friends and



LISA SHORTER
This is my first summer on Salt Spring, so just enjoying all the local activities.



PATRICIA CHAMPOUX
To remember that life is about enjoying the sun, the sea, the mountains and the forest.



ALLEN SCHOEN
Sunshine, visiting friends and swimming.

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

Taxes squandered

The North Salt Spring Waterworks board's paternalistic and expensive advertisement in your June 14 paper detailing their decision to support incorporation is stepping beyond their mandate. Should our water taxes be squandered on this political posturing?

Their slanted stance makes no mention of the grants available if we vote "no" and then change our status from a protection district to a service area. (See the positivelyno.org website about government grants and protection districts.)

If they are really concerned about our future needs, they should be looking at all the viable options and not get

stuck on one that looks like it will lead to higher taxes and more development.

FRANCES HILL, VESUVIUS

Not bound by mandate

My legal hackles have gone up at the claim in the pro-incorporation group's paid ad in the June 21 Driftwood, their web page and letters to the editor that an island municipality would be "bound by the same 'preserve and protect' mandate" as the Islands Trust.

This is not correct. Section 39.1 of the Islands Trust Act, RSBC 1996, chapter 239 states: "The council of a municipality, all or part of which is in the Trust area, must have regard to the object of the Trust in adopt-

ing a bylaw or issuing a permit or licence."

The object of the Trust (its mandate) is, of course "preserve and protect."

"Have regard to" does not mean "be bound by." You don't have to be a lawyer to see that, though I can quote legal precedents on point if needed. A municipal council could have regard to "preserve and protect" and have regard to any number of other interests, and then pass the bylaw or issue the permit or licence anyway.

Unfortunately, the error appears, possibly inadvertently, in the text of the Salt Spring Incorporation Study final report at page 116, though its authors get it partly right in table 5.13 at page 117.

I am a retired real estate lawyer. I hope that everyone

engaged in the incorporation debate will take great care to state the law accurately and to avoid misleading statements.

ASHLEY HILLIARD, MEYER ROAD

Support the show

Peace ho! Shakespeare meets the Beatles in the Moutat Park meadow!

We just returned for a scintillating standing ovation performance of exitStageLeft's As You Like It, performed on the 50th anniversary of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and the Summer of Love.

I always marvel when reminded of the incredible community of artists our island is home to. I would urge all theatre lovers, music-

lovers and lovers of any other description to get out and support this remarkable show, running July 6-8 and July 13-15.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

MARTIN ADAM, SALT SPRING

Long list

This is a tardy response to George Ehring's eloquent piece in the June 21st edition ("Proud to call island community home").

It was positively impressive to read through the long list of achievements over the past 15 years. And it struck me too that it is precisely our current governance system which engenders this do-it-yourself approach that has brought so many worthwhile projects to fruition.

Here we do not depend on

"city hall" or its village equivalent to make things happen. Islanders unite to back a cause, launch a project, raise the funds, take leadership roles, although not without struggles and dissension at times.

We find ourselves the proud owners and users of our library, our pool, our abattoir, our theatre complex. As I said, it's a long list. The need to do things for ourselves also functions as a huge community-building tool. We meet and work with folk from across the social and geographic terrain. What would happen to that ethos if we came to rely on "city hall" to get things done?

MARY HUGHES, WOODHALL

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Incorporation will weaken the Islands Trust

BY JEAN GELWICKS

When partners split up, when kids graduate from school, when a team of collaborators dissolves after a project is finished, they might say: "Ah, but we're still friends." True. But as people go their separate ways, the nature and importance of those friendships inevitably change.

So when the pro-incorporation folk say, "Salt Spring will still be a part of the Islands Trust," I'm wary. The nature and importance of Salt Spring's relationship to the Trust will change. Dramatically and irrevocably.

Why does that matter?

The Islands Trust's specific mandate, under the Islands Trust Act, is "to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of British Columbia generally." That means that the first priority of the Trust is to protect the qualities that make Salt Spring, and the other islands, so precious. In other words, the Trust is there to make sure that the reason you live here, the reason tourists come here, and the reason it is not the same as living in a suburb of Victoria or in the Okanagan or anywhere else for that matter, isn't compromised. There is plenty of land in this big country to develop; but

the relatively unspoiled, natural beauty of these islands is unique. All Trust planners are steeped in the Trust's mandate. All trustees take an oath to uphold it.

That's not to say that there has been no development on Salt Spring under the Trust. Ask anybody who was here in the 1970s and they'll tell you how quiet it was when the population was less than half what it is now. But Salt Spring can absorb only so many households before it will start to feel . . . well, like a suburb of Victoria.

If Salt Spring incorporates, land use planning and the regulation of development would be taken away from the Islands Trust and given to the municipal council. That council has no mandate to protect the qualities that make life special here. It does have a vested interest in finding revenue for services without having to raise property taxes, revenue that is most easily raised through development. There is a real risk that those who have something to gain by controlling rezoning bylaws could hold the balance of power on the council. I believe that is exactly what happened on Bowen Island.

Under incorporation, the Trust would only have the authority to "comment"

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on zoning and bylaw changes: Its role would be reduced to an advisory one. Only changes to the Salt Spring Official Community Plan would still require Trust approval, and even then the municipality could appeal to the provincial government to overrule the Trust. The Trust's founding principles — its very mission to protect — would be undermined.

We have much to learn from Bowen, the only other Island municipality comparable to Salt Spring Island.

The Islands Trust and its mandate have become almost invisible to Bowen Islanders, especially to those who moved there in the last 17 years.

(Because the Trust is no longer as visible, some islanders question why they should belong to the Trust at all.)

Since only two out of seven municipal councillors will be regularly involved with the Islands Trust as elected councillors/trustees, the rest of the municipal council will have no direct exposure or responsibility to the Trust mandate.

Planners think like municipal planners, not like Trust planners, who must keep the Trust mandate uppermost in mind. Municipal planners (well, the majority) currently must be retrained when work-

ing for the Trust, and the Trust holds regular workshops for all Trust planners. Municipal councils don't necessarily include such workshops in their budgets. Bowen Island planners have not always been allowed to attend.

Financially, the Trust would lose more than half a million dollars in property taxes each year. Furthermore, the province has granted the Trust only half what it says it needs to weather the transition if Salt Spring incorporates. This certainly affects the other islands, more so than when Bowen incorporated, since Salt Spring is larger and puts more resources into the Trust. The Trust can compensate by cutting staff and services; raising taxes on the other islands; or a combination of both.

Are we not stewards of this unique group of islands as a whole? Is there any way to view this scenario without acknowledging that the Islands Trust's ability to protect the islands will be weakened under incorporation? I don't think so.

For a history of the Islands Trust, see a Gulf Island Alliance film at gulfislandsalliance.ca.

The writer is a longtime supporter of the Islands Trust.

Municipal status critical for island to receive grant funding

BY JOHN MACPHERSON

NSSWD's decision to support a "yes" vote brings the issue of grant funding into focus. Peter Lamb, in the June 28 Driftwood, and others claim NSSWD is misleading ratepayers, because grants are supposedly just as likely if the CRD takes over. The facts show that Peter and the others have it all wrong.

Salt Springers should know we are missing out on a lot of money for infrastructure projects by not being a municipality. It's not just the grants that our water and fire districts are ineligible to apply for, which usually provide two-thirds of funding needs. We are missing out on gas tax funding too.

The Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) — funded by gas taxes and available through

the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) — provides up to 100 per cent of funding for eligible projects up to a max of \$6 million per project, for drinking water, wastewater, asset management, public transit, highways and major roads, and infrastructure related to culture, sports and tourism. This year, UBCM members could apply for up to three projects.

On Salt Spring, eligible projects would include asset management (plans to track and set aside money to replace infrastructure as it ages so the grandkids don't have to pay for it all), the St. Mary Lake water treatment plant (approximately \$8.4 million) and raising the Duck Creek weir to increase water supply (approximately \$5 million).

The total just for NSSWD is \$28 million.

Along with municipalities, the CRD is eligible for funding from both the UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund and federal/provincial government grants. If it wished, the CRD could prioritize the Ganges wastewater treatment plant, Maliview sewer system/treatment plant and the Burgoyne Bay liquid waste facility. Other possible projects include ball fields, artificial turf soccer fields, pool upgrades, transit improvements.

However, the CRD's outlook is "regional first." It does not prioritize Salt Spring and our CRD director has just one vote in 24. This isn't working for Salt Spring.

Under the Strategic Priorities Fund's first agreement, the CRD got over \$21 million for

its regional initiatives, including \$16 million for the E&N Trail Network and \$3 million for the Saanich wastewater treatment plant — but nothing for Salt Spring. In 2015 the CRD did get some of this gas tax funding for Salt Spring (\$50,000) for a shared Salt Spring Island/Southern Gulf Islands Integrated Service Plan. However, we have more pressing needs than studying how to integrate CRD services between islands!

Approved projects from 2015 show that many communities much smaller than Salt Spring got a lot of money for the same types of projects we need to have done here. Lake Cowichan (population 3,000) was approved for \$5 million for a water treatment plant upgrade. 100 Mile House (population 2,000) was approved for \$5.85 million for a water supply upgrade. The District of Barriere (population 3,000) was approved for \$4.36 million for water supply and distribution system improvements. Terrace (population 11,000) was approved for \$4.325 million to upgrade the aquatic centre.

These are just a few examples. Unfortunately, the current system ensures we are uniquely burdened in paying 100 per cent of the cost of these types of projects with very few exceptions. This is a very bad deal.

The incorporation study final report indicates that becoming a municipality has negligible tax impacts on an apples to apples basis. However, if and when a local council votes for more spending, the financial benefits of receiving funding of this magnitude will eliminate or greatly offset the impacts of increased taxes.

As a municipality, Salt Spring would be a member of UBCM and be able to apply for this funding directly, instead of dreaming the CRD will do it for us. Our mayor and council would determine which projects would take priority. To be very clear, this funding is in addition to other infrastructure grants from the federal and provincial governments. Becoming a municipality will not fix all our problems, but there is virtually no possibility of successfully addressing them without access to the types of funding that all other B.C. communities have.

The so-called CRD "option" is a mirage that only mires us in false hope.

On Sept. 9 I am voting "yes" for Salt Spring to have a real voice and local decision making.

The writer has been an island resident since 1999.

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Delivering value for money

Food for thought. Federal and provincial grants for major water system infrastructure upgrades are currently not directly available to local water districts such as North Salt Spring Waterworks District. Municipalities and the CRD qualify to receive and administer these funds.

Peter Lamb argued in last week's paper that incorporation is not a good idea so therefore the NSSWD, which claims to need \$28 million in upgrade funds, must be taken over by the CRD as the means to access said funds.

NSSWD (who has seen what the CRD is incapable of) has taken the position that incorporation is the preferred mechanism for accessing grant money and given the provincially limited alternatives, they're probably right.

It appears as though the province, through its granting policy, is herding us toward incorporation since bitter experience has proven that the CRD does not offer value for cost to local water districts. Next question: since the CRD is not (based on our local experience) a good and trustworthy destination for millions of grant dollars, who is? Is a municipality any better?

After all, the CRD has vast resources (beyond other peoples' grant money). They have buildings full of fully qualified engineers and accountants. They have all the latest and best equipment run by qualified professional operators.

Further, the province, which seems eager to grant upgrade funds, seems much less eager to provide oversight in whether those funds deliver value for cost and specifically whether the districts (which are required to provide one-third of the cost of the project, most often with borrowed money) are satisfied with the results. What a mess.

Who can deliver value for cost? What is our recourse if these funds are misspent? We must have a believable answer for these questions before we make decisions about incorporation or the financial future of NSSWD.

CHRIS DIXON,
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Changes and traditions reflected

Once again, many eager islanders answered the Driftwood's call for photos to be taken in a 24-hour period on and around Salt Spring Island.

This year the selected date was Wednesday, June 21. We've found that a day near the summer solstice is ideal. The weather is usually agreeable, so we get lots of shots of people in action outdoors, and school is still in session, so some of those activities can be recorded too.

The Day in the Life project puts the focus on things that are new to the island like the Salish Eagle ferry or the gardens on the Salt Spring Elementary grounds. It also highlights things that endure, like solstice gatherings at Vesuvius Beach or the Strawberry Tea at Salt Spring Seniors.

This year I decided to take a few photos myself, inspired by a scene I had witnessed while heading to the 6:15 a.m. ferry sailing to Swartz Bay over several days this spring. Every morning as I came around the Fulford-Ganges Road bend by the beach at Fulford Harbour, I saw John Moysey waiting for the Salt Spring Transit bus. It struck me as an image of a longtime island resident that should be preserved in these pages. At this time of year it's a pleasure to get up and outside early, and I'm glad I made the effort

to connect with John in Fulford.

I imagine most of the photographers had some sort of moment or interaction that enhanced the experience of taking pictures of favourite people, places and critters.

As always, we have unique firsts in this edition. It may be the first Day in the Life compilation that includes both a bivalve and sea anemones.

We did not have any night owls among those volunteering to shoot photos this year, however, so our photographic record of the day is shorter than usual (although not for the first time in 14 years).

We give warm thanks to everyone who contributed photos to this collection. They are: Ann Earl, Anna Haltrecht, Anna McColm, Avril Kirby, Bruce McRae, Dave French, Elise Pearson, Elizabeth Thompson, Jen MacLellan, Jennifer Ritson, Judy McPhee, Julia Gilbert, Kaylee Lapierre, Kim Thompson, Lynn Thompson, Maggie O'Scalleigh, Marie Beaudoin, Patricia Skidmore, Robin Jenkinson, Stan Garrod and Trish Cannon.

New Driftwood staffer Sean Hitrec also took some great shots, designed our cover and touched the photos this year.

— Gail Sjuberg,
Driftwood editor



PHOTO BY BRUCE MCRAE

5:12 am A glorious sunrise off of Beddis Beach.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

5:54 am John Moysey waits for the bus to pick him up at the Fulford Harbour stop. He takes the bus from there to the ferry terminal and then into Ganges for breakfast.



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7:12 am A barnacle-edged butter clam shell at Hudson Point.

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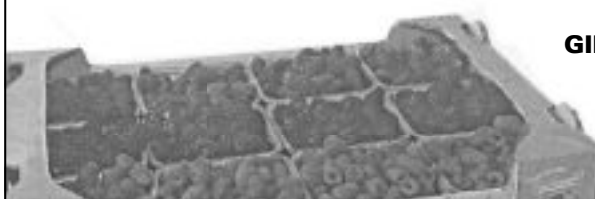




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6:03 am Cars seen through the fence at the Fulford ferry terminal, waiting for the 6:15 a.m. Skeena Queen sailing to Swartz Bay.



PHOTO BY KAYLEE LAPIERRE

5:12 am Early morning light illuminates Vancouver Island hills looking down Sansum Narrows from Channel Ridge. The summer solstice was at 9:24 p.m. on June 20.



PHOTO BY KIM THOMPSON

5:29 am Daisies greet the day on a Cross Road property.



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6:05 am Old blue Patterson family home sits unused after recently being acquired by BC Ferries for eventual expansion of the Fulford ferry terminal parking lot.

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10:36 am Early Learning for Families (ELF) program student makes a line in the sand with a bucket at Beddis Beach during the annual end-of-year picnic for the School District 64 preschool program.



PHOTO BY AVRIL KIRBY

10:48 am Doris St. Germain weeds in her vegetable garden.



PHOTO BY JULIA GILBERT

8:34 am Friends Isla Hammond, left, and Ayla Stevens are excited to have an all-day play date.



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10:33 am BC Ferries' new Salish Eagle vessel makes its first landing at the Long Harbour dock on its inaugural day of service.

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9:30 am Scott Staines cleans the Coast Guard's fast response rigid hull inflatable craft at the Ganges dock.



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9:38 am A Sunset Farm sheep stares down the photographer.



PHOTO BY AVRIL KIRBY

9:54 am Jeanne Villadsen works on some tomato plants at Fraser's Thimble Farms.



PHOTO BY SEAN HITREC

10:37 am Kids attending the Early Learning for Families year-end picnic at Beddis Beach get a kick out of a dad playing in the sand.



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9:03 am John Wakefield zooms along Lower Ganges Road in his velomobile.

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8:59 am Home-care aide Natalie Mills gets set to see one of her last clients at Meadowbrook before retiring on June 21.



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10:00 am An old GMC truck in a field of common daisies on Beaver Point Road.



PHOTO BY STAN GARROD

10:45 am Larry Woods makes cheese at the Salt Spring Cheese Farm.



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10:05 am Jona and Priya have a bike ride at Grace Point.



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10:53 am Fisherman rows in St. Mary Lake.

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10:20 am Jack Rosen, left, and Aidan Jack prepare boats for an Island Escapades kayak tour to Chocolate Beach.



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9:30 am Lottie Devindisch of the Music Makers of the Anglican Parish gathers flowers from Diana Symons' garden to decorate All Saints church for the June 21 Tea à Tempo recital, which she does every Wednesday during summer months.



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10:45 am Ted Ritson takes Al Reimer out to enjoy the ECU garden at Lady Minto Hospital.

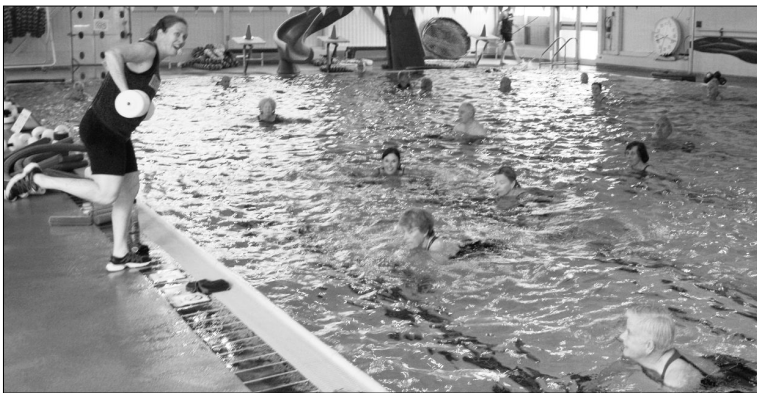


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8:45 am Michelle Goss Baxter leads an Aquafit Energizer class at Rainbow Road Indoor Pool.



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8:04 am School kids get on the bus headed to Fernwood Elementary School with only seven days remaining before summer holidays arrive.

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11:06 am Robert Bateman works on a painting of eagles in his studio.

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11 am to 2 pm



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11:43 am Dr. Dan Kalf in his Kings Lane Medical Clinic office in front of some of his own nature photographs.



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12:39 pm Erika Sharp demonstrates a one-handed cartwheel to her friends at the Salt Spring Elementary School playground.

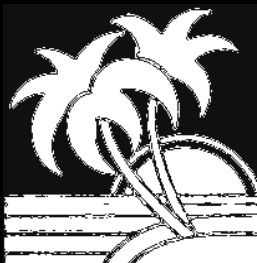


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11:11 am Clouds are reflected in the water of the Centennial Dock boat basin.

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1:35 pm Marg Monro receives flowers along with The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers at the Strawberry Tea event at Salt Spring Seniors. The medal recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country. Monro has led the Caregivers Support Group at Salt Spring Seniors for many years.

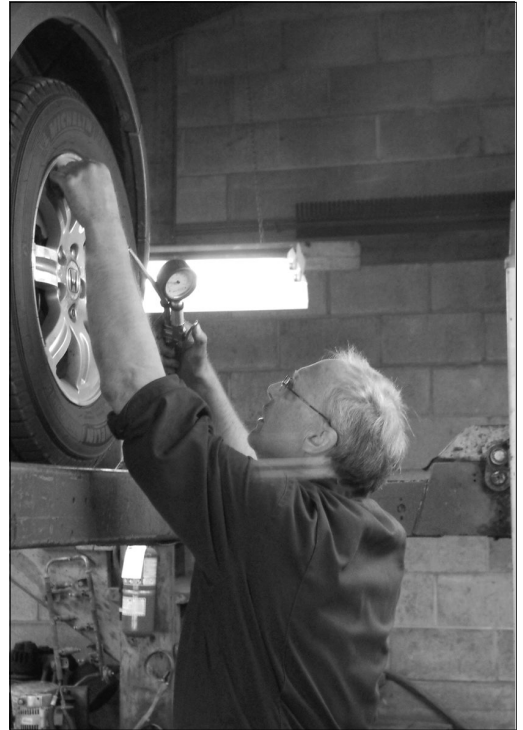


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11:05 am Wolfgang Temmel checks tire pressure on a vehicle at his Ganges Auto Marine shop.

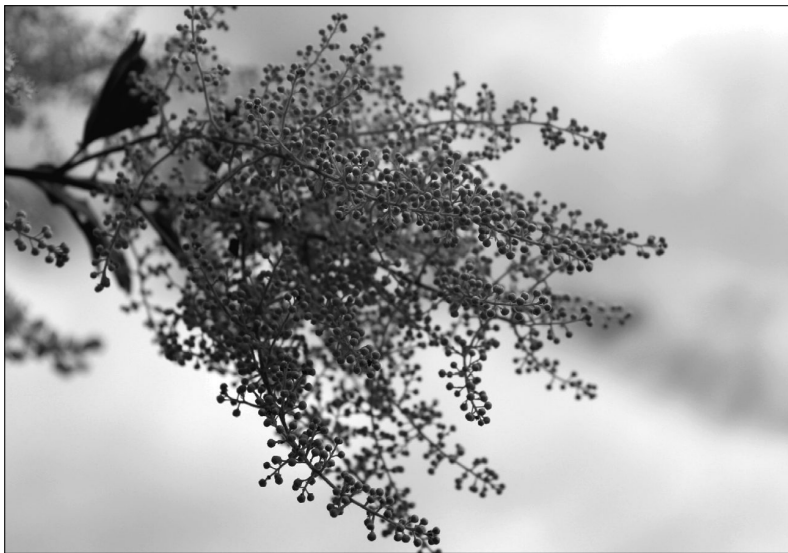


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11:16 am Close-up of on-the-cusp-of-blooming ocean spray flowers on Fulford-Ganges Road. Also known as *Holodiscus discolor*, the plant has been in full glory throughout Salt Spring Island so far this summer.



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12:30 pm A young soccer player gets set to boot the ball on the field at Salt Spring Elementary School.

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11:19 am A pigeon holds dried grass in its beak on the government wharf in Ganges.



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1:35 pm Art show as part of the Strawberry Tea and National Aboriginal Day event at Salt Spring Seniors.



PHOTO BY ROBIN JENKINSON

12:00 pm Robin Jenkinson takes a break at noon for a snack and to read her Wednesday Driftwood.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJIJBERG

12:23 pm Ian Williamson, chief engineer on the Salish Eagle, takes questions from visitors during a tour of the engine room on the vessel's first day of service on the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands route.



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1:05 pm The Lost Chords seniors choir sings at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre. New singers are always welcome to join the group.

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12:15 pm From left, ferry tour participant Michael Murray and Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee chair Harold Swierenga listen to BC Ferries CEO and president Mark Collins explain a facet of the new Salish Eagle vessel's operating system.



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12:48 pm Pauline Bath dusts above a door in Lady Minto Hospital's Extended Care Unit.



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12:31 pm Marie Beaudoin braids Rhian Bourcier's hair during lunchtime recess at Salt Spring Elementary.

PHOTO BY SEAN HITREC

1:16 pm Strawberry shortcake servings are set out, waiting to be topped with whipped cream as guests take in proceedings at the Strawberry Tea at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre.



PHOTO BY NELSON KENNEDY

12:40 pm The "Old Codgers" group meets to solve the world's problems as it has every Wednesday for more than eight years. Clockwise from left is Dr. Bill Whitelaw, Theo Prystawik, Mark Meredith, Dr. Dwight Nelson, Aubrey Smith, Nelson Kennedy and Ted Dodds. Missing is Paul Konig.



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4:57pm Mary Waugh has a snuggle with Smokie.



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4:44 pm Anemones feed in a Ruckle Park tidal pool.

2 to 5 pm




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3:50 pm Rick Abramyk whacks weeds at the Salt Spring Seeds farm on Toynbee Road.





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4:00 pm Jaden Havelaar, age 7, gets air on his scooter at the Kanaka Road Skatepark.





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2:15 pm Tea à Tempo patrons enjoy a concert at All Saints by violinist Natasha Hall, who lives in London, England, pictured, and pianist Yoomi Kim from Victoria. Tea à Tempo recitals, with tea and treats rather than lunch served by the Anglican Caterers after the music, replaced the long-running Music and Munch series last fall.

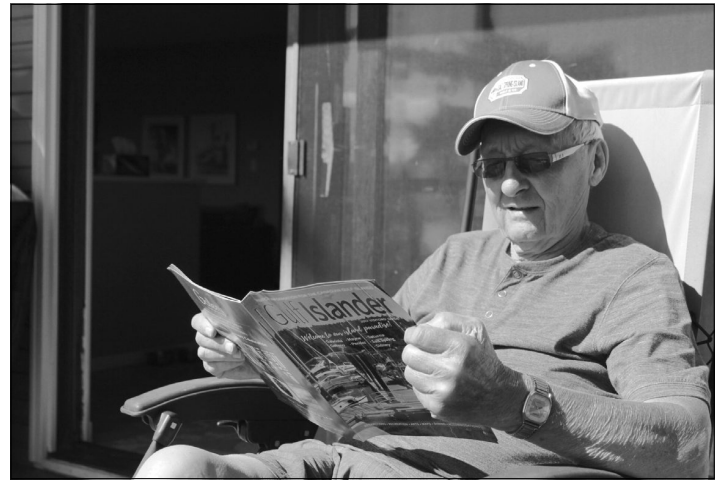


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4:41 pm Bob Zolob, a visitor to Salt Spring from North Bay, Ont., plans his next activity with a copy of the Gulf Islander Visitors' Guide.

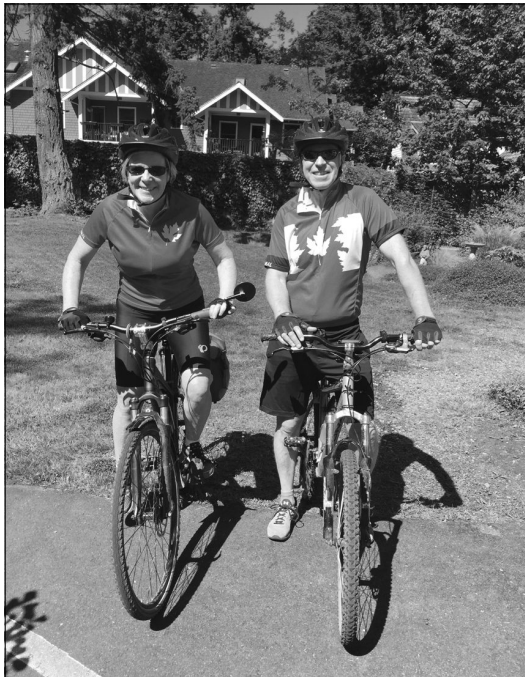


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3:56 pm Kelly-Ann and Hue Haslauer train to ride in the July 22-23 Victoria Hospice 200-km Cycle of Life Tour as Team Bill. All the money they raise will go to Salt Spring Hospice.



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2:46 pm A swan and cygnets leave their "reserved" spot on the Centennial Dock to meet a person ready to feed them.



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3:33 pm Wayne "Bliss" Ololawishkya demonstrates his skill on a slack line in Centennial Park.

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3:30 pm Four-year-old Ry Havelaar plays at the co-op preschool playground.



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4:58 A song sparrow chirps while perched on a wire.



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4:08 pm Woodworker Andy Thomas at work in the Cedar Mountain Studios facility.



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3:30 pm Jana Zachariou and Marcia Jeanne sit at the Salt Spring Photography Club's Eclectic Visions show at Gallery 8 while an exhibit visitor views the artwork from a bench.



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2:35 pm Jessica Harkema washes bottles at the Salt Spring Wild cidery.



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4:10 pm Susan Benson works on one of her portraits of islanders in a series she hopes to complete this year.



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3:15 pm A crow takes a step on the fence by Mouat's garden shed in Ganges.



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3:30 pm Tara Galpin's yoga class in session at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga on Blackburn Road.



PHOTO BY MAGGIE O'SCALLEIGH

2:37 pm School District 64 maintenance personnel Budd Kerr, left, and Graham Tweddle head out for an afternoon coffee break.



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3:40 pm A Salt Spring Elementary School student waters a raised bed at the school. Food and hillside gardens are new additions to the property.



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5:46 pm Daniel Ureta tests his mettle in the skate park bowl.



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6:50 pm Ayla Stevens celebrates her Aunt's birthday with a hot dog at Vesuvius Beach.



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7:31 pm Chevy takes a break after a day of play.



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5:53 pm Suppertime lineup at the Salt Spring Elementary School Grade 5 camping trip at Ruckle Park.

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6:47 pm Addison Gosset blows bubbles at Vesuvius Beach.



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5:46 pm John Quesnel rides his bike at the Kanaka Road Skate Park.



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5:50 pm Honey finds some shade on a warm June 21 evening.



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7:31 pm An island van has lots to say through stickers of all kinds.



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7:21 pm Bryan Dubien sports his "game face" as he prepares for another games night at Foxes at Play.



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6:15 pm Friends gather for their annual solstice picnic at Vesuvius Beach.



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7:29 pm
Jenny Redpath and her daughter Elliotte enjoy a giggle together.



PHOTO BY LYNN THOMPSON

7:44 pm
A rabbit contemplates joining hurdle practice.



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5:55 pm Alura Gilbert and Shawn Isaac reveal the "baby bump" on Gilbert's birthday.



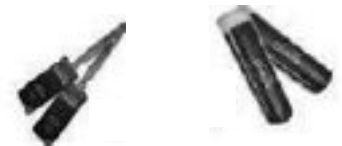
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5:29 pm Haydin Mullins takes a leap off the rocks at Ruckle Park.

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8:02 pm Sunlight strikes a canoeist in St. Mary Lake.

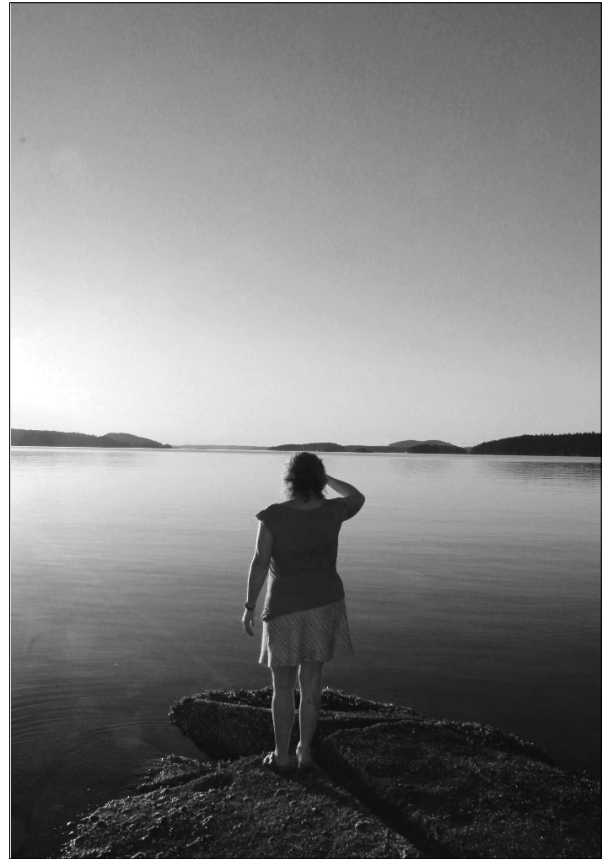


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8:42 pm Kelly Waters takes in the gorgeous sunset at Southey Point.



PHOTO BY KIM THOMPSON

8:30 pm Tahlea Balint, Lily McCluskey, Gabrielle Morgan and Soleil Bennett-Peters enjoy snacks on their camping trip at Ruckle Park.



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9:08 pm A pair of purple martins at a Fernwood Dock nest box.

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9:04 pm BC Ferries personnel Roberta, Paul and Dave check in with each other while working on the Queen of Nanaimo's last run back to Salt Spring Island from Tsawwassen. The next day the 53-year-old vessel was taken out of service for eight days while a mechanical issue was fixed. The ship will be retired from service after this summer is over.



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8:34 pm Liam Stevens eats his favourite food — corn on the cob!

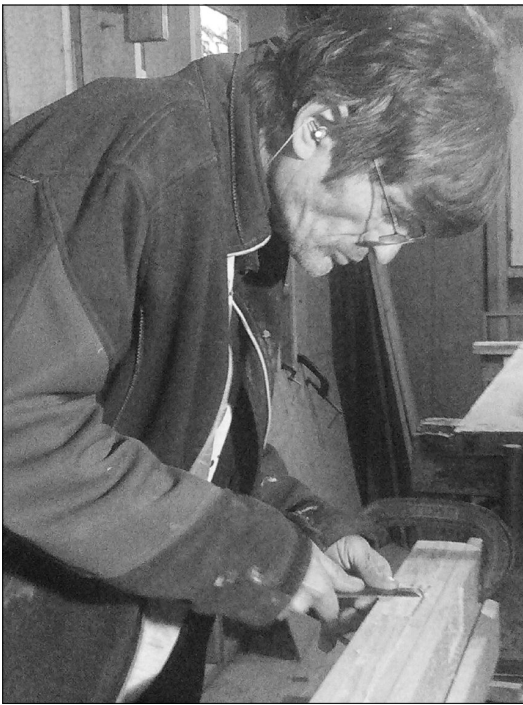


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8:30 pm Ian Van Wyck chisels the mortise for the hinge of the new front door of Cats Pajamas Studio.



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8:45 pm Betty Thompson walks beneath ocean spray blossoms on the Quarry Park Trail.



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8:46 pm A fawn browses as dusk approaches on June 21.

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THEATRE REVIEW

As You Like It update provides gentle fun



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ExitStageLeft cast members meet up in 'the Forest of Arden' during Friday night's performance of As You Like It at Mouat Park. From left are Vera Algoet, Charlie Beaver, Jekka Mack and Christina Penhale.

Shakespeare comedy infused with '60s flavour

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mouat Park is transformed into the idyllic Forest of Arden for select nights this month as exit-StageLeft Productions brings Shakespeare's As You Like It to an updated setting in the Summer of Love. Director Jeffrey Renn's vision turns out to be a sound one. The "back to the land" ethos lends itself well to As You Like It's loose assembly of noble outcasts trying to make a new home in the woods. And a flowered garland is equally well placed on the brow of an Elizabethan maiden as a flower child from 1967.

The scene is set before the play begins with a song circle starting a half-hour before showtime. Attendees are advised to get their seats in the Mouat Park meadow in time to participate, as the songs are key to establishing the mood of the time period.

The audience's participation serves to break down the separation between the world of the play and the real world before the action even starts. The staging of the play within the forest is another effective way of reinforcing that ideal: There is no constructed stage or set to distance the actors from the audience, and many of the entrances are done through the crowd rather than from the "wings."

After such a strong-set-up, Renn's emphasis moves to Shakespeare's plot rather than an insistence on hammering home the theme. Small script changes make the story more cohesive, but the overall effect is light.

A veteran of the stage, including Shaw and Stratford festivals, Renn also lends his experience to a prime role. Hearing him deliver his lines as Jacques is a delightful insight onto how Shakespeare's language is able to reach home even today. The character gets several famous lines and speeches, includ-

ing the Seven Stages of Man — and it's a treat to hear them delivered by a professional.

ExitStageLeft company principals Christina Penhale and Jekka Mack are also right on track. As the play's central figure Rosalind, Penhale in particular gets to show what a fine actor she has become over the years, demonstrating a vigorous engagement with love and justice for all. She moves easily from the love-struck woman jealous of a single minute of her lover's time to a no-nonsense arbitrator of others' situations.

Mack, meanwhile, gets to ham it up a bit more as Celia, Rosalind's cousin who dives into the romance of escaping into the forest until she has to deal with lots of luggage and no food.

The scenes between the two cousins are consistently lovely, with all the teasing and affection one finds between two close female friends.

Brendan Elwell is charming as Rosalind's love interest Orlando, and the scenes between the two are nicely done. Particularly sweet is the discussion

of how time travels differently for different people. (There's also a hilarious "wrestling" contest between the slender Elwell and nearly as slight John Hoyle.)

Many of the play's best moments in fact come in its pairings, as opposing character types play off each other. A funny exchange between Vera Algoet as the simple shepherd Corin and Charlie Beaver as the fool Touchstone starts with them trading aphorisms and then moves to an argument on city versus country virtues. Another quick but memorable exchange is between Orlando and Jacques, who take an instant dislike to one another.

Rounding out the principle roles, Derrick Milton does double duty as Duke Fred and his exiled brother Duke Senior, and does such a good job of making each believable as an individual character that audiences would probably be fine even without the visual cues of his all-black costume versus rainbow suspenders.

Young people are once again well represented in the cast, with nice turns by Hannah Pearson as the nasty Phoebe and Kevin Gray as her willing slave, and Margo Milton showing good comedic instincts as a lusty shepherd girl.

There are still plenty of opportunities to see the show, which runs Thursday through Saturday nights July 6 to 8 and again from July 13 to 15, plus an afternoon matinee on July 8. Tickets are available at the gate or in advance at Mondo Trading.

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Wed. July 5 **Thu. July 6** **Fri. July 7** **Sat. July 8** **Sun. July 9** **Tue. July 11** **Wed. July 12**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Trio Concordia Constans. Anke Smeele, Connie Holmes and David Storm perform at Tea a Tempo recital, with special guest Jean McClure. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. Optional tea and treats to follow.
Auntie Kate, Brent Shindell and Dave Roland. Live Music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Cowboy Junkies. SOLD OUT. Bullock Lake Farm. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Bittancourt House Museum. Museum open at the Farmers' Institute every Wednesday through Sunday in July and August. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Summer Reading Club. Salt Spring Library hosts in the Children's Area. Drop in for fun books, crafts games and more with the theme Walk on the Wild Side. For ages 5 and up. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Salt Spring Fire Protection District. Special board meeting for discussion on policies related to elections and bullying and harassment. SSI United Church, lower hall. 5:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
As You Like It. Shakespeare's comedy as set in The Summer of Love, in a musical presented by exitStageLeft Productions with Graffiti Theatre. Directed by Jeffrey Renn at the Moutat Park Meadow. Gates open 6 p.m., music jam 6:30 p.m., play starts at 7. Bring blankets or low beach chairs.
Sharon Bailey and Craig McKerron. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Special Film Screening. On A Quest ~ Depicting a Life from Child, Adult, Patriot, Atheist, Seeker & His Transformation Into A Spiritual Master. With guest speaker Darryl Snaychuk to follow. SSI Wellness Centre. Reception at 7:15 p.m. and film at 7:30 p.m.
Classic Rock Bingo. Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.



Friday Wine Down. Live music, food and tastings. Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Marianne Grittani. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Buck Dodgers. Live band at the Legion. 7:15 p.m.
Warless with Ripple Illusion. Live soul/roots/funk/afrobeat/reggae/pop/fun at Moby's. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.
Art Show Opening: Robert Primes. "Discoveries" - Photo show inspired by urban stimuli, by award-winning cinematographer. Steffich Fine Art. 5 to 7 p.m.
Art Show Opening: Nicola Wheston. Wheston returns to her fascination with composition and the relationships of shapes to each other in any given space in A Celebration of Everyday Things. Show runs to Aug. 2, with opening event at Mahon hall from 6 to 8 p.m.



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ACTIVITIES
Saturday Market in the Park. Locally produced crafts, foods and produce at famous event in Centennial Park. 8:30 to 4 p.m.
Family StoryTime in the Park. Join Salt Spring Public Library program for ages 3 to 6 at Centennial Park. Parental supervision required. 12 noon to 12:45 p.m.
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

Sun. July 9
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Music in the Vineyards. Salt Spring Vineyards features live music every Sunday. 2 to 4 p.m.
Buck McDonald. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Gwen Gagne CD Release. Singer/songwriter Gwen Gagne is joined by Andy Meyers, Kathy Stack and Adam Huber for release of latest album. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.
Gardening with Arthritis. Free workshop from the Arthritis Society. Learn about creative ways that can make gardening with arthritis easier. Register at 1-866-414-7766. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Art Show Opening: Asha Robertson and Tai Dunkley-Whelan. Double exhibition at The Point Gallery features Robertson's show A Woman's Work in the lower gallery and Dunkley-Whelan's Vertigo on the upper level. Show runs until August 6. Opening reception from 2 to 5 p.m.
SS Forum: In Conversation with Madeleine Thien. One of Canada's most exciting writers joins the Salt Spring Forum for a special Canada 150-themed discussion moderated by Kevin Patterson. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



Mon. July 10
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Mud + Murdoch. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Summer Library Camp. Fun and laughs and crafts exploring Canadian authors, history and themes. Two daily sessions at the library: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 8-12.
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Board of trustees hold special meeting on old business. Salt Spring United Church. 5:30 pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Mic with Richard Cross. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Jim Byrnes, Steve Dawson & Linda McCrae Concert. SOLD OUT. Pitchfork Social concert at Bullock Lake Farm. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Local, organic food producers and food artisans offer goods every Tuesday from June through September. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.
Trivia Tuesday. Tuesdays at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Summer Library Camp. See Monday's listing.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Tea à Tempo presents Linda Quinn. Salt Spring pianist and singer plays concert on theme of Evocation. With guests Women of Note choir. All Saints By-the-Sea. Concert begins at 2:10 pm. Optional tea and treats to follow.

ACTIVITIES
Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.
Summer Library Camp. See Monday's listing.

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Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales — Captain Jack Sparrow finds the winds of ill-fortune blowing when deadly ghost pirates led by Captain Salazar escape from the Devil's Triangle, determined to kill every pirate at sea... including him.
Captain Underpants — With a tidy plot, clean animation and humour that fits its source material snugly, Captain Underpants is entertainment that won't drive a wedge between family members.

EXHIBITIONS
Delicacy of Steel, a show of sculpture by **Bev Petow** and paintings by **Michael Robb**, is on at Duthie Gallery through Aug. 15.
Steffich Fine Art presents Discoveries, a photo show by cinematographer **Robert Primes** beginning Friday, July 7 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Show continues through July 16.

EXHIBITIONS
Painter Nicola Wheston's A Celebration of Everyday Things is on the **Showcase** stage at ArtCraft at Mahon Hall, beginning with an opening reception on Friday, July 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. The show runs through Aug. 2.
The Point Gallery presents A Woman's Work, an installation by **Asha Robertson** in the lower gallery, and Vertigo, an installation by **Tai Dunkley-Whelan** in the upper gallery, beginning with an opening reception on Sunday, July 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. The show continues to Aug. 6. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday.
Diana Dean — New Landscapes and Selected Works — runs daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 9 at #17 Merchant Mews.
Ripple Effect 2 - Water themed art for the Salish Sea, a multi-artist exhibit, is at **Salt Spring Gallery** until July 30.
 Photographer **Judy McPhee** shows Images in Still Life at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until July 15.

EXHIBITIONS
ArtCraft, the Salt Spring Arts Council's annual show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artisans, runs daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The **Salt Spring Basketry Guild** marks its 20th anniversary with Nests, an outdoor exhibit the hall.
Salty Pear Gallery is now open at 279 Rainbow Rd. with an exhibition of recent work by photographer **Stasia Garraway**.
Nuuseum is an exhibition of 15 artists working in different media showing at **Pod Contemporary** until July 8.
Kizmit Galeria and Cafe — Meanderings, paintings, woodwork and pottery by **Barb Edwards, Luke Weller and Laura Keil** during business hours, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., through July.
M.C. Benmore shows photographs in her Salt Spring Goddess series in the hallway at the Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe.
Judy McPhee shows photographs with a theme of automobiles at **Embe Bakery's** sandwich shop.

ART REVIEW

Island landscapes take on new spirit

Diana Dean's new work at Merchant Mews to July 9

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Diana Dean may occupy a senior position in the island's art scene, but she continues to expand both her own understanding of paint and Salt Spring's reputation as a centre of high-quality work.

The fact that the reputation is well deserved is easily demonstrated in her latest series of paintings, which can be seen at Merchant Mews until July 9. Her vivid oils have often focused on figure and narrative; in these works it's the island and its surrounding sea and sky that take a central role.

"I think what I love about this show is it's such a celebration of Salt Spring and Diana's time here," exhibition curator Anthony Matthews said during Friday night's opening reception.

Matthews noted Dean has spent 35 years walking around and looking at the island, which acts as muse rather than model. Her landscapes are recognizable for their island contours and sea vistas, but nothing is a straight-up representation of any one place. As well, her lush palette is not necessarily what one sees in nature, but as Matthews says, the colours in which Salt Spring should be shown.

Dean's reference material for the new landscapes includes some sketches and paper works she did as long as 30 years ago. Places like her own gardens, a waterfall near Musgrave Road and the former Mansell Farm are touchstones for her own interpretations of space. In many instances she changes the setting for a favourite shrub or tree, or adds a structure from an altogether different location. The paintings are therefore infused with the spirit of Salt Spring as a specific place, but not



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Diana Dean with her new work during an opening reception at Merchant Mews held Friday evening.

a mirror.

"You can go take a photograph if you want an exact thing. These are something else," Dean said.

The lush pigmentation in the paintings comes through multiple layers of paint and oil medium, plus Dean's love for pure pigments such as ultramarine blue and carmine red. (One nice luxury of her current age is she can afford to use all the paint she wants to instead of measuring it out carefully.)

Dean is enamoured with light at sunset or the golden hour just before that, and pays close attention to the way it patterns through clouds and across surfaces. Cool tones in the background expertly set off the warm flowers and shrubs of the foreground in pieces like Mansell Farm, and frame a central burst of colour in Landscape with Sunflowers.

"It's trying to get a balance — to make it one piece of music," Dean said.

In her most recent work, Dean is also employing some of the abstract techniques she favoured in her early career. Plants and flowers are stylized and slightly geometric. Composition is also arranged through geometric principles and a focus on negative space.

Also included in the show are some of the older sketches that helped inspire the new works, plus two sculptures — the medium that Dean first established herself with while in England.

The sculpture titled Rebirth is an impressive feat of balance and flow, with its arrangement of geometrical shapes fixed in unlikely harmony. Dean carved the original into a single block of wood in 1964 and named it after her first son, Tom. Having recently regained the work, the new version was cast in bronze by her son Jacob Burton.

Dean's show is located at Artspace, which is Unit 17 at Merchant Mews, with hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through this Sunday.

EXHIBITIONS

Art enlivens weekend

Three shows open Friday and Sunday

This coming weekend will provide a full portfolio of options for art lovers on the island, with new shows opening on the ArtCraft stage, Steffich Fine Art and The Point.

Steffich is taking an unusual course with Discoveries, a photography show by acclaimed cinematographer Robert Primes opening Friday, July 7 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

Press material from the gallery explains Primes recently retired from teaching cinematography at the American Film Institute. Before that he won Emmys and an ASC award for his cinematography of major television dramas. His body of work includes feature films, documentaries and commercials as well as forays into directing, live theatre and film making.

The Discoveries series is about shapes and rhythms, people and places. Primes' inspiration has been born from urban settings brimming with stimuli — a stark contrast to Salt Spring's rural setting.

Nicola Wheston also has a new

show opening Friday, with A Celebration of Everyday Things taking the stage at ArtCraft.

In these paintings Wheston returns to her fascination with composition and the relationships of shapes to each other in any given space. Many of the objects in the series are renditions of her own household collection of things, revealing the artist's appreciation for well-crafted tools and implements, and how they can often be used to enhance their owners' lives, sometimes for decades.

The show runs daily to Aug. 2. An opening reception takes place Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., and an artist talk is scheduled for Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m.

Over at The Point Gallery, Wheston's daughter Asha Robertson will be part of a joint show with Tai Dunkley-Whelon.

Their installations in the lower and upper galleries have a common theme of addressing the outcomes women face in trying to balance a full life in the work place with the demands of creating a nurturing home and family life.

An opening reception for the two artists takes place Sunday, July 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. The show continues to Aug. 6.

THE ARTCRAFT SHOWCASE GALLERY PRESENTS:

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WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

BOOMERFIT — Enjoy fitness classes outdoors this summer. Contact Trisha, cert. personal trainer, for details. 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656

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

COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone problems at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre's new office at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start)

KIRTAN at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Salt Spring Baptist Church, around the back, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

SWING DANCE at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy

Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.

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

YOGA - Mixed levels with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

THURSDAY

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m. Info: Claire at 778-353-0029 or clairebeariona@yahoo.com.

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT™ CLASS with Alice Friedman at the Gatehouse, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.

LUNCH at Salt Spring Seniors. 12 to 1 p.m.

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

PICKLEBALL at Fernwood Elementary School gym. 6 to 9 p.m. No experience necessary.

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

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

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

EVERY FRIDAY

AIKIDO for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids 5 to 6 p.m.; adults 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; alanwardroper@gmail.com.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE. All are welcome to join the tango group, Por el Amor del Tango, at weekly practicas. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: ss.tango@gmail.com

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

COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

DRUM CIRCLE meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 4 p.m.

ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING. Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.

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

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

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

EVERY SATURDAY

BRIDGE at the Legion. 1 p.m.

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

LIFE DRAWING at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: Martin, 250-537-8493.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Shannon Joyce. SSI Wellness Centre. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

SUNDAY

OPEN STAGE OLD TIMEY CAFE. On the last Sunday of every month at Fulford Hall OAP annex. 7 to 11 p.m. Everyone welcome to alcohol-free event with good music and munchies. Info: 260-653-9856

EVERY SUNDAY

KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SS Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

SUNDAY SATSANG at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY

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

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the SS United Church hall at 7 p.m. but is also having special meetings throughout July. See www.saltspringfire.com.

SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Portlock Park Portable. 5 to 7 p.m. Public welcome. But check possible summer meeting dates at 250-537-4448.

TOASTMASTERS, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library every second Monday for the summer (except statutory holidays) starting June 26. 7 to 9 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

EVERY MONDAY

ACTIVE LEARNING group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

BOOMERFIT — Enjoy fitness classes outdoors this summer. Contact Trisha, cert. personal trainer, for details. 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656

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

CRIBBAGE at the Legion. 1 p.m.

DARTS at the Legion. 5:30 p.m.

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

PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.

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

YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre (yoga studio). Mixed Levels - 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 4 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; alanwardroper@gmail.com.

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

CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 p.m.

IYENGAR YOGA with Jayne Lloyd-Jones at SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

MEN'S GROUP - Speak openly about inmost subjects. 138 Castle Cross Road from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Tristan, 604-200-7333, reinless@mender.ca or meetup.com/reinless/

PICKLEBALL at Fulford Firehall courts. 6 to 8 p.m.

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

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

PADDLE & PLAY for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Bring a snack and come play at Vesuvius Beach. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Family Place activity.

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

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Amelia and Ariel Danyluk have fun in a three-legged race as part of Canada Day festivities at the Legion.

CANADA DAY

Celebrating Canada's 150th birthday



PHOTO BY KAYLEE LAPIERRE

Donny Brook and the Haymakers get people dancing during the Grace Point Square Block Party on July 1. The party also took place on Friday evening. For more Canada Day weekend photos, see the Driftwood's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood



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Bruce Mills checks out the vehicles at the annual Canada Day Show & Shine Classic Car Show at the Hydro field in Ganges.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Elected officials get together during events at the Show & Shine site in Ganges, which included live music, cake-cutting and more. From left is islands trustee Peter Grove, CRD electoral area director Wayne McIntyre, MP Elizabeth May and MLA Adam Olsen.



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Children sing as part of evening presentations in Rotary Marine Park. Young singers learned a song specially composed by Valdy for Canada Day and directed by Caroni Young.

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Born in Vancouver and raised in London UK, the only child of Raissa (photographer/activist) and Robin (visual/performance artist), Rachel returned to Canada in her late teens.

Rachel lived an artist's life through and through. Though known and celebrated primarily as a singer/songwriter, she listened for her muse in music production, photography, painting, writing, computer graphics, fashion design, gardening/landscaping and in loves and friendships, always leading with an open heart, a big smile, boundless curiosity and determination to master a new skill. She created home and contributed enormously in many music/art communities, most notably London Ontario, Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Toronto.

The London Ontario music scene in the 70s and early 80s was musical gold for Rachel. Centered around the Change of Pace restaurant/music venue, she honed her songwriting and guitar playing skills in the company of a raft of fine aspiring musicians. She attended performances of just about every established singer/songwriter of that era. Rachel contributed her health food cooking skills to the club and she hosted the open stage night as well. She graduated in the music production program at Fanshawe College and formed many lifelong friendships during those formative years, among them her future husband Thomas Handy, then touring as a guitarist with Mose Scarlett.

After relocating again to the West Coast, she released two collections of original songs: Fool for Love (1989) and Chase the Blues (1993) and performed throughout Canada and the UK and in many of her community venues for many years.

Back in Toronto in 2000, Rachel and Thomas rediscovered each other and eventually married in 2003. They made beautiful music together and often sat in at each other's gigs.

Like all artists, Rachel sometimes relied on other work to support herself. She was on staff at Bullfrog Studios in Vancouver, the feedstore in Maple Ridge and was an administrative assistant at ADR Chambers law firm in Toronto. All who encountered Rachel fondly remember her infectious joy and laughter at work.

Rachel transformed her empathy into compassionate action at every opportunity throughout her life. She mentored many young people - especially songwriters, fostered two children (Mayra and James), nursed her first dog Thyme back to life and became a fierce advocate for all those in need, in danger or marginalized in her community and beyond.

In 2004, Rachel's life changed dramatically when she became permanently disabled. She courageously took on the task of managing her chronic pain, fatigue and loss of mobility. To be closer to her family and friends, Rachel and Thomas moved west, settling on Salt Spring Island in 2006. Soon after, her recently widowed and disabled Dad joined us and together, with her two dogs Shiraz and Bella, we formed a family life of love and mutual support that sustained us during these 11 years. As such an outgoing and gregarious soul, Rachel sometimes felt the loss of her independence keenly and longed to embrace life as she had in the past. We are deeply grateful to our neighbours, her friends near and far, and fellow photographers, painters and singers who supported and celebrated Rachel during her years here on Salt Spring. They became comrades on many journeys of her creative imagination and these gifts helped her immensely in living with her disability.

Our family received a great shock in December 2013, when Rachel and Robin were both diagnosed with cancer during the same week. Sadly, Robin passed away the following spring and, soon after, his sister Rosemary who was a favorite aunt of Rachel's also passed. The following spring with great heart and courage, comforting others as they comforted her. She found strength by aligning herself fully to the natural rhythms of life during her last years. Living and planning each coming season and grounded in the spirit of this island, Rachel fully embraced her journey. She was able to shine her light for us much longer than was expected with her diagnosis, and lived comfortably at home until her final few days. She was given her last wish to see her garden in full bloom this year. Rachel died peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital at the close of a warm spring day, held in a circle of loving family and friends. She is deeply missed here at home by her partner and best pal Thomas and the dogs, Shiraz and Bella.

Rachel is mourned by her uncles Dan and Jonathan and their families, her aunt Pat, and her many Page family cousins: Jeannie, Josh and Shelley Wilson, Page Wilson, Suzanne, Chris, Monica, Katy, Norman, Duncan, Bradley and their families; by her brothers and sisters in law: Frank and Leta, Jan and Nancy, Matt, Lynne, Roy and their families. She is remembered fondly by Adrienne (her late mother's partner) and all her friends in Wales and England, and her cousin and childhood friend Terri in Nova Scotia; all her music buddies/collaborators, including Jim and Darrell, and many sister pals - Peyton, Pam, Sandy, Suzy, Bonnie and Cherelle plus many others from her London Ontario, Vancouver and Maple Ridge days; also her artist friends Manuel, Marianne, Daphne, Spike, Philip and Dorothy who she met during her Dad's long career as an artist and professor in Berlin and Munich and continued to stay in touch with.

Throughout her years and during her passing on Salt Spring, Rachel was constantly loved and supported by a group of close friends. We are forever grateful to our neighbors, Dave and Laurie, Bill and Helen, Chris and Brenda and our constant companions in spirit: Puma Ma, Elvira, Neil and Usha, Dan and Jeannine, Tom and Judy and Rachel's adopted young ones, Krystl, Reg and Patricia.

We are especially grateful to our longtime family physician, Dr. Shane Barday for his years of professional service and compassion for our family. His many consultations gave Rachel great confidence as her journey unfolded. Heartfelt thanks also for the support of our VIHA home nurses; Carolyn, Leanne, Roselynn and Karen, to Cheryl and the Beacon Community Services staff, the Red Cross, the Pharmasave staff and the nurses and support staff at Lady Minto Hospital who attended Rachel with great skill and care during her brief time there.

Thanks to the community of Salt Spring Island for the many, many kindnesses to Rachel and her family over the years.

No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations to Lady Minto Hospital would be welcome. Please visit the online memorial for Rachel at www.haywardfuneral.com

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Lorna Cameron

On June 14th, 2017, Lorna Cameron passed away at the age of 60 at Greenwood care facility on Salt Spring Island, after a long, courageous struggle with Huntington's disease.

Lorna grew up in the beaches area of Toronto, 4th in a family of 6, and the first of the Cameron clan born in Canada after her parents Elizabeth (nee MacMillan) and Ian emigrated from Troon, Scotland. She was pre-deceased by her older sister Heather who also succumbed to the disease, and will be missed by her nieces and nephews Cameron, Dylan, Owen, Marnie, Jade, Sierra, Danica, Kim, Tara, Becky, Maya, her brothers Jim (Sharon Cameron), Ross, Bruce (Susan Lundy) and Craig (Sandra Odendahl), her beloved dog Sable, and her many friends in Toronto and on Salt Spring, which she made her home since coming to the island with Shari Macdonald in 1990.

Lorna's big appetite for life and her love of fun and adventure led her to ride motorcycles, jump out of an airplane, play women's rugby and volleyball and celebrate life intensely. With a passion for dance, she was usually the first up and last down on any given dance floor.

During her life, Lorna worked as a recreational therapist to special needs adults, an ESL teacher, and an aerobics and dance instructor. On Salt Spring, she was a support worker at organizations such as Choices, Community Initiatives and a women's counseling crisis line.

Lorna inspired all who loved her with her boundless, positive energy, infectious enthusiasm for dance, spirit of adventure and mischievous sense of humour. Later in her life, she was often seen surrounded by dogs, all vying for her attention (and treats from her treat bag) at places like Fernwood, Burgoyne Bay, Duck Creek and Channel Ridge.

Surrounded by loved ones during the last few days of her struggle, she died peacefully and graciously, supported in love and compassion by the wonderful staff at Greenwood's.

A celebration of Lorna's life will be held on Salt Spring Island on Sunday, July 9 from 6-10 pm at Lion's Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave. As Lorna would have wished, there will be food (potluck), refreshments, live music, and of course, dancing. A celebration of life will also be held in Toronto on Sunday July 16 at the home of Jim and Sharon Cameron.

Anyone wishing to honour Lorna's memory is encouraged to donate to the Cameron family Huntington's disease fund.

For what is it to die, but stand in the sun and melt into the wind?

And when the Earth has claimed our limbs, then we will truly dance.

Kahlil Gibran

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IN MEMORIAM



DR. CLAUD EGGERT ANDRESS

January 30, 1933 – June 23, 2017

Claus Andress died peacefully in North Vancouver, after a very long and dignified struggle with ill-health. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Alice. He will be sorely missed by his children and grandchildren:

Catie Sharples and her husband Tim, their children Megan and Noah of Cookham, UK; Mary Wendling and her husband Gilles and their children, Sophie, Madeleine and Lucie of Nanaimo; Caroline Battista and her husband Perry, their children, Alice and James of North Vancouver; and Peter Andress and his wife Sylvia, and their children, Alyssa and Cyrus of Salt Spring Island.

Claus and his family moved to Salt Spring Island in 1975. He was the much loved veterinarian for the Gulf Islands from 1974 to 2000. He will be remembered for founding the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic in Ganges, and for his gentle and compassionate care of animals and owners alike. His career in the Gulf Islands holds many wonderful stories: being called out to attend to seals in Mayne Island harbour, rescuing an eagle which later went to a zoo in Germany, treating a horse on a ferry that had run aground...He was instrumental in bringing the SPCA to British Columbia. Claus had been a warden at St. Georges Church in Ganges. He was a keen member of the choir, "Tuned Air" for many years, and was a volunteer for the SSI hospice movement. He was a very active member of the community, belonging to the tennis club, Scottish Country Dancers, Johann Strauss Foundation, and the Salt Spring Players.

In 2003, Claus and Alice moved to Nanaimo to get the medical care that she required. As well as a devoted husband. Claus was a very involved grandfather and took great delight in spending time with his grandchildren. When Alice died in 2009, he moved to North Vancouver to live with his daughter Caroline and her family.

He was a wonderful, loving husband, father and grandfather, and we shall miss him terribly. Go well Dad; we will remember you with great fondness.

A memorial service for Claus Andress will be held on Saturday, July 15 at 2pm in St. Clement's Church, 3400 Institute Road, North Vancouver, BC V7K 2K9.

No flowers please. Donations can be made to the Salt Spring Island SPCA Shelter directly by cheque, or via the BCSPCA on their website at spca.bc.ca/branches/salt-spring-island

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When the Sun is in Cancer, which is ruled by the Moon, moods tend to swing more wildly than at other times of the year. This certainly includes highs but lows too and the shifts come quickly. With the Moon coming to full in Capricorn on July 8th, the usual spike in the graph can also be expected. Given the larger planetary background, an added measure of drama is indicated. This Sun/Moon/Earth relationship is the very foundation of astrology and observations of the synchronicities they produce represent the origins of science itself. The larger background must always be considered. The orbiting planets are ever in motion and are never in the exact same relationship twice, when the whole picture of the solar system is factored in. Since each planet symbolizes distinct archetypal forces which are mitigated according to the signs they are in and the aspects that each makes to other planets, the energy patterns are ever changing and these together reveal the greater flows of destiny. These destiny flows can be measured and this is what the science of astrology is all about. The personal impact of the planets includes the Natal Chart which is cast for the moment of first breath. This applies to countries, provinces and states, cities, business and any legal entity in existence. The difference between these and individual persons are activated by the official signature as opposed to the first breath. This level of astrology is called Mundane Astrology and what it suggests is that, like people, places have a distinct character and personality as well and are also subject to the cycles of change and these too are measurable. Have you ever noticed how each place you go to is unique? The reason is linked to the astrology of that place.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) A busy time on the home front continues. Some pretty big actions are brewing. Digging deep into what needs to be done is featured. A proactive approach in this regard may serve to offset problems cropping up. You are also in a social mood. Weaving in plenty of playtime is featured and is important for your overall success.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) Finding reason and opportunity to express a full range of your thoughts and feelings is a central theme now. Creative expressions may manifest as art and will prove extra inspiring. Allow opportunity for variety and to be spontaneous. Trusting your abilities and the flow in general may be the bigger challenge these days. Let go of control and be here now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Your social meter is rising. A period of rest and retreat is now complete. Now your focus is upon exploration and self-expression. You are on the lookout for inspirations. Social interactions are indicated and ideal in this regard. Generally, your spirits are up and you are happy to meet and greet friends new and old.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Pioneering initiatives continue to guide your focus. Circumstances are leading you into new territory. Your approach may be assertive, even aggressive. Yet, you are happy to listen more than speak. This is allowing you time study others and learn how they are and what is motivating them. Watch and learn even while you march on.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Balancing your need and desire to be social and to retreat continues. On the inner level, you are challenged to break through fears, doubts and procrastination. The flow is guiding you to enter new territory somehow. This includes meeting new people. Fortunately, you are in the mood to do both and the opportunities are available.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22) As the world turns, certain people exit the stage and new ones enter. This is probably true for you these days. This reveals the importance of tuning in to your internal compass and destiny; call it your primary relationship. In practical terms, expanding your social outreach may well be linked to business and stimulating new markets, clients and streams of income.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22) Your public and professional arenas are extra busy these days. Your ambitions are high. This includes both learning and sharing your knowledge and expertise. Fortunately, you feel extra social and open to both meeting new people and to new ideas, concepts, and philosophies. Cultural exchanges are also a source of satisfaction and inspiration.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are beginning to see a bigger picture. As you do, your imagination is ignited. At worst, this is stirring fears about the future. Positively, you can see new possibilities and are gaining insights into the revolution of evolution. Protecting some of your own interests is likely. This is your invitation to stretch out of your comfort zones.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Tending to some of the deeper things in life continues. This process includes important meetings and interactions with other key players. Your ambitions are strong now yet courage is required to act upon them. This is where the deeper challenge comes to the fore. You may be just as happy to slip into dreams of possibility to act upon another day.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Intimate interactions on relationship fronts are keeping you busy of late. This includes thinking more deeply and intently. The advantage of doing so is that nuggets of opportunity and creative inspiration for advancement are indicated, yet you have to dig deeper than you might usually to access them. Dawn your reporter's cap and ask questions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A process of adjustments, refinements, and improvements, in general, is underway. Your focus is directed both within and without. Since everything in existence is constantly changing, we are ever challenged to re-center. Doing so requires intuitive attunement. Failure to tune-in produces imbalances. Invite open communications with others in this regard and listen for clues.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) A creative cycle is underway. Yet, it is one that requires a dynamic and assertive approach. Inspirations to create beauty in your home environment are featured. So, you could find yourself engaging in spring cleaning, renovations and possibly even major moves altogether. On this high side, this is a time of returns so be open to receive and look for opportunities.

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GOLF

Women show pride for special event



Lady golfers show their red and white Canadian pride at a celebration attended by 32 golfers from all three ladies leagues on June 29 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

PHOTO COURTESY 9-HOLE LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

Ladies putting league gets going on Monday nights

BY MARCIA HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The nine-hole ladies league hosted a Canada Day team golf celebration on June 29, with 32 golfers representing all three ladies leagues.

Many varieties of red and white attire were noticed, and Canadian flags were evident around the course and on the putting green.

The winners were the team of Gail Sharp, Connie Hardy, Jennifer Pickering and Shirley LaFortune. Runners up were Jane Hickie, Diana Kramer,

GOLFTEES

Joanie Paterson and Carolyn Sharp. Paterson was also the most accurate golfer, winning closest to the line honours on Hole 9. Janet Butler picked up the KP honours on Hole 2.

Connie Hardy will head up the weekly Monday afternoon ladies putting league. It runs from 3 to 4 p.m. just prior to the Monday night ladies group tee times. An hour in the putting league can really improve short game scores for all golfers.

In 18-hole ladies play, Sharp led the Stableford game with a 55, followed

by Alice Richards with a 53. Sharp also won the Rose Bowl Trophy, edging out Lynda Joyce following four rounds of gross match play competition. The Commerce Cup net match play competition begins this week.

Members of the men's league enjoyed a five-day field trip to Vancouver, sailing on the new Salish Eagle. They honed their skills on foreign courses, from a links-style layout to a mountain course and everything in between, in preparation for summer league competition.

Don't forget the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's tournament on Saturday, July 8 (not July 9 as indicated in last week's column).

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Brown and Taylor round the bases

Baseball and bridge share similarities

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

According to the late baseball sage Yogi Berra, "One-run games can go either way, and most of the time they do." But on June 12 it was more than a one-run win for Patricia Brown and Zelly Taylor, who scored well ahead of the five tables.

It was Oleh Mycyk and Brent Vickers who were next up, followed by Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese. Ted Baldwin and Catherine Gardiner were fourth highest.

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But Yogi also noted that "predictions are hard, specially about the future." This time June 19 again provided five full tables, but nary a female on the top RBI list. It was the Bell-Margolese pair in the lead, with the Mycyk-Vickers repeating their second place. Trinlay MacPhee and Ted Bartrim came third, with George Laundry and Terry Clement in the fourth spot. The ladies must have muttered another Yogi-ism to themselves — "I ain't in no slump, I just ain't hittin'."

An important message from computer results-provider Terry Clement (to whom we are very grateful) points out another Berra truth: "The trouble is you make the wrong mistake." This applies to the fact that June 19 scores were hard to come by because batteries failed in the little machines and were not replaced in time to keep them going.

Quoting Terry this time, "As a reminder to everyone, when the batteries die there is about a 10-minute window when the batteries can be changed without affecting the game. I always have new batteries on hand."

Well, nothing daunted,

although the MacPhee-Bartrim guys homered among five full tables on June 26, the Brown-Taylor ladies tied with the Mycyk-Vickers boys to hit a triple and gain second place. The Bell-Margolese men were third best with the Laundry-Clement fellows backing them up in fourth.

For info about these games at Seniors on Monday evenings, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca. On the other hand, as Yogi also said, "If people don't want to come out to the ball park (bridge game), nobody's going to stop them."