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**COLOURFUL STATEMENT:** Downtown Ganges is a sea of colour as the Salt Spring Pride Parade gets underway on Saturday. See page 15, Salt Spring Says on page 7 and the Driftwood's Facebook page for more photos.

## INCORPORATION REFERENDUM

# Voters say 'no' to incorporation

Groups vow to work on changes within current system

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With Salt Spring voters rejecting an incorporation governance option in Saturday's referendum, the groups that campaigned both for and against the change are now looking forward to the next steps on how the existing system can be improved.

Voters rejected incorporation by a 3,930 to 2,419 margin — or 61.9 per cent. The result was decisive enough that both sides

can now focus their attention on a new road forward.

The Positively NO campaign responded to the victory in a press release issued Saturday evening, saying, "The real winner tonight is Salt Spring. By rejecting incorporation, islanders showed their support for the principles of local governance and a vision for the future of their rural island home . . . As a consequence, Salt Spring will continue to be guided, preserved and pro-

TECTED by a unique and progressive form of governance."

The YESS campaign's response on Saturday stated, "We are very disappointed in the outcome, but as the time-honoured saying goes, the people have spoken. We are happy that we've seen a record turnout at the polls for this important decision and we congratulate the opposition on their win."

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## MVI

# Metal truck flips over in Fulford

Big mess off the road but no injuries reported

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring emergency services responded to a rollover of a large, two-trailer truck on Friday in Fulford.

According to Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue, 14 firefighters responded to assist with the 11:40 a.m. crash, which saw the Schnitzel Steel truck from Victoria go over the concrete barricades in the 2800 block of Fulford-Ganges Road and roll part-way down the embankment.

"One of the trailers full of metal recycling flipped along with the cab and lost all its contents over the bank," said SSIFR Chief Arjuna George. "The last trailer was high-centred on the barricade."

George said one patient was attended to by B.C. Ambulance Services and no other injuries were reported.

"SSIFR stabilized the vehicle from any further movement and began fuel catchment. The SSIFR hazmat trailer unit responded and assisted with the spill protection. Berms, absorbent pads, trenching and booms were installed for any potential hazmat or fuel spills. No oil or contaminants entered the Fulford Harbour waterway."

Also attending the scene were Johnson Automotive and Mainroad personnel.

"Traffic was redirected for several hours during the incident," said George. "We thank everyone for their patience while we managed this complex scene."

SSIFR personnel left the site at 4 p.m. Further traffic delays resulted when heavy rescue equipment from off island arrived to remove the commercial vehicle later on Friday.

See photos on page 5.

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People at the Positively No headquarters raise a glass to celebrate victory in the incorporation referendum on Saturday night. Preliminary results were released at about 10:30 p.m. The group's initial statement is printed in the Viewpoint space on page 6, along with one from the YESS campaign.

# Trust, MLA, citizens pledge to improve governance

## REFERENDUM

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"Our belief remains that local government decisions should be made by a representative cross-section of Salt Spring Islanders. Today, not having taken the first step on that path, we reach out to our fellow Salt Springers who voted 'no' to let them know we remain committed to more effective governance as far as the current system allows." (Full statements from both campaigns are published on page 6.)

Salt Spring's three elected officials each issued individual statements, printed on page 8 of this paper, accepting the outcome and pledging to move forward with the community. Salt Spring electoral area director for the Capital Regional District, Wayne McIntyre, and Islands

Trust trustee George Grams had come out in favour of incorporation a week before the vote, while trustee Peter Grove had not stated his position.

According to the Capital Regional District, which administered the referendum, Salt Spring had 8,798 registered voters—8,719 of those living on the island and the rest being non-resident property owners. With 6,349 ballots cast, that calculates to 72 per cent voter turnout. That percentage will be lower when newly registered voters, which election officials indicated were substantial, are added to the total number of eligible voters.

Peter Luckham, chair of Islands Trust Council, issued a statement congratulating Salt Spring for exercising its democratic right and choosing to remain unincorporated.

"The debates and discussions leading up to this vote demonstrated the high level of civic engagement among the residents of Salt Spring Island, a sign of a caring, resilient and healthy community," Luckham wrote.

"I am pleased to see the strong voter turnout and the clear support for the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust."

Neither side in the campaign wants to lose momentum on making governance more effective, with both groups agreeing there are problems to work through.

Speaking for the YESS campaign, John Macpherson said his group believes the island faces significant challenges. Top concerns include the ability for coordination and prioritization in service delivery, which would mean more efficiency in government, and also capacity for infrastructure management planning.

Off-island decision making is another key issue for the YESS group.

"This means a lack of both political and financial accountability. For example, how will we ever know whether our tax money is being well invested? How will we have real authority over service delivery? We remain beggars at someone else's table," Macpherson said.

As well, the YESS side says voting against incorporation and the provincial transition

offer has meant throwing away \$19 million in cash and road improvements, with no accountable local authority to advocate on behalf of Salt Spring for direct granting opportunities (which improvements districts remain ineligible to receive).

"These are systemic issues that the current system is ill equipped to address. If the PosNo group shares these concerns, we look forward to hearing exactly how they feel the current system can be tweaked to address them," Macpherson said.

Gayle Baker was one of the key organizers of a discussion forum held at the Lions Hall on Aug. 28. The focus of the meeting was to generate conversation on what islanders loved about Salt Spring, what they would like to change and what options other than incorporation could make local governance more effective.

A follow-up event is now in the planning stages and will take place at Lions Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Though organized by people on the "no" side, Baker said quite a few people from the "yes" campaign participated for a meaningful conversation on Aug. 28. She looks forward to continuing that conversation, which she feels will have two main aspects. One will be visioning with hopes and dreams for the island, and the other will be determining facts about what is actually feasible and what isn't.

Alternative options to incorporation suggested so far include coordinating different services under a Local Community Commission, which would have to be established by the Capital Regional District. Another possibility is creating a non-profit society to deliver services, as has been done on Hornby Island.

"There are all these possibilities that we don't know enough about. We don't really know what the page looks like until people really spend some time to seriously look at it," Baker said.

"I think the key, no matter which way we move, is this island has to be working together to get what we want."

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen has pledged to help Salt Spring continue its quest for improved governance

regardless of referendum results. In a press release issued Monday, he said he had already contacted Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Selina Robinson about investigating other options.

"We have a responsibility to help the community heal and I am focused on that," Olsen said. "Now is not the time to turn our attention away from this important discussion about community governance but rather to continue it in a compassionate and productive way that respects the democratic decision of Salt Spring Islanders while seeking solutions to the very real governance challenges that exist on the island and throughout the Southern Gulf Islands."

## RESULTS BY POLL

- Community Gospel Chapel –**  
No: 1240 Yes: 1043  
(both Sept. 9 and two advance polls)
- Fulford –**  
No: 427 Yes: 178.
- GISS (Sept. 9) + two SS Library Advance Polls –**  
No: 2155 Yes: 1113
- Richmond (Sept. 9) –**  
No: 4 Yes: 14
- Sidney (Sept. 9) –**  
No: 14 Yes: 17
- Mail-in –**  
No: 90 Yes: 54
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**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

## Search manager steps down after 27 years at the helm

Chuck Hamilton reflects on SAR career

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The man who led Salt Spring Search and Rescue for the organization's entire history thus far has called it quits after 27 years of service.

Chuck Hamilton announced his resignation at the end of August, ending a lengthy reign of influence at one of the island's most important, yet under-exposed, emergency services.

"Search and rescue operates under the radar. We're not hometown heroes — we don't endorse Duracell batteries," Hamilton told the Driftwood during a look back at his time leading the organization. "Every agency has its own personality, and we're sort of the under-the-radar, quiet, get'er done type."

Search services were once provided by Salt Spring's fire department, back when that agency was a volunteer outfit with fewer responsibilities. Nearly 30 years ago the community held a general meeting on the need to form a dedicated group, and Hamilton stepped up as the new group's first search manager. He had previous responder experience during 13 years with the RCMP, and gained outdoor and training skills as a leader in the scouting movement.

When asked why he's leaving the organization, Hamilton simply said, "It's time."

Hamilton has put in 27 years of Tuesday nights for SAR training, in addition to call-outs. Since it started, SAR has averaged around 10 calls per year, although there were 23 calls during the busiest year.

"The service is definitely needed on Salt Spring. A lot of people don't know it's here until a family member disappears or gets lost," Hamilton said, noting the group's mandate also includes all the Southern Gulf Islands, and mutual aid calls take the group to Vancouver Island.

Search and Rescue's early members received training and mentorship from SAR BC, based in Vic-



Longtime Salt Spring Search and Rescue manager Chuck Hamilton, far left in back row, with members of the local volunteer SAR group last year.

toria, and took additional courses through Emergency BC and private educators. Occupational first aid, survival skills, tracking, navigation, communication operations, and understanding of human behaviour are just some of the core competencies searchers must master.

"Because it's volunteer a lot of people think it's unprofessional, and that's wrong. The phrase I use is unpaid professionals," Hamilton said.

As Salt Spring's search manager, Hamilton has appreciated the way a search creates an intriguing intellectual challenge because it involves looking at past, present and future simultaneously and how they intersect in a given situation. Getting a handle on the past involves talking to police (who are responsible for requesting SAR services) and family members to see what events may have set up the situation.

The searchers come in not knowing how long they'll be out or what has happened to the missing person. That person could be lost or could have been assaulted. He or she may be suicidal, and may or may not have been successful

with that intention.

Factors the search manager must consider individually for each incident include how to interpret the situation, what resources are available (does the team have the proper equipment and how to make use of everything at their disposal) and the conditions at the time of the search. The need to call in aid for other teams in terms of personnel and equipment is another consideration.

Part of the manager's job is to assign crew members to the right tasks. Their physical safety is paramount — searches may be called off due to dangerous terrain or weather conditions — but the searchers' emotional and mental health needs also have to be factored in.

"If you have something too dangerous or upsetting and you don't have people who can handle that, you will turn it over to the RCMP or the coroner, because [the searchers] are volunteers," Hamilton said.

Counselling services are available, but the job does carry hazards.

"So it's interesting because you have all the tenses going at the same time," Hamilton said. "You have to make decisions quickly, but you have to make the right ones. It's a challenge and the outcomes can be drastically different."

"And it's 24/7, of course. In the middle of the night, when you really need your sleep, that's when the phone goes."

After close to three decades in action, countless scenarios have played out, but as Hamilton said, a few tend to stand out in his memory.

One was the search for and rescue of a hang-gliding accident victim, who crashed onto the cliffs of Mount Maxwell. The operation required calling in the expertise of North Shore Search and Rescue, with its famous search manager Tim Jones and a helicopter coming over to help locate and secure the victim with a long line. Though the man was rescued, he did not recover from his injuries and died in hospital several days later.

In another incident, Salt Spring SAR spent time on Penelakut Island looking for a missing elder in extremely thick bush of salal

and blackberry vines.

The Penelakut community later invited the crew back to attend a memorial feast held in their honour. After the matriarchs and elders spoke, Hamilton said, there wasn't a dry eye in the group.

"They were very, very grateful that we'd come for days searching, because they said, 'No other white person has ever come to help us out in time of need.'"

Although the endings of those two incidents were known, Hamilton said a lot of times the searchers don't learn what happened and there's no closure. Often no thanks are received, either.

Hamilton said welcome support could come from something as simple as voicing appreciation for the SAR volunteers in the community.

"These are friends and neighbours that are willing to leave their jobs, leave their families any time of day or night and look for someone they don't even know, to put their lives in danger for someone they've never met. I know it sounds melodramatic, but those are the kind of people who are in search and rescue," Hamilton said.

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EDUCATION

# Galiano family struggles with SD64 water taxi policy

Vulnerable learners not included on priority list

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Galiano family is taking up a second residence on Salt Spring to ensure their son can attend Salt Spring Island Middle School, since they have not been able to secure space on the district's water taxi.

A larger-than-usual cohort and increased interest in special programs may have contributed to over-subscription of water taxi seats. The Gulf Islands School District is committed to providing transportation to Salt Spring for

high school students living on the outer islands first, with remaining "courtesy" seats offered to students taking programs that aren't available at their home schools: middle school French immersion and ecological education.

Keltie Miles' son Caleb has not made the list for water taxi transport from Galiano because he doesn't meet the program criteria. But as a vulnerable learner, his needs have grown beyond what she feels the Galiano Community School is able to provide.

"Caleb had leukemia when he was little and the chemotherapy has caused some cognitive issues," Miles said. "He loves school but it's been a challenge."

Miles started looking into whether SIMS might have more to offer her son at the end of the last school year.

"The Galiano teachers are so sweet and kind, and support him so much, but they just don't have the resources to move him along. He's in Grade 7 so I felt I should at least investigate what it would be like at SIMS," Miles said. As she found, "They already have so many things in place for a kid just like him."

As a precaution, Miles filled out the required cross-boundary request form before the March 15 deadline. Although the form clearly states that transportation is the responsibility of the parent in such cases when courtesy seats aren't available, Miles said she didn't think so many Galiano students would be applying for special pro-

grams at SIMS.

Miles said there were four kids from Galiano who couldn't get on the water taxi during the first week of school. Three of the families chose to stay on Salt Spring so their kids could attend class.

District superintendent Lisa Halstead said the Gulf Islands school board is in the process of reviewing all its policies and procedures, with the results hopefully to be ready for public consultation later this year. At the moment, though, the district will follow the policy guidelines it has in place. In addition to the rules outlining water transportation, there is also a policy on keeping community schools strong by encouraging students to stay within their home boundaries.

**"My son loved this week. He loves it over there."**

KELTIE MILES  
Galiano student's mom

"We have great programming everywhere," Halstead said.

The Galiano school, for example, has an integrated support teacher who teaches small groups along with the principal and two other teachers.

"The new curriculum is very much about working on a continuum, [instead of meeting specific learning objectives in specific

grades]," Halstead said. "If you take a look at flexible groupings, that is very much what we're doing at all our schools."

Some parents have suggested the district supply extra water transport, but that idea was quickly doused. The cost to run water taxis for the current total ridership of 98 seats is \$800,000 a year, or around \$8,000 per student.

"I acknowledge it's an emotional time for parents, but the board of education's responsibility is to be fiscally responsible," Halstead said.

Miles says the district is not following its own guidelines by failing her son, who is aboriginal and a vulnerable learner. Though she believes policy may eventually change to recognize special needs or introduce flexibility into water taxi seating, it will probably happen too late for her family.

Miles' husband and son were camping on Salt Spring and have now rented a cabin for the long haul. The family will be divided because their younger daughter is still attending the Galiano school, and they're facing loss of work at the same time they're paying for two residences.

Despite the high cost, the family is committed to providing the best education option they can for Caleb.

"My son loved this week. He loves it over there. I can't choose now not to send him to a school that is better for him," Miles said.

"We'll do whatever we have to. I just feel like we have this struggle ahead of us and other families have it so easy."

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## EMERGENCY PREPARATION

# Earthquake simulator visits Salt Spring

Event at Ganges fire hall this Saturday

Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is bringing its Time to Talk: Earthquake tour to Salt Spring this Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Ganges fire hall.

The Time to Talk tour features the IBC Shake Zone – a portable earthquake simulator which allows people to experience a magnitude 8.0 earthquake in a safe, controlled environment. The event is co-sponsored by Salt Spring Island

Emergency Program.

"Experts predict that there is a 30 per cent chance that a major earthquake will strike southwestern British Columbia at some point over the next 50 years," said Aaron Sutherland, IBC's vice-president for the Pacific region. "The Time to Talk: Earthquake tour will give residents the opportunity to learn more about this very serious natural disaster and also what they can do to prepare when faced with an emergency."

The earthquake simulator will be at the fire hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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**HEAVY METAL:** A Schnitzer Steel truck and trailer full of metal bound for recycling off-island lies flipped over the concrete barrier in the 2800 block of Fulford-Ganges Road after a Friday morning incident as an ambulance arrives on scene. At right, Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue personnel work to secure the wreckage. See story on Page 1.

HEALTH CARE

# LMH ultrasound back on track

Booking moved from Salt Spring to Victoria

Salt Spring patients in need of ultrasound services can once again enjoy full-time provision at their home hospital.

A temporary fill-in sonographer for a staff member who is on medical leave assumed duties this month. The technician was meant to start in June but could not find adequate housing until September. Island Health anticipates the replacement position will end in June 2018.

Along with the full-time sonographer, Island Health hired a casual sonographer who lives on Salt Spring Island and started work in April.

Patients on Salt Spring used to booking their ultrasound appointments directly at Lady Minto Hospital should know that appointments are now made through a centralized service in Victoria.

Some people who have used the new service so far have reported being uncertain about whether appointments were confirmed or not, and said they did not receive instructions.

Island Health says that using different booking models was creating challenges for patient records and staff workflow in medical imaging, and the new system provides better patient record management.

“The change allows centralized bookings to ensure efficiency and equity with respect to access, and so that processes are standard throughout Island Health,” information from the health authority states.

“The change will not delay the time between when the requisition is sent and when the scan is performed.”

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ENVIRONMENT

# Old vessel clean-up offered

Volunteers also wanted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A regional effort to take advantage of new federal funding and clean up derelict vessels from the Salish Sea is looking to clear old boats before they become wrecks.

“If anyone has a boat in the harbour and it's still floating, we can get rid of it no questions asked,” said John Roe, founder of the Veins of Life Watershed Society.

The nonprofit organi-

zation and its corporate sponsors are working with local governments to coordinate a regional response to the issue.

The federal government announced \$6.85 million for the Abandoned Boats Program this spring as part of the \$1.5-billion Oceans Protection Plan.

Applications for the first round of grant funding under the Abandoned Boats Program are due Oct. 30 and Roe would like to get a good handle on the number of vessels in the region before then.

“We're trying to tackle as many of the Gulf Islands

boats as we can for this first application,” he said.

Roe has previously estimated the number of abandoned boats in his target area as anywhere from 300 to 1,200 depending on the report, including some boats that have already sunk.

Anyone who has clear title to a boat that has reached the end of its life and been left in local waters can contact Roe at info@salishsea.ca or 250-538-2120.

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Gold - Best Cartoonist (Dennis Parker)



## EDITORIAL

# On the same side

**S**alt Spring Islanders have spoken out clearly about the kind of governance they want on the island.

Congratulations must be extended to The Many Islanders Opposed to Incorporation for running a strong Positively NO campaign that left no stone unturned and clearly captured the hearts and minds of the majority of voters. The YESS group, too, should be acknowledged for its efforts.

A Mount Tuam's worth of human energy and resources was expended in the past few months on the incorporation referendum campaign and in the last five years on the governance study process. It's no doubt been exhausting for everyone intimately involved.

Island residents deserve kudos for coming out in droves to vote. Anecdotally, a number of younger people were in the mix, which is a positive sign for a healthy local democracy.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Local governance

**WE SAY:**  
Time to work together

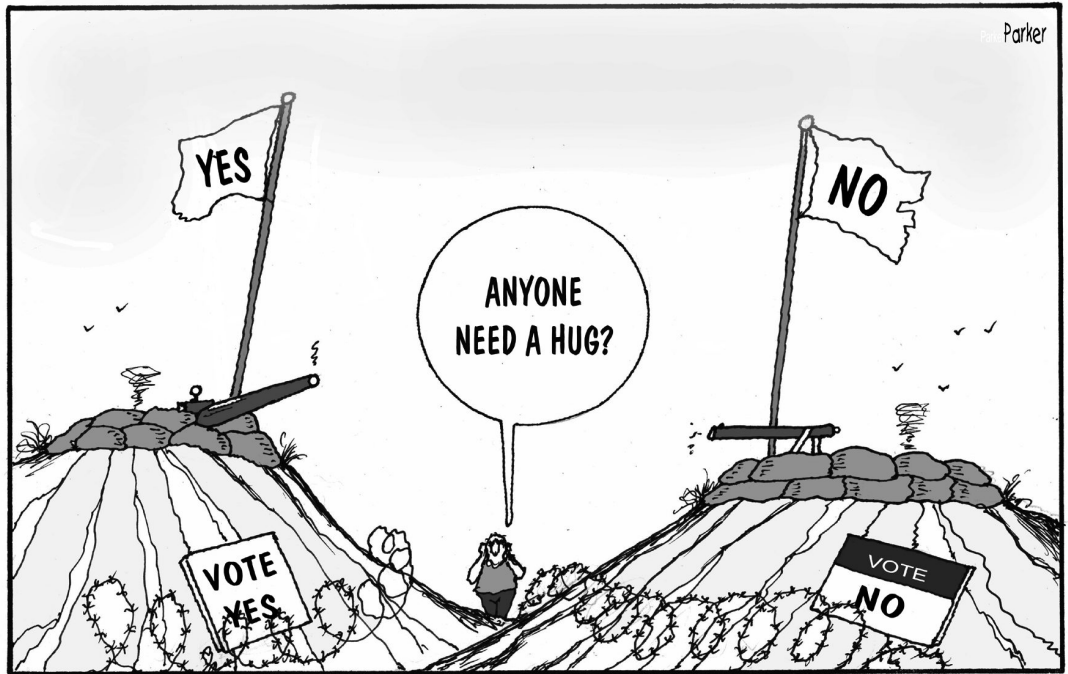
Islanders rejected the only change in governance option put before them by the provincial government by a significant margin. But there appears to still be an appetite for change. It seems we have a willingness on both sides to work

on addressing perceived deficiencies in the current system, which is exactly what is needed if any change is to be successful. Some ideas worth investigating have already been put on the table.

That support for advancing possible changes has been expressed by MLA Adam Olsen and elected officials Peter Grove, George Grams and Wayne McIntyre is also heartening.

The Driftwood has been criticized for taking a position in this space in the last paper published before the vote. Media outlets in small and large communities have traditionally taken a position in important matters and we have done so in the past. Stating a position does not make us attached to a particular outcome now or in the future or mean that our pre-vote reporting was biased. We understand and respect all views and will support any attempts to improve local governance and to bring the community together as the days and years unfold.

Time and energy that's been consumed by the incorporation question can now be redirected. We have an opportunity to mend rickety fences, work together and see what positive things might happen as a result.



VIEWPOINT by YESS + Positively NO

# Two campaigns respond to result

### From the Positively NO campaign:

The real winner tonight is Salt Spring. By rejecting incorporation, 3,930 islanders (62 per cent) showed their support for the principles of local governance and a vision for the future of their rural island home championed by Positively NO. As a consequence, Salt Spring will continue to be guided, preserved and protected by a unique and progressive form of governance.

To the many islanders who voted no, we extend our deepest gratitude and we celebrate with you. To all our many volunteers and supporters, we say tonight's result could not have happened without your commitment, faith and energy. Thank you one and all. Tonight, we feel joy, relief and anticipation for what is to come.

To those who opposed us, we commend you on your hard-fought campaign. Your beliefs were promoted with passion and steadfastness. It is our fervent hope that we can all move forward from tonight's outcome in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation in the interests of community harmony and well-being.

To the elected officials who publicly denounced the current governance as irreparably broken in favour of incorporation, we ask that you now acknowledge the will of the majority of Salt Spring islanders in rejecting the incorporation option. We further ask that you commit to work with the entire community on ways to address community concerns for the remainder of your term. Committed leadership and the political will to facilitate change as our governance evolves is what Salt Spring needs now.

### From the Yes Empowers Salt Spring campaign:

We are very disappointed in the outcome but as the time honoured saying goes, the people have spoken. We are happy that we've seen a record turnout at the polls for this important decision and we congratulate the opposition on their win. Our belief remains that local government decisions should be made by a representative cross-section of Salt Spring Islanders. Today, not having taken the first step on that path, we reach out to our fellow Salt Springers who voted "no" to let them know we remain committed to more effective governance as far as the current system allows. We are extremely grateful for all the hard work of our volunteers and the funding provided by our donors. We could not have communicated our message of hope for the future without those resources.

Islanders have argued for months now, sometimes politely, sometimes angrily, about the best way forward from Sept. 9. After all the squabbling, there is no dispute about this: born here or lured from elsewhere by the island's magic, we all love this precious place and its unique community. Our only argument has been what form of governance best equips us to face coming challenges.

The people have now decided. Whether one was Yes or No on this question today, we are united in wanting to create a better Salt Spring tomorrow. The road ahead isn't smooth but we all have a stake in the outcome. Yes and No voters alike know that they will have to put their shoulders to the wheel to ensure a brighter future for us and the generations to come.

We also thank George Grams, Peter Grove, and Wayne McIntyre for fulfilling their campaign promises of six years ago to secure a full governance review allowing islanders to make the best possible informed choice.

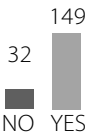
### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you happy with the referendum outcome?  Yes  No

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

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Did you get enough info to make a decision about the referendum?



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We remain beggars at someone else's table."**

JOHN MACPHERSON, YESS CAMPAIGN SPOKESPERSON

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What is the most important thing about Pride for you?



**SISTER VERA TOOCHÉ**  
*To be and embrace your most genuine self.*



**LORE SCHMIDTS**  
*Coming together of community and friends.*



**KACEJA CALDER**  
*I get to be out, loud and proud about it.*



**TORAI RUDDY HOEY**  
*Respect!*



**CHI-CHI SMALL-WOLF**  
*Being able to express myself in a safe community.*

## 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**

### Time for a non-partisan conversation

Another incorporation referendum is over. With a great sigh of relief, those of us who voted "no" realize that once again, we didn't lose.

This is an important distinction: we didn't win anything at all. We more importantly did not lose our left-footed, cumbersome, distracted, somewhat dysfunctional governing process, the structure of which depends on wire, duct tape and misplaced faith and yet somehow has managed over the decades to defend our Salt Spring Island home from relentless pressure to commodify in the name of progress.

Votes are counted one at a time and there is a larger group of people who wanted to avoid incorporation than the group that wanted it. Seventy per cent last go-round, and about 62 per cent this time voted "no." Some 6,300 votes were cast, which must be a significant portion of our eligible voters. This is good information for all of us. Well done, neighbour!

The next step is to examine the statements and claims that were made on both sides of the question and winnow out the chaff. The credible claims and arguments are a basis for a non-partisan conversation about ways to improve our process of self-government.

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any other influential stakeholder. Not the CRD.

Let's not waste time. Just real, credible people, please.

**CHRIS DIXON,**  
SALT SPRING

### Positive energy

The work required to run the amazing Positively No campaign has been rewarding in many ways, but also difficult. I'm barely comfortable speaking of it, because others did so much more.

So I understand when some people felt deeply betrayed by this newspaper, when its final issue before the referendum was so unabashedly biased in favour of incorporation. But in the end, I hope concerned citizens will work to improve things for the

future, rather than resort to some form of rejection.

In How to Save the World in Your Spare Time, Elizabeth May warns us about how rejecting mainstream media, while it could allow us to "corner the market on high factual standards," really means "zero effectiveness."

Seeing last week's issue of the Driftwood reminded me of my utter dismay when the Globe and Mail endorsed the Harper Conservatives in 2011. Thankfully, this island is a special place. It turned out that the effect of the "last-minute Driftwood surprise" was not enough to undo the amazing work (generously funded, but of a quality that money can't buy) done by the Positively No campaign.

Already some of The Many Islanders Opposed to Incorporation group mem-

bers are looking toward working on new projects. One person noticed that the "Positively No" buttons, when turned upside down, become "Positively ON."

We may have a couple elected officials who speak as if our system defeats our ability to find solutions. But we have many people who know our ability to accomplish great things is alive and well. We can be grateful for this recent campaign, in that it has helped connect new people with that vision.

I can tell the "Positively On" energy is welcoming towards people who may have disagreed with us but want to work cooperatively for the common good. Maybe we could even have a new slogan: "Yes(s), Positively ONward?"

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
SALT SPRING

### No means no

In the 15 years since 2002's referendum, those pushing for incorporation have increased their share of the vote by eight per cent. At this rate, it will take 30 years, and another two referenda, to reach a slim majority of 54 per cent.

Perhaps it is finally time to acknowledge that "no" really does mean "no."

**MURRAY REISS,**  
FULFORD

### Wonderful

Oh, Salt Spring, why did I worry so?

The great majority of your residents have the common sense and passion to preserve and protect. What a wonderful place to live.

**C.J. HUGHES,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 9

## AGING with GRACE: When 'good enough' isn't

BY HELEN HINCHLIFF



HELEN HINCHLIFF

**Underfoot, stubble fields crackled, pebbled paths crunched and breezes whispered through leaves. That evening my oven timer, formerly softly beeping, sounded more like a siren. But first there'd been the sound of my own voice. It blared; I was stunned.**

My experience with my new hearing aids was not unlike the day, more than 50 years ago, when I walked out of an optometrist's office wearing my first pair of glasses. Suddenly, each blade of grass, pebble and leaf proclaimed its unique, distinct form. More important, I could recognize the facial features of acquaintances greeting me from afar. The fog had lifted and I could see again.

I hadn't realized back then how fuzzy my vision had become. Nor had I known until last week how feeble my hearing is becoming. Earlier, my brain was transforming people in the middle distance into blurs and the far distance into blobs; this time, many of their

words were equally indistinct. Both times, I'd been accepting haziness as "good enough."

I've written about hearing loss before ("Say What?" Driftwood, October 2014). That May, I'd been diagnosed with mild hearing loss and was giving hearing aids a try. I'd looked up the facts, studied the statistics and concluded it was better to start adapting to them while my wits were still with me than to suffer the gradual isolation my mother experienced because she didn't admit she had a hearing problem.

In case you don't know or don't remember from the last time around, age-related hearing loss is common among those over age 65. The technical term is "presbycusis" and it generally involves the loss of higher-pitched sounds; in other words, those crackles, crunches, whispers and beeps I've been having trouble hearing.

The onset and rate of presbycusis can differ due to hereditary factors or health

conditions, but hearing loss mostly occurs as hair cells in the inner ear give up on us. Half of those at age 75 experience hearing loss and, by age 80, most do. In just three years mine is approaching moderate. Beyond that are severe and profound.

Three years ago, at age 74, I was starting my second week with hearing aids when I was called to my mother's bedside in southern California for what turned out to be the last two months of her life. I gave up on the trial because her hearing loss was severe and I knew I'd be shouting to make myself heard (as would everyone else around her).

I guessed the experience of dealing with her deafness while caring for her 24 hours a day might make continuing my adjustment to hearing aids more than I could handle. I'd probably stop wearing them; I might even misplace them. But I promised not to wait "until you have to shout at me before I try wearing them again." And

then I waited until now.

Don't tell me I'm turning into my mother!

I had long assumed that vanity had tempted her to believe her unaided ears were plenty good enough, thank you very much. But now I'm wondering if her experience was like mine seems to have been. When it came to my vision some 50 years ago, changes were so gradual I didn't notice until I was wandering around in a fog. And, judging from my amazement on discovering what I can't hear on my own, it's my guess presbycusis has been creeping up too.

Maybe it's tiptoeing toward you too. If so, please don't wait. If we have to keep repeating ourselves so you can hear us, you risk isolating yourself from us.

You could also be endangering yourself. I know a woman who loves to bake, but lately she's been burning biscuits. At first I guessed she was simply being forgetful. Now, after being startled by my siren-

sounding timer, I'm guessing her main problem could be severe hearing loss. She doesn't hear her doorbell, so maybe she doesn't hear her timer either.

People have told me tales of those who waited too long to understand and remember how to use hearing aids. Some complained about insufficient guidance or support. But when probed, what did they say? Did you review the instruction booklet? (Oh, I didn't notice it.) Did you telephone for an appointment to adjust them? (I couldn't be bothered.) Did you ask for alternatives to devices worn in your ears? (I didn't know they exist.)

Those aren't good enough reasons not to hear well. Free hearing tests are available on the island.

If you're like me, you could be experiencing mild to moderate hearing loss, and that's not good enough.

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# Elected officials give vote appreciation

## Committed to work

I am pleased that our community has reached its decision about the island's future form of governance.

It has been a long journey for all those involved and there are so many we must thank: the two separate committees, the first looking at governance and the second being the incorporation study committee itself; the countless volunteers on both sides who put in so many hours; the Driftwood and the Exchange for reporting and communicating so effectively; our community for engaging, discussing and debating in ways which were (mostly!) respectful and thoughtful, and for participating in the vote in such record numbers. I feel privileged and proud to be a part of such an engaged and often passionate community, and to have played my part.

It is clear that there are many who are dissatisfied with our present form of governance. I will do all I can to work towards changes within the system to address the concerns, to improve what we have, to better serve our community's needs.

As I have stated previously, I am committed to work for the best interests of all islanders.

**PETER GROVE,**  
TRUSTEE,  
SALT SPRING LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Peter Grove and myself as well as the two volunteer committees. The first committee study compared our present governance model with an incorporated one and the second was the full incorporation study complete with costing. Both committees worked extremely hard, provided ongoing opportunities for public input, answered many questions and delivered quality reports to help inform our community on a variety of governance matters.

- The Capital Regional District, through the executive office, had an oversight responsibility on the governance of the two studies as well as ensuring compliance to government guidelines and managing the budget provided. Thanks to our corporate officer Brent Reems, and his staff, who also provided support for the referendum voting process.

- Our local media for keeping on top of the issues, providing a forum for a balance of opinions and doing so in a timely manner.

- The voters who turned out in record numbers. It was gratifying to see that in a recent survey, most felt they had the information needed to help guide them in their decision.

- To my colleagues trustees George Grams and Peter Grove: thanks for starting our journey together six years ago and continuing it in a collaborative manner with only a few challenges along the way.

It is now time to put aside any differences and focus on working collectively to make Salt Spring an even better place.

**WAYNE MCINTYRE,**  
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR,  
SALT SPRING ISLAND

## Put aside differences

The incorporation referendum is now over, complete with a clear community "no" decision on the option to incorporate. It is now time to recognize and thank many who have been involved:

- The provincial government, through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (now the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) not only provided financial support for studies but staff expertise. Particular thanks to Linda Galeazzi and Marijke Edmondson who were a terrific support to trustees George Grams,

## Question answered

The turnout for, and the result of, the incorporation referendum yesterday were both satisfyingly decisive. For myself the result marks a conclusion to the question of which governance model is appropriate for our community and I hope others feel likewise. Work remains to

be done on island to continue to preserve and protect our environment and to build a better community and I look forward to devoting my energies as a trustee to advance both.

I would like to thank the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (now the ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing), in particular Linda Galeazzi and Marijke Edmondson, for supporting the community throughout this process.

The review would not have been possible without the energy, commitment and time devoted by islanders, in particular those who served on the two study committees, the Governance Review Committee that reported in 2013 and the Incorporation Study Committee that concluded its work last year. My thanks to them for the huge amount of work and the excellent service they provided our community.

Islands Trust staff undertook considerable work with diligence and objectivity in order to assist islanders to understand the implications of a change in governance for the agency. I am grateful to them for their hard work, their commitment and for the quality of service they continually deliver.

My fellow trustees at Trust Council are due my thanks for the patience they have exercised whilst the Salt Spring community undertook its lengthy deliberations. I am pleased for them that the uncertainty generated by the review is finally over and we can resume our collective efforts to improve our islands and our communities.

Lastly, my thanks to my colleagues, CRD director Wayne McIntyre and trustee Peter Grove, without whose fellowship the governance review would not have been possible and who helped make the years we have spent since embarking on it both educational and pleasurable.

**GEORGE GRAMS,**  
TRUSTEE,  
SALT SPRING LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

# RANTS and Roses

## Roses

Thank you and copper roses to all the yesses and no's and "noses" for the fun in Centennial Park on Aug. 15. Thanks for agreeing no matter what that we still need a laundromat! Raising over \$400 for the cause — another copper rose! Copper Kettle Community Partnership

Armfuls of Nootka roses to those who sacrificed their summer for the sake of this island. Many thanks. Onward.

Athletes of Special Olympics BC on Salt Spring are sending four courts full of magnificent thank-you roses to the following for helping

us host our annual invitational bocce ball tournament at Centennial Park: Driftwood newspaper for keeping the community updated on our sports activities, Parks and Recreation for space to accommodate us all, Salt Spring Lions Club for tents, TJ Beans for coffee, Thrifty Foods for luncheon, tents and water, and the United Church for tables and tents; to our fab head organizer Merv Anderson, head bocce coach Bob Elsea, and assistant coaches Ross Harvey and Alfie Luke, first aider Charlene Wolff, and to our gr-r-r-reat volunteers Ellie Casey, Chip Chipman, Dorothy Christopherson, Jim Hallicki, Yolande Leger, Glo-

ria McEachern, Kim and Drew MacKay, Carol Newmeyer, Spencer Piedmont, Walter Swing and Christa Wohlfahrt. A thank-you rose also goes to the RCMP officer who attended and congratulated everyone for being "good sports." We all had a day of friendly competition and fun with our guests from Campbell River and Oceanside. What a terrific community!

I would like to thank our anonymous donor for believing in Choices and its services. You have allowed the participants of our Salt Spring program to remain employed, to be valued in the community and as a result to have their lives enriched.

We now have to fly on our own and we hope that each and every one of you will come to Choices to shop and visit with the unique individuals who participate in the Choices day programs.

A car load of Kenyan roses to all the Salt Springers who donated works of art and money to the pre-loved art sale. Also, great appreciation to those who braved the heat to buy loads of art. School children in Kenya will get their lunch program. Thanks also to Mary Beckett, Ruth and Louie Pepin, and Mollie Colson for all their hard work. Thank you all. Lynda

**MORE LETTERS**

**Yes we can!**

Thank you to the “yes” and “no” campaigners for their hard work. You showed how much you care.

I have been a no voice, taking an active part on the yes discussion Facebook page for the past 10 months. During that time the strongest argument for incorporation was to keep our taxes at home and to having more say on the CRD board. In the end, Salt Springers have shown that this is not the only priority on their minds.

Today our MLA Adam Olsen and MP Elizabeth May Green team pledged that together they will look out for Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands in supporting and strengthening our unique present form of governance.

In order to succeed we need to stand together strong as a community. Let's show the rest of B.C. how much we care for the people as well as the environment we occupy.

**VERA ROBINSON,**  
HOPE HILL FARM

**Therapeutic riding group looks for new pastures**

The Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association has been providing unique equine-assisted therapy to the community of Salt Spring for over 16 years.

This year marked the organization's 15th anniversary of their annual ride-walk-a-thon, which

happened to coincide with Canada's 150th birthday. Over this time, more than 50 special-needs children and adults and 350 lessons have benefitted from SSTRAs program, come rain or shine.

For the majority of that time the program has been located on the lovely property owned by Liz Anderson, Tony and Suzy McEwen on Lee's Hill. Liz and Tony were the founders of the association and they have generously supported the program in countless ways over the years. However, all good things must come to an end and this valuable community program is now looking for a new home to be able to continue to offer the unique benefits of therapeutic riding on Salt Spring.

SSTRA owes its very existence to its numerous volunteers and to the generous, ongoing support of our amazing community: individuals, businesses, foundations and service clubs. Now it needs your help once again.

The organization is optimistic that one of the several developments they have been offered for possible location will ultimately prove a feasible option for the program. Wherever they do end up relocating, what will be desperately needed is new infrastructure: fencing for paddocks, a basic riding ring with safe footing, storage for tack and feed, and basic shelter for their three equine therapists and for riders tacking up in inclement weather. It doesn't have to be fancy but it does have to be safe and solid. Can you help?

SSTRA will as usual be at the Salt Spring Fall Fair, so please consider donating whatever you are able, in cash or in kind. A “stable source” of funding would be great!  
**ERIKA PONSFORD,**  
FOR SSTRRA



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NITA!** Longtime Salt Spring resident and volunteer Juanita Brown celebrates her 103rd birthday on Sept. 8 in the Lady Minto Hospital extended care unit with employee Dorothy Copeland and Copeland's granddaughter Taiya Little.

**Time to stand up for the Salish Sea**

BY ADAM OLSEN

The Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMX) has been a contentious issue in British Columbia for three years. I have had many conversations with people passionately placed all along the spectrum of support to opposition.

The B.C. government announced recently that they will be taking a different approach to Kinder Morgan's project than their predecessor. They will intervene in the federal Court of Appeal Judicial Review and hire Thomas Berger as external counsel guiding the government's legal approach on the file. They also provided an update on the construction timeline, stating that construction is unlikely to proceed in September, as Kinder Morgan has suggested, as five of eight environmental management plans are incomplete and have not been approved.

As an intervener in the National Energy Board hearings for the project, I witnessed the deeply flawed process firsthand; its failures have been well documented and reported on. The board's report and recommendation, and the federal government's decision to approve the project, are now the subjects of a Federal Court of Appeal Judicial Review later this fall.

The assessment and the approval were broken from the start — they excluded the impacts on climate

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change and ignored the threat of massive increases of tanker shipments carrying diluted bitumen through the Salish Sea. The current oil spill response is dreadfully deficient. Despite the rhetoric, the federal government has never made oil spill response a priority, and it was not even addressed properly in the assessment. The decision to approve the TMX project was political; it was not based on science or evidence, and all of the evidence submitted by Kinder Morgan has never been tested by oral cross-examination.

Canada relies on the Salish Sea. As the gateway to the Pacific, it is the trade route for thousands of other commodities. It makes no sense that the federal assessment would simply ignore the risks to this vitally important corridor.

Taking the care to uncover the whole economic picture is what builds social licence for projects of this magnitude to proceed; they must be thorough in order to demonstrate that the public can have confidence in the recommendation of the assessment panel. There should be no loose ends and the cost-benefit analysis should be complete and defensible. None of that exists for this project.

The outcome of the NEB hearing for TMX was predetermined. Environmental and social aspects of the project were handed to an energy regulator driven by the oil and gas industry. As a result, important questions about environmental protection are left unanswered and numerous issues with respect to First Nations rights remain unresolved.

Our local economy is powered by real estate, tourism and the emerging clean and high-tech economy. We have invested incredible amounts of capital, energy and love into our home and now we are being used as a gambling chip for the political benefits of the current federal government.

I am pleased that the provincial government is going to intervene in the upcoming judicial review and I am pleased that they have hired Mr. Berger. By all accounts he is a highly respected lawyer and has been a pioneer in Indigenous/non-Indigenous legal proceedings.

The federal government has left the communities and shorelines of the Salish Sea, and specifically Saanich North and the Islands, vulnerable in their haste to approve this project. I am proud that we had the courage to stand up and demand better.

*Adam Olsen is the Saanich North and the Islands Green MLA.*

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| 7:30.....Admission gates open<br>Indoor judging   | ♪ 1:40-2:20 .....Simone and the Soul Intentions            |
| 8:30.....Start of livestock judging...<br>continues all day   | 2:00 .....Tractor Pull                                     |
| 9:00.....Commercial vendors & exhibitors open   | 2:30 .....Sheep Dog Demonstration<br>Sawmill Demonstration |
| 10:00.....Free bus shuttle from town to/from the<br>fairgrounds / Food concessions open /<br>Games of chance open           | ♪ 2:35-3:15 .....Synergy                                   |
| ♪ 10:00-10:30 ..Local Indigenous Songs & Stories  | 3:00 .....Chicken races                                    |
| ♪ 10:40-11:10 ..Vaughn Fulford  | ♪ 3:30-4:10 .....Sunny Siders                              |
| 11:00.....Indoor sections open in the Main Building<br>Sawmill Demonstration / Blacksmith<br>Demo ongoing/Horse show begins | ♪ 4:25-5:05 .....Happy Daze                                |
| ♪ 11:20-11:50 ..Harry Warner  | ♪ 5:20-Close.....SALT                                      |
| 11:30.....Sheep Dog Demonstration   | 6:00.....Gates closed                                      |
| ♪ 12:00-12:30 ..Jack n' Lefty   |  |
| 12:00.....Livestock judging continues<br>Chicken races  |  |
| 12:30.....Threshing Demonstration   |  |
| ♪ 12:45-1:25 ....Doug and the Thuggs  |  |
| 1:00.....Zucchini Races   |  |



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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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| 7:30.....Admission gates open   | 12:30.....Threshing Demonstration                                       |
| 9:00-10:30.....Admittance to the Main Building.<br>Open only to people with special needs<br>and residents of Senior Facilities | 1:00.....Zucchini Races<br>Rooster Calling Contest in the Show Ring     |
| 9:00.....Commercial vendors & exhibitors open   | ♪ 1:00-1:40 .....Valdy  |
| 9:30.....Demo Tent - Judging the Sweetest Apple   | 1:30.....Dog Agility in the Upper Level Ring                            |
| 10:00.....Pet Parade registration<br>Free bus shuttle to/from the fairgrounds<br>Food concessions open<br>Games of chance open  | 1:45.....Longest lasting rose bloom<br>& dahlia announced               |
| ♪ 10:00-10:30 ...Alan Moberg  | ♪ 1:50-2:30 .....Duck Creak   |
| 10:30.....Demo Tent - People's Choice Award for<br>Best Tasting Apple   | 2:00.....Tractor Pull   |
| .....Indoor exhibits open to all fair-goers   | 2:30 .....Sheep Dog Demonstration<br>Sawmill Demonstration              |
| ♪ 10:45-11:15 ...Wesley Hardisty  | ♪ 2:40-3:20 .....Marianne Grittani Quartet                              |
| 11:00.....Pet Parade / Sawmill Demonstration<br>Blacksmith Demo ongoing   | 3:00.....Rotary Club Muffin Madness<br>Chicken races                    |
| ♪ 11:25-11:55 ...Hoochie Coochie Men  | 3:00-5:00 .....Prize money may be collected<br>behind the main building |
| 11:30.....Sheep Dog Demonstration   | ♪ 3:30-4:10 .....Kathy Stack & Friends                                  |
| 12:00.....Chicken races   | ♪ 4:30-Close .....Everyday People                                       |
| ♪ 12:05-12:45 ...Alvaro Sanchez   | 5:00-6:00 .....All entries must be removed<br>(not earlier)             |



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## ART REVIEW

# Bliss found in Egger and Lipsett work

Still Chasing show at Salt Spring Gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Married couple Kuno Egger and Lisa Lipsett were "Chasing Bliss" with their joint show at the Salt Spring Gallery last fall, and although they've dubbed the follow-up Still Chasing, the pair appears to be in an enviable position, both in their 30-year relationship and their artistic processes.

While the two artists keep separate studio spaces and haven't formally collaborated for the show, there is some cross-influence at work.

"I've been trying to edit more," Lipsett said. "I think I have a fear of missing out—I always put everything into one image. Kuno is so focused. My journey is how to let stuff go."

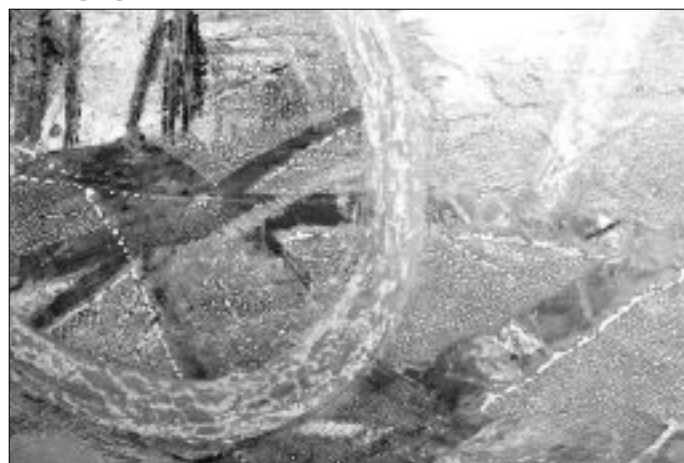
Working with acrylic, oil stick, water media and cold wax, Lipsett builds up layers on wooden panels and then scrapes it down, a process in which the ultimate end-image becomes clear. She likes to play with the tension of opposites in her abstract paintings, such as between oil stick and watercolour or the theme of fire and water.

Her new works have the feeling of being a little more confident and open than in the past, with some free, sweeping movements among the more careful elements. She embraces her favourite palette of rose quartz and baby blue—a blissful combo indeed, with its overtones of heavenly sky.

Lipsett has created some of the pieces in the current series overtop older paintings, selecting an image here or there from the past to shine through once the overlaid layers have been scraped away. There is a journey of progression not unlike life—the way one can move forward with new ideas and information, but still circle back to the important lessons of the past.

"It's never starting completely fresh—it's building on what you have. Maybe there's some gold in a past journey that can be brought up," Lipsett said.

Egger has perhaps taken a greater slice of his partner's style into account for his exploration, which involves a new finishing style for his well-crafted functional ware. In the past he has focused on perfecting the terra sigillata technique on stoneware bowls,



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Detail from Lisa Lipsett's painting Hugs & Kisses I, top, and a vase by Kuno Egger showing the results of his recent journey into new finishing processes.

pots and vases.

"Looking at Lisa's work I wanted to push the boundaries, get into abstract and push the boundaries of what a pottery finish can be. I like the way she uses layering, the way she adds material and then removes some or nearly all of it, the way the end result is often completely different from the beginning," Egger said. "Such a process is harder in the world of ceramics mostly because of the constraints and unpredictable alchemy inherent in taking the final product up to 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit."

Another source of inspiration came when Lipsett, Egger and their teenage daughter went to London for spring break this year, with a side trip to St. Ives. The home of the famous Leach Pottery, the town has continued to attract avant-garde ceramic artists.

"Once I saw that I knew I was going to shake up what I was doing," Egger said.

His process started by mirroring one of Lipsett's practices of throwing everything on at once. An early bowl in the series has a black glazed interior and rim, decorated with contrasting geometric panels that are filled with all sorts of colours, textures and



patterning, from oxidized copper intaglio to smooth golden bars.

By the end he was drifting back to something more uniform and subdued, with a design ethic that is graphic and boldly coloured but also incorporates more of his classic terra sigillata colour bubbles. As Egger observes, he had to go the further distance to get back to something that was new and that he was also comfortable with incorporating into his repertoire.

Still Chasing runs until Sept 20. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

## EXHIBITION CALL

# Guild seeks past members and paintings

Spectrum of work  
 wanted for show

The Salt Spring Island Painters Guild is looking for past members or the people who may have known them to help put together a 45th-anniversary exhibition that represents everyone ever involved with the group.

The celebratory retrospective show called Our Best Work (so far) will run from Oct. 28 through Nov. 4 at Mahon Hall.

As show committee members Margaret Threlfall and Judy Nurse explain, all current and former guild members, as well as families of deceased members, are invited to participate by showing one favourite work of art.

Even community members who own work by past guild members would be welcome to submit a piece.

The entry process is detailed on the guild's website at [sspaintersguild.ca](http://sspaintersguild.ca). The entry form must be submitted by Oct. 6. For more

information, contact Threlfall at [willowcrest@shaw.ca](mailto:willowcrest@shaw.ca) or 250-537-4535.

Paintings by guild members who have taught workshops will be displayed on the stage. Another section will include demo paintings created by well-known instructors during their courses over the years. There will be also be a "Reunion Room" with photo displays, programs from past events and an opportunity to share memories.

The guild currently has 150

members, with some of them specializing in certain areas of interest, such as printmaking or life drawing.

"Diversity is certainly the key word for our guild now," said Threlfall, who is one of two guild life members. Don Hodgins is the other.

Registered members meet Wednesdays at ArtSpring for workshops in oil, watercolour, acrylic, collage or multimedia instruction. Special events and exhibitions are also part of guild membership.

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## EXHIBITIONS

## SSNAP theme at The Point

Corrie Peters and McConnell collection on tap

As the Salt Spring National Art Prize prepares to launch its second biennial event this month, The Point Gallery has put together two exhibits celebrating two of the people who were integral to the huge success of the inaugural SSNAP in 2015.

The joint show opening Sunday, Sept. 17 features Corrie Peters in the lower gallery and some pieces from local collector Joan McConnell in the upper gallery, along with the continuation of Anna Gustafson's installation Snow Fence outside.

"All three women, Corrie, Joan and Anna, in all they have done add immeasurably to our understanding and pleasure in the visual," said Margaret Day, founder and curator at The Point. "In Joan's statement she says 'I have only to open my eyes.' Here's to us all following her good example."

Peters' show "gr(i)ève" has her SSNAP 2015 prize-winning entry "building (All the rooming houses on my street have had their front door removed)" return to Salt Spring. Together with additional pieces, the show gives the work more context than was possible two years ago in Mahon Hall.

Peters moved from Winnipeg to Esquimalt since her last show at The Point in February 2016.

"She has continued with a socially

engaged practice that knows there are undemocratic realities to relationships that echo those in the larger systems of power we live in. New pieces for this exhibit deal with her/our connections to the marginalization and discrimination that occur on the edges of the systems of power that we all live in," Day said.

In the upper gallery: "collecting salt spring" features art from the home of Joan McConnell. A founding partner of SSNAP, she was responsible for donating the prize for outstanding work, and the Salt Spring artist's residency that brought Peters to the island in 2016.

"This is only a small facet of Joan's involvement and support of the arts on Salt Spring," Day explained. "But in the visual arts her support has been first and foremost for the individual artist. To go to her home is to realize just how much and how many artists she has encouraged over many years. We are indebted to Joan for allowing us to borrow from her collection for this exhibit. Our only regret is that the wall space we have available does not allow for more."

Day said Anna Gustafson's installation Snow Fence in the field below the gallery has continued to delight visitors from the island and all over the world. It will be moving on this fall but remains open every day until dark to the end of October.

Sunday's opening reception takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. The show continues to Oct. 23.

## LIVE THEATRE

## Multimedia comedy set



PHOTO COURTESY CURLYPAWSANDICE.COM  
Candy Roberts in her role as Bobert, a shy and curious fellow whose heart is a bird.

Graffiti group presents  
Ideas Bobert!

Salt Spring's Graffiti Theatre will host a comedic conundrum that will have the whole family laughing when it presents Candy Roberts at ArtSpring on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Roberts is the 2014 recipient of the Mayor's Arts Award in Vancouver for her work in creativity and community. In her piece titled Ideas Bobert! she introduces Bobert, a shy and curious fellow with a bird that lives in his chest for a heart. He expresses himself through music, tap dance and physical comedy.

"Through the show he involves the audience in exploring absurd solutions to his mundane problems, but only after he learns to listen to and care for his heart does he find peace," a press release explains.

Roberts is Vancouver's only tap-dance ukulele instructor and leads the critically acclaimed Myrtle Family Band. After 10-plus years of writing, producing and clowning with the Jessie Award-nominated Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret Society, she has ventured forth with her first solo show.

Press material notes Ideas Bobert! gave Roberts "the opportunity to combine her passions and skills in clowning, puppetry and dance. She built all the show's props and puppets and designed its story, choreography, technical cues and stop-motion animation."

The Montreal Gazette called the show "Impossible to resist."

Tickets for children and adults are available at ArtSpring.

The show is one hour long and starts at 7 p.m.

## CONCERTS

## Amy Helm returns to PitchFork



PHOTO BY LISA OGMAGE

Amy Helm, the daughter of Levon Helm, is next on the PitchFork Social calendar.

Saturday concert  
with Cindy  
Cashdollar

PitchFork Social's next performer not only has star-studded musical genes but has made a big name on the folk-rock music scene in her own right.

Amy Helm thrilled a Salt Spring audience when she played for PitchFork Social last summer. This time — on Saturday, Sept. 16 — she is performing with a super-hot band featuring Cindy Cashdollar.

Helm's dad was Levon Helm, the renowned drummer for the Band.

Her mom is singer-songwriter Libby Titus, and her stepfather is Steely Dan's Donald Fagen. A press release notes that despite those antecedents, when it comes to making music, Helm is very much her own person.

"All of my parents, step-parents, their friends and peers [were] really good in backing off and letting me find my way," Helm told Rolling Stone Country of making her rootsy new album, Didn't It Rain. "And then when I was giving in to fear too much, they were really good about stepping in. My dad would always say to me, 'Buck up, girl!'"

That Helm grew up around some of the finest American music ever recorded is evident. "Her talent takes up where her father's leaves off — her voice is an exquisite instrument and she is an accomplished drummer and mandolin player," press material states.

Helm is a founding member of the roots band Ollabelle, which has three acclaimed albums to its credit. Along with her late father, she brought to fruition the Midnight Rambles at the family farm in upstate New York, a tradition of loose and inspired jam sessions that continue to this day.

"Helm's own folk-rock repertoire is soulful and deep and will feature her original songs as well as folk and rock songs that are steeped in her heart, including favourites from The Band. Levon passed the torch and we're happy to report it's still on fire," state the programmers at the Telluride Blues & Brews Festival.

Saturday's show starts at 7:30 p.m., with farm-to-table dinner sales starting at 5:30. Ticket prices do not include dinner.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Sep. 13

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Susan Cogan & Jerome Jarvis.**  
Release of Nine Goddess Tales CD at the Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
Museum is open at the Farmers' Institute on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through September and October.



**Salt Spring Historical Society: How We Got Around Before B.C. Ferries.**  
How We Got Around Before B.C. Ferries talk by retired BC Ferries senior chief engineer Ross Van Winckel delves into marine transportation of the past in the first of the SSI Historical Society's fall meetings at Central Hall. 2 p.m.



## Thu. Sep. 14

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Fin de Fiesta Flamenco presents Liándola.**  
Vibrant music and dance ensemble comprised of award-winning artists from Europe and North America and based in Seville, Spain, brings together flamenco dance, song, guitar, flute, and percussion for an electrifying performance. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See Wednesday's listing.  
**Nia.**  
Series of wellness/fitness movement practice classes held each Thursday at Antler Ridge Dance Studio from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. begins today. Info/register: arleensadler@telus.net  
**Lunch at the Seniors Centre.**  
Weekly affordable Thursday lunches for members of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society offered at Salt Spring Seniors Centre resume today. 11:45 a.m.  
**Salt Spring Economic Development Commission.**  
Public welcome to attend regular business meeting. Portlock Park Portable. 4 p.m.  
**Classic Rock Bingo.**  
At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

## Fri. Sep. 15

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Wil.**  
Folk-rock music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See Wednesday's listing.  
**Elementary Bridge Coaching.**  
Free beginning bridge lessons every Friday at the SS Library Program Room. 10 a.m.  
**Reel Food & Music: Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World.**  
Outdoor Movie Night at Bullock Lake Farm, presented by Pitchfork Social, Salt Spring Island Film Festival and Xwaaqw'um Project Team. Dinner at 6 p.m., live music by Wesley Hardisty 7 to 7:45, film screening at 8. Bring your own blanket or chair.  
**MP Elizabeth May Town Hall.**  
Saanich and the Islands MP Elizabeth May meets with constituents at Fulford Community Hall, with guest MLA Adam Olsen. 7 to 8:30 p.m.



**Satsang With Desthein.**  
Abide as who you are: Inviting inquiry into the nature of the self. Satsang with Desthein. Ram Spring Wellness Centre. 7 to 9 p.m.



## Sat. Sep. 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Pitchfork Social: Amy Helm in Concert.**  
With band featuring Cindy Cashdollar. A Pitchfork Social concert at Bullock Lake Farm. 7:30 p.m., with pre-show dinner from 5:30 p.m.  
**WE3.**  
Live at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.  
**Aidan Miller.**  
Rock/dance music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES



**Salt Spring Fall Fair.**  
Biggest event of the year on Salt Spring Island at the Farmers' Institute. Gates open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Satsang With Desthein Weekend of Inquiry.**  
Abide as who you are: Inviting inquiry into the nature of the self with Desthein. Ram Spring Wellness Centre. Saturday and Sunday. Info/register: Zanzara - 604-222-4178 or zzaen@gmail.com.

**Saturday Market in the Park.**  
Locally produced crafts, foods and produce at famous event in Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Sat. Sep. 16

### ACTIVITIES

**IBC's Time to Talk: Earthquake Tour.**  
Insurance Bureau of Canada brings its Time to Talk: Earthquake consumer tour to Ganges Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features the IBC Shake Zone - a portable earthquake simulator which allows people to experience a magnitude 8.0 earthquake in a safe, controlled environment. Co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program.

## Sun. Sep. 17

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Fall Fair.**  
See Saturday's listing.  
**Satsang With Desthein Weekend of Inquiry.**  
See Saturday's listing.  
**Art Show Opening: Corrie Peters & Joan McConnell Collection.**  
Organized especially for SSNAP 2017, The Point gallery presents two exhibits that are celebrations of two people who were integral to the huge success of the inaugural SSNAP in 2015: Corrie Peters - "gr(i)ève" and "collecting salt spring" - art from the home of Joan McConnell. Opening event runs from 2 to 5 p.m. Show continues through Oct. 23.

## Mon. Sep. 18

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.**  
Public welcome to attend regular business meeting. Portlock Park Portable. 5 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Fire Protection District.**  
Board of trustees meeting at Salt Spring United Church, lower hall. 7 p.m.

## Tue. Sep. 19

### ACTIVITIES

**Nia - Tuesday Morning.**  
Series of wellness/fitness movement classes each Tuesday at Salt Spring United Church Hall from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info/register: arleensadler@telus.net.  
**Tuesday Farmers' Market.**  
Local, organic food producers and food artisans offer goods every Tuesday from June through October. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Nia - Tuesday Evening.**  
See above description, except class is at Antler Ridge Dance Studio from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Info/register: arleensadler@telus.net.  
**Trivia Tuesday.**  
Tuesdays at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

## Wed. Sep. 20

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Salt Spring Digital.**  
Digital media professionals in communications, marketing, digital design and development who live and/or work on Salt Spring meet on the third Wednesday of each month to share connections, new ideas and to support the creation of a thriving digital technology, design, entrepreneurial and innovation culture on the island. Upstairs at the Legion. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
**Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting.**  
Special general meeting of the Central Community Hall Society board of directors to discuss fundraising. Public welcome. Central Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Rural Business Accelerator Info Session.**  
For people wanting to grow a craft and lifestyle business on Salt Spring. SS Public Library. 4 to 5 p.m. Info/register: RuralB usnessAccelerator@gmail.com.  
**SongJam.**  
Pub-style sing-along at Moby's Pub resumes. 8 p.m.



Quake cottage at Ganges fire hall on Saturday.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive presents "gr(i)ève," work by 2015 SSNAP winner **Corrie Peters**, and "collecting salt spring," art from the home of SSNAP donor **Joan McConnell** beginning with an opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. Open Thursday-Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. until Oct. 23 or by appointment at 250-653-0089 or pointgallery@telus.net
- **Anna Gustafson's** Snow Fence labyrinth is open any time, any day until dark.
- **Still Chasing** - ceramics and paintings by **Kuno Egger** & **Lisa Lipsett** runs at the **Salt Spring Gallery** through Sept. 20.

- **Bob Fenske** and **Curt Firestone** show photos of street photography at **Gallery 8** through Friday, Sept. 15.
- **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** hosts **Coming Together**, a paper collage exhibition of work by students of **Bly Kaye**, through September.
- **Larry Melious** has a photography exhibit titled **Off the Wall** in the **Salt Spring Library Program Room** through September.
- **Jeannette Sirois** presents **The Stillness of Life**, the final showcase exhibition of the season, at **ArtCraft** at **Mahon Hall** daily through Sept. 17.
- **Duthie Gallery** hosts **Second Growth** — drawings and paintings by **Sibéal Foyle** and furniture by **Peter Pierobon** through Oct. 1.
- **Amelie Love** shows artwork in an exhibit titled **I'm An Artholic** at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until Sept. 16.
- **The Salt Spring Basketry Guild** marks its 20th anniversary with **Nests**, an outdoor exhibit at **Mahon Hall** until Sept. 17.
- **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. until Sept. 17.
- **Salty Pear Gallery** is open at 279 Rainbow Rd. with an exhibition of recent work by photographer **Stasia Garraway**.

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# people&community

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

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or [dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com](mailto:dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com)



## SALT SPRING Pride 2017



Photos by Jen MacLellan

Trans contingent walks proudly and with smiles in the Saturday parade.



From left, Izzy Marshall-Andrews says it all with a sign; MLA Adam Olsen addresses the post-parade crowd in the gathering in Centennial Park. Rain and cloudy skies did not dampen spirits of those who came out for the 13th annual Salt Spring Pride fest.



Celebrants gather for a pride flag-waving photo in the park. For more photos, see the Gulf Islands Driftwood Facebook page.

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[www.prepareyourself.ca](http://www.prepareyourself.ca)




## Fall Fair Focus



### FALL FAIR EXPRESS

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*See you at the Fair!*

## FUNDRAISER RUN

# Islanders stretch muscles for annual Terry Fox Run

Prize draw for early registration

Salt Spring's Terry Fox Run is set for Sept. 24, but people who sign up by this Friday, Sept. 15 have a chance to win a special prize.

Run entrants can win a trip for two to the Royal BC Museum in Victoria, which includes return ferry fare via Fulford, museum tickets, lunch for two and other special surprises.

Participants will gather for registration at the Rainbow Road pool site beginning at 10 a.m., with people setting off beginning at 11 a.m. Four and eight-kilometre route options for runners, walkers and cyclists are available. No dogs are allowed.

The run is again presented in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission and Recreation Excellence, who will host a free BBQ after the run and a "dash and splash" swim in the pool.

The Tsunami Circus will perform, and kids can enjoy face painting and the "paint-a-van" event.

The Royal BC Museum prize can be used anytime through March of 2018. Until Oct. 1, people can see the inspirational Terry Fox - Running to the Heart of Canada exhibit at the museum.

To sign up for the Sunday, Sept. 24 event, search for Salt Spring Island on the www.terryfox.ca website. Updates are also provided on the Salt Spring Island's Friends of Terry Fox page on Facebook.

The Terry Fox Foundation is an international organization whose mission is to maintain the vision and principles of Terry Fox while raising money for cancer research through the annual Terry Fox runs, school runs and other fundraising initiatives. To date, over \$700 million has been raised worldwide in Terry Fox's name.



FILE PHOTO BY RAMONA LAM

Bill Curtin leads a group in tai chi prior to last year's Terry Fox Run at the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre site. This year's event is on Sunday, Sept. 24.

## FOOD SECURITY

## Harvest dinner supports fresh food access at market

Islanders benefit through coupon program

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Salt Spring Community Market Society will partner with Salt Spring Island Community Services to host a harvest dinner fundraiser at Bull-ock Lake Farm.

Prepared by the local chef team known as 3 Blind Mice, the seasonal farm-to-fork meal will raise funds to provide fresh local food to Salt Spring Islanders facing eco-

nomnic barriers.

The SSCMS has been partnering with Community Services at every Tuesday Farmers' Market since 2012 when the Farmers Market Nutritional Coupon Program was begun by the BC Association of Farmers Markets in partnership with the provincial government.

"There is a great sense of pride to hear how happy farmers are to be helping to feed our local families and seniors," said Rob Pingle, Tuesday market coordinator, in a press release.

"We love to see families with kids excited to purchase fresh, local foods. There is nothing better than watching the joy on a child's face as they eat a strawberry or cucumber that has just been given to them by a farmer."

"The program supports local farmers and offers fresh local food to those in need, facilitating an alternative to standing in food bank lineups for some of the people that find it very difficult," added Simone Cazabon, program coordinator for SSCMS.

"We know there is more demand for this

program than can currently be supplied. So, we are thrilled to have an opportunity for individuals to gather for a great meal to support this program, our local farmers and those most in need," said SSCMS president Bree Eagle.

Each person attending the dinner will be supporting a family or senior to buy fresh local food from their farmers' market one time. There is also the opportunity to make a charitable donation.

To buy tickets or donate to the program, visit [www.saltspingtuesdaymarket.com](http://www.saltspingtuesdaymarket.com).

## LOCAL HISTORY

## Ruckle views family painting

Donation to stay at Bittancourt House Museum

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A painting that arrived on Salt Spring from New Zealand under somewhat mysterious circumstances will stay at Bittancourt House Museum, after being viewed by a member of the pioneering Ruckle family.

Helen Ruckle, age 92, visited the museum Saturday to see the painting of Mount Maxwell, which her aunt Agnes Ruckle had painted in 1904. The painting was discovered in

New Zealand and sent to Salt Spring by way of Calgary after the purchaser failed to find any trace of the family, as detailed in an Aug. 23 Driftwood story.

Helen Ruckle is still very much in existence, as it turns out. She spends much of her time in Victoria but still drives to Salt Spring regularly, and keeps the family farmhouse in Ruckle Provincial Park.

Ruckle toured the museum with Gladys Campbell (nee Patterson), whose grandfather was the brother of Helen's mother Mary. The Pattersons' store was first established at Beaver Point, within the current park area.

Ruckle said she had many larger paintings by Agnes Ruckle at home. Agnes had trained as a teacher but then left the profession to pursue art full-time, including a stint with an artists' group in Paris. She died in a drowning accident at Christina Lake while trying to rescue a friend in 1905, when she was just 24 years of age.

How the Mount Maxwell painting made its way to New Zealand remains a mystery for the time being. The original owner was apparently a friend of the Ruckle family, but their name was not recorded in the estate auction.

## PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

## Digital group event planned

Community welcomed to Sept. 20 meeting

Salt Spring Digital is holding its next monthly meet-up at the Legion next Wednesday, Sept. 20.

A community group of digital media professionals working in communications, marketing, digital design and development who live and/or work on

the island, Salt Spring Digital's focus is to share connections, new ideas and to support the creation of a thriving digital technology, design, entrepreneurial and innovation culture on Salt Spring. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

Next Wednesday's gathering runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Holly MacDonald at [holly@sparkandco.ca](mailto:holly@sparkandco.ca).



### Site C Inquiry: Public Feedback

The BCUC is conducting an independent inquiry on the cost implications of Site C on BC Hydro ratepayers. On September 20, BCUC will publish a preliminary report on the initial findings of the inquiry.

The public is invited to provide feedback on this report between September 21 and October 11 either online, or at community input sessions being held at locations throughout the Province.

To learn more, or pre-register for a community input session, please visit the Site C Inquiry website, or call the number below.

<http://www.sitecinquiry.com>

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## COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

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Kelowna	Sep 25	6-10pm	Kelowna Coast Capri
Nelson	Sep 26	6-10pm	Nelson Best Western Hotel
Prince George	Sep 29	6-10pm	Prince George Ramada Hotel
Hudson's Hope	Sep 30	6-10pm	Pearkes Centre
Fort St. John	Oct 1	6-10pm	Fort St. John Pomeroy Hotel
Fort St. John	Oct 2	6-10pm	Fort St. John Pomeroy Hotel
Vancouver	Oct 5	6-10pm	1125 Howe Street (12 floor)
Nanaimo	Oct 10	6-10pm	Nanaimo Coast Bastion Hotel
Victoria	Oct 11	6-10pm	Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel

You are encouraged to pre-register as session capacity is limited.

ECOLOGY

# Wetlands for farmers session coming to Salt Spring

Salt Spring Conservancy event with Tom Biebighauser

A wildlife biologist and wetland ecologist who has been instrumental in the wetlands restoration work at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve will give a presentation on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Tom Biebighauser has helped restore more than 1,900 wetlands on Salt Spring, across Canada and the United States and New Zealand since 1982.

He has studied drainage and irrigation for 33 years, learning from contractors who spent their lives draining

wetlands.

"Tom has developed highly effective and low-cost techniques for building wetlands that provide habitat for rare species and improve farmland," explains a Salt Spring Conservancy press release. "He teaches practical, hands-on workshops where participants learn how to restore wetlands by becoming involved in the design and construction of naturally appearing and functioning wetlands."

His presentation begins at 7 p.m. at 265 Blackburn Rd.

People attending will learn how farmers are building attractive wetlands in

B.C. to provide habitat for wildlife and to improve the value of their land.

"You'll learn how fields marginal for raising crops can be transformed into well-drained and productive cropland by constructing wetlands. Wetlands are being built on farms across B.C. to provide drinking water for livestock, and water for irrigating crops."

Biebighauser has written four books about wetland restoration, and instructs online college and field courses on the topic. He received the United States National Wetlands Award for Conservation and Restoration in 2015.



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Wetland restoration specialist Tom Biebighauser, who will give a presentation at Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve next Thursday, Sept. 21.

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## Activities ramp up at Seniors Centre

By NEVA HOHN  
SS SENIORS SERVICE SOCIETY

**No one at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre is past their "best before" date. Quite the opposite!**

If you drop in to 379 Lower Ganges Rd. any day between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. you'll find lots of active people exploring their dreams of a good life in retirement.

We've got programs like Reader's Theatre on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Active Learning, Mondays at 2:30 p.m.; Choir on Tuesday at 10:30; Yoga, Thursday at 2 p.m.; Arts and Crafts, Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; and many more,

including Bridge, Scrabble, Mah Jong, Chess, and we're always open to starting something new.

Embrace your caring and service-oriented side at Seniors. The Driver's Program, providing free rides to health services on and off-Island, always has a need for more good drivers. The Caregiver's Support group welcomes people of all ages wrestling with the changing fortunes of friends and family. The Blood Pressure Clinic is reliable, private and doesn't require a special appointment. Become a volunteer at the front desk, in the kitchen, or on the board.

Coffee Fridays at 10 a.m. are always lively

and entertaining. Bring your stories. Tasty Thursday lunches start again in September, too; remember to call in advance to get on the list; it's a popular venue (250-537-4604).

This year is our 25th anniversary at 379 Lower Ganges Rd. and there's lots of celebrate! Watch for more advertising soon!

There is something in it for you. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society is open to your ideas. Membership is free, as are almost all the programs. Our board members are friendly and approachable at 379 Lower Ganges Rd., 250-537-4604. Or check us out at [www.saltspringseiors.ca](http://www.saltspringseiors.ca).

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## Celebration of Life

### TERRY GORDON ROMERIL

June 13, 1945 – July 17, 2017

I will be hosting an informal gathering at the Brinkworthy Clubhouse on Sunday, September 17th, to remember Terry, and to celebrate all the good times we shared. It will also give me an opportunity to acknowledge and show my appreciation to our many friends who have reached out to me with kind thoughts and gestures since his death.

In keeping with Terry's "go with the flow" nature, this will not be a structured event, nor would he want it to be a solemn one. Please just drop in any time between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on the 17th to reminisce a bit and say a final farewell.

— Susan Monahan

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### GREENWOODS ELDERCARE SOCIETY

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, September 28, 2017  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Where:** Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue

**Membership:** Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands, who have made written application for membership in the Society. Applications available at Greenwood's office.

**Voting Privileges:** Members in good standing who annually renew their membership (fee \$5.00 - can be paid at the door) are entitled to vote. Persons who have applied for membership during the past membership year (Sept. 28, 2016 - Sept. 28, 2017) are eligible to vote providing their membership application was submitted by August 31, 2017.

**Notice of Motion:** Revised Constitution and Bylaws rewritten to be compliant with the new BC Societies' Act.

### wintercraft

### Annual Christmas Art and Craft Sale

NOVEMBER 24th – DECEMBER 21st, 2017

### Call for exhibitors and registration notice

Registration fee: \$28.00 – Deadline: November 3rd

A valid 2017 Salt Spring Arts Council Membership is required. Fee ~ \$25.00

Application forms and information can be downloaded from the website: <http://ssartsCouncil.com/wintercraft/>. Or, picked up at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Road in rear mailbox at school side of building. Please contact Richard Steel: [info@ssartsCouncil.com](mailto:info@ssartsCouncil.com) with any other queries.

*New exhibitors welcome!*

### artcraft SHOWCASE GALLERY

### CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Arts Council announces an open call to Artists and Craft people working in a variety of media, to submit exhibition proposals for the 2018 season of ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery.

Entry is open only to artists living in School District #64 Gulf Islands. The Showcase Gallery exhibits, on the stage at Mahon Hall, are approximately four weeks long and run during the ArtCraft season-June to September.

- Artists are welcome to submit work individually or as part of a group
- Work must be recent - created within the past 2 years- and must not have been exhibited locally or at ArtCraft either on the main floor or at a previous showcase exhibit.
- Exhibitions are chosen to reflect innovation, quality and professionalism
- The Artcraft commission rate is 35%.
- All items entered must be for sale.
- Application Forms can be downloaded on the website <http://ssartsCouncil.com/showcase-exhibitions-3/>
- Or, picked up at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Road at rear office.

**Proposals must be received by OCTOBER 31st, 2017**

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## SWIMMING

# Stingrays power to strong showing at provincials

Team spirit and sportsmanship also lauded

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The Salt Spring Stingrays swim team capped off a successful swim season with a strong showing at the B.C. provincial championships in Kamloops.

The Stingrays are a competitive summer swim team for youth aged five to 18. This season the team grew to almost 100 swimmers.

Twenty-four members of the team qualified for the B.C. championships. They were Jackson Lange, Nolan Langdon, Nate Kray-Gibson, Arne Wick, Zoe Sanchez Wickland, Donna De Roo, Elyse Walsh, Druehn Pinney, Kiel Johnson, Emilie Bevan, Mia Kerrigan, Jaidalyn Pinney, Aiden Otsubopapp, Nina De Roo, Lily Armstrong, Zoey Johnson, William Rithaler, Zadi-

an St-Gelais, Joseph Schulze, Austin Bisnar, Nigel Bisnar, Cassidy Fraser, Brandon Bronson and Finn Page.

Fourteen Stingrays made the trip to compete in Kamloops from Aug. 18 to 20. Druehn Pinney, aged nine, reached the podium twice, earning a silver medal in backstroke and a bronze in the regional relay. This completes the set as he earned a gold in backstroke last season. He also placed eighth in the 100 IM, 11th in the 50 fly and 16th in the 50 free.

The Div. 1 boys relay team (Langdon, Lange, Wick and Kray-Gibson) just missed the podium by .1 second for a come-from-behind fourth-place finish in the medley relay. They also came in fourth in the free relay.

Jackson Lange placed 13th in the 50 backstroke and 16th in the 100 freestyle. Kray-Gibson finished 11th in the 50 breast and 22nd in the 50 fly.

Kiel Johnson placed 13th in 50 breaststroke.

Nina De Roo was part of a region-



Stingrays swimmer Druehn Pinney, second from right, sports a bronze medal as part of the regional team with, from left, Aiden Telfer, Marcus Hogan and Eliot Tait.

al relay team that came fourth. She earned a PQT in her 18th-place 50 free, and finished 20th in the 50 fly.

Armstrong placed 22nd in 100

breast in her first season in competitive swimming.

Zoey Johnson placed sixth in the 200 IM, sixth in a regional relay, ninth

in 100 backstroke and 14th in the 100 fly.

The Div.-4 girls relay team of Nina De Roo and Jaidalyn Pinney included two younger swimmers from Div. 2, Donna De Roo and Walsh, but still achieved a respectable 11th-place finish against a largely older squad of swimmers.

Coach Bisnar swam to an 11th-place finish in the 100 breast and a 12th-place finish in the 200 IM.

Coach Fraser placed eighth in both the 50 free and the 100 breast and came in 13th in the 50 fly.

Head coach Bronson reached the podium with a third-place finish in a regional relay. He also swam to a fifth-place finish in the 100 back and came in ninth in the 200 IM.

Although the club is very proud of these achievements, we are most impressed with the enthusiasm, team spirit and sportsmanship shown by all our swimmers this past season.

## SOCCER

# United women slam door on Gorge

Salt Spring United women's soccer team annihilated its opposition in the first game of the season.

Even though Salt Spring started the game short with just 10 players and without a coach, and lost Katie Van de Sype to an injury to bring the roster down to nine in the first half, United beat Gorge by a 7-0 score.

According to a report from the players, Kloe Holmes started the scoring with a penalty shot off a hand ball in the 18-yard box and then followed up with a bullet of a shot in the top corner of the net.

Erica Rimmer nailed one last goal just before half-time to make it a 3-0 lead.

The second half began with Lorna Walde scoring off a great cross, which was quickly followed by another cross that met Sue-Anne Connolly for yet another goal.

Jody Pringle dribbled through many players to drill another shot past the Gorge keeper. The final goal was a beautiful strike by Connolly at the top of the 18-yard box for a final score of 7-0.

Sheri Ranger and Katie Severn had a great game in net.

"It was an awesome start to the season, even though we were short players and had no coach," said Walde.

Salt Spring United are playing in Division 3 of the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association.

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**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)** Mixing work with play continues as the main theme. The golden mean is struck when your work becomes more playful or creative interests take on a more serious tone of intention. Love is in the air all the while. Whether it involves someone, something or some place, or all of the above is for you to decide. Either way, the heat is on...still.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)** Home and family remain at the forefront of your priorities and focus. Creating an atmosphere of harmony, balance and fairness are featured. While your work or employment front is part of the plot, it is a secondary interest. Working to create a harmonious atmosphere that supports productivity and financial flow, however, is important.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Getting down to the nitty gritty continues. This process began a few weeks ago. It includes getting organized. Yet, there is a creative factor featured, as well. You are excited about the prospects of creative projects that you have conceived over the past several months. A learning curve may be involved and renovations of some kind, as well.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** You are in the mood to get a lot done. This implies attending to a variety of fronts and/or multitasking. Somehow, a break with the past has been unfolding. This may simply be the signal for new interests and projects to take hold. It may come with a feeling of: "been there, done that, so what else can I do?"

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** An important momentum has been steadily emerging. Now you have hit the stride and patient perseverance is the key now. There may remain some important areas required new initiative. A learning curve is implied. Having a plan and getting organized remains important, so make refinements and adjustments there as necessary.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)** Circumstances are calling you out to get more involved. It can be described as "joining the club", somehow. Sometimes what is popular and accepted as the norm is worth recognizing in terms of advantage. This is less about inventiveness and more about getting involved, but the former may have its opportunity as well. Get onboard... or online.

**Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)** Working diligently behind the scenes is now in focus. This may include some kind of inner work, as well. Overcoming indecision and procrastination are examples of this inner work. Of course, it generally includes outer action, as well. Circumstances are pushing you to contribute to causes greater than your own private interests.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Gaining recognition continues as an important theme. This may include popularity or simply acknowledgment of your efforts. But, getting rewarded somehow is also on your mind. Yet, you may be dealing with the dual desire of being seen and heard yet also wanting peace and quiet. This is a complicated combination but, with awareness and strategy, you could achieve both.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** A process of seeing a bigger picture continues. Generally, this is your department. Yet, the specifics depend on your situation. Looking to the long term regarding your health and whether your diet and lifestyle help or hinder it may well be the most important consideration. Spiritual interests may also be on your mind, such as questions regarding soul, karma, and reincarnation.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You are entering important final chapters of a significant evolutionary cycle that began almost three years ago. It includes a clearing process of old relationship involvements both personal and professional. Or, the emphasis could be on attitudes, expectations and behavior patterns regarding relationships. Keep an open mind and cooperate.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Circumstances are leading you to get more involved. This includes deepening your focus upon certain relationships and may include the need to let go of other commitments. Research and gaining new knowledge and skills are all likely themes of activity. The time has come to increase productivity.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** A process of making dreams reality is underway. Plans, goals, and ambitions that have been waiting their turn, perhaps even for many years, are now destined to take center stage. This process probably began weeks or even months ago, but now you are entering the fast lane. Focus to work diligently, patiently and constructively and be careful of cutting criticism.

**GOLF**

# Pickering and Elwes top club

Championship tourney Sept. 9-10

**BY MARCIA HOGAN**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring Golf Club's men's and ladies' leagues hosted their annual club championship on Sept. 9 in the rain and in brilliant sunshine on Sept. 10.

Although the course was in top condition, the weather hindered the ball flight but softened the greens. There were three cups at stake for each league.

The 2017 ladies club champion is Jenny Pickering, winner of the Wilson Cup with an amazing low gross score of 180. Second spot went to Carolyn Sharp with 189.

Dora Reynolds took the Bramhall Low Net Cup in retrogression. Reynolds tied with Mary Lou Bompas, both scoring 150. Senior ladies low net winner of the La Belle Cup was Franki Johnstone with 159. Kathy Luke was just one shot behind.

The men's club champion is Stephen Elwes, who carded an outstanding 69 on Sunday for a 147. Elwes picked up the Crofton Cup. In second place was Jim Charlton with 153.

Scoring a low net total of 140, Troy Kaye won the Humphries Cup over Ted Grande's 140, also on retrogression. Jim Charlton was once again the winner of the over 55 Captain's Cup with a low gross score of 153. Runner up was Ian Shopland, seven shots behind with a 160.

**SLO-PITCH**

# Fun and funds raised at tournament



PHOTOS BY KIM STEWART

A dusty slide, left, and high fives following a game are some of the scenes from the Tony Head Memorial Slo-pitch tournament held at Fulford ball field on the Labour Day long weekend.

**Tony Head memorial event**

Seven teams, including four from beyond Salt Spring, put on their gloves for the annual Tony Head Memorial Slo-Pitch tournament on the Labour Day long weekend.

A concession set up and run by Bert Beitel, with help from volunteers from Island

Savings, raised close to \$2,000 for The Full Cupboard, bringing in almost double the funds to the food bank charity as were raised last year.

In tournament results, Scared Hitless led by Becky Mason took third place this year. The Avengers led by Michele Severn and The Rat Pack Revival led by Leah Mack from Victoria battled it out for top spot in the finals.

"After a fun and close game, at the bottom of the seventh inning, The Avengers led by one run to win the tournament," organizer Danielle Head reported.

Head thanked NSA umpire Rick Beitel, who travelled from Penticton for the tournament, as well as Danny and Stacey Akerman, the many community supporters and all the players for making the event a success.

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**RUNNING**

# Sneakers take on Mount Finlayson

Major kilometres travelled in three events

**BY ERIC ELLIS**  
SS SNEAKERS

Last weekend saw a number of Salt Springers and Sneakers compete in three ultra trail runs organized by Coast Line Endurance Running in Goldstream Provincial Park.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Friday evening, 45 brave souls started a 100-km trail run from the Goldstream Provincial Park group campground, across and through the knee-deep Goldstream River and then climbed the side of Mount Finlayson above Finlayson Arm, through Gowland Tod Park to climb Mount Work, McKenzie Bight and Jocelyne Hill over the course of 28 kilometres, and then turned around to mostly retrace their steps to Goldstream Park and do it all over again, accumulating 20,150 feet of climbing over the 100 kms. Most of the first 10 hours was done in the dark and when it dawned Saturday morning, it mostly rained over the course of the day.

Of the 45 who registered, six decided not to start, 12 curtailed during the course of the race and 27 finished. Salt Spring's Khai Foo finished 10th of 27 overall in 19 hours, 22 minutes and 42 seconds, the eighth male and second



COURTESY SS SNEAKERS

Lise Fraser, left, and Janice Dickie, right, keep pace with a competitor at the 12-km mark of the 28-km race.

in his age group, exceeding his personal goal by two hours and 40 minutes.

On Saturday morning at 7 a.m., while the 100-km contestants were still on the course, Salt Spring Sneaker and MS Run organizer Karen Curtin started the 50-km course. It followed the 100-km course but had only two legs instead of four and had 10,075 feet of climbing. Most

of this race was completed during daylight hours, but in the rain. Curtin finished in 92nd of 116 entrants in 10 hours, 27 minutes and 41 seconds, 40th of 54 women and second of six women in her age group.

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m., 243 runners were registered for the start of the 28-km competition. This course followed the 50 and

100-km course for the first 14 km, but then turned around on the west side of Mount Finlayson and returned to the finish line at Goldstream Park group campground, accumulating 4,400 feet of climbing in what turned out to be fair weather.

Three Salt Spring Sneakers and one other Salt Springer entered. The first Salt Springer to finish was Skye Lee, listed as a 35-year-old male, who finished 31st of the 140 who finished in a time of four hours, eight minutes and 33 seconds, 24th of 58 males and fifth of 12 in his age group.

Janice Dickie finished 68th of 140 competitors in 4 hours, 36 minutes and 3 seconds, 29th of 82 women and fourth of eight in her age group; although she protests how she could be ranked four seconds ahead of Lise Fraser when the two teammates crossed the finish line hand-in-hand.

Fraser was officially registered as finishing 69th in 4 hours, 36 minutes and 7 seconds, 30th of 82 women and third of six in her age group.

Marcia Jansen also started but had problems with her IT bands (muscles on the outside of her hips connected to her knee) and decided to curtail at the 12-km aid station. She did nevertheless return to the start/finish line on her own feet and ended up completing 24 kms of the 28-km course.