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**FIRE**

## Sarah Way residence destroyed by fire

Trincomali fire also hits on holiday weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue personnel have put all their training and skills into practice over the past week, with a serious structure fire on Sarah Way and a greenhouse fire on Trincomali Heights among the calls testing local resources.

Firefighters were called to a vehicle fire that was threatening a structure on Sarah Way on Wednesday, Oct. 4 around 4 p.m. The call soon went out for additional resources as the fire quickly spread up the home's wooden siding and into the attic.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George said the newer home of 3,500 to 4,000 square feet posed a challenge because of the roof height and because the fire moved into the interior. As well, human resources were stretched, with just 18 members, including technicians and tender drivers, available.

"We were very, very taxed," George said. "It was a very stubborn fire and it took a lot of effort to pull down the ceiling from inside."

Firefighters on the scene faced exhaustion after serving in teams for spells of 17 minutes each. The air temperature was already warm for the afternoon, and the temperature inside the house was extremely hot, George said.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George watches as his crews on the other side of the fence fight a Sarah Way fire last Wednesday.

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**HOUSING**

## Affordable housing proposals make progress

LTC moves on three different applications

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee made steps toward meeting the island's affordable housing needs by moving three project applications forward at Thursday's business meeting.

The LTC started its run at advancing nearly 100 new units by giving first reading to a rezoning application for Tami and Fernando dos Santos' Dragonfly Commons development, which proposes 20 low-cost micro homes that eligible people employed in the community could purchase.

"This initiative has my unqualified support," said trustee George Grams. "We know housing is perhaps our most pressing issue at the moment. I thank you for bringing this forward and making this opportunity possible for the community."

**Community Services project**

The LTC also gave first reading to a housing agreement related to another affordable home-ownership project. Salt Spring Community Services is planning a 24-unit project for Salt Spring Island Commons on Bishop's Walk, which will include at least four rental units.

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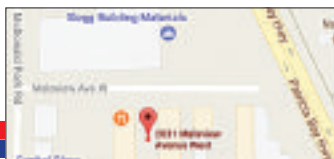
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# Large home blaze tough to battle

**FIRE**

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At one point the situation became too dangerous for crews to be inside and they had to withdraw for a period before they were able to safely regain the interior.

The situation was made more difficult by the need to respond to three other calls that evening, including a kitchen fire on Devine Drive. George said that call went relatively quickly as the fire didn't get into the structure. Fire crews also attended a medical call and investigated commercial alarm bells while the Sarah Way fire was still involved. They were on the Sarah Way scene until 12:30 a.m. Thursday.

George said it was fortunate the fire department has a water storage tank in the neighbourhood just around the corner from the home, so tender shuttling was done quickly. They used between 10,000 and 15,000 gallons of water. As well, the house had a short and well-constructed

driveway with a turn-around at the top, which helped efficient operations.

Although the second floor of the house was entirely destroyed, the lower level mainly sustained water damage. Crews were able to salvage many of the homeowners' belongings, such as family photos, artworks and personal items.

George said the fight would have been easier and potentially safer if the firefighters had had the ability to direct an elevated water stream onto the roof.

"It's a very tough tactic for us because we just don't have the ability to be at the level of the roof, so that was a challenge for us," George said.

"Our crews did an amazing job facing a very challenging situation."

One firefighter was treated on the scene for a minor burn. All firefighters went through a rehabilitation process after their shifts. No other injuries were reported.

In addition to Salt Spring Fire-Rescue, RCMP, BC Hydro and Emergency Social

Services personnel attended the scene.

A smaller structure fire on Trincomali Heights on Thanksgiving weekend received a strong response as the call-out initially came in as a commercial fire. Multiple apparatus and 20 members attended the scene on Sunday afternoon and found a small greenhouse fully involved at a residence. The glass, wood and plastic structure was destroyed.

Lt. Mitchell Sherrin said the homeowners had started the attack with a hose and buckets but there were still flames and smoke when crews arrived. The source of the fire is a mystery. Sherrin said he was not able to determine whether a chemical reaction, refraction from the glass or some other reason might have been at play.

Firefighters were called at 2:35 p.m. and were finished clean-up at the hall by 5 p.m.

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## LTC supports governance reforms

Officials look for new  
avenuesBY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Governance questions were top of mind Thursday for the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at its first business meeting since the island's failed incorporation referendum of Sept. 9.

"These, I can say, are exciting times," LTC chair Peter Luckham said during his report before the town hall portion of the meeting.

Luckham named the change in provincial government and the island's vote against incorporation as part of the good news. While he praised the island's engagement in the process, he said a key message from the "yes" campaign had been received, that in the 15 years since the last incorporation referendum nothing had been done to improve governance problems.

"Not on my watch," Luckham said, adding he wanted to get all the players together to work out a plan on how to repair the evident dysfunction in Salt Spring's system. Luckham reported he had formal and informal meetings with B.C. Premier John Horgan and various ministers the previous week during the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention, and made sure to tell them about Salt Spring.

The Islands Trust Executive

Committee is also hoping to work with the province on legislative changes to the Islands Trust Act to make it more effective, and wants to discover what tools may be available already but haven't been used to their fullest extent, Luckham said.

Salt Spring trustees Peter Grove and George Grams also made statements about moving forward past the vote. Grams reported that he had written to Municipal Affairs Minister Selina Robinson asking her to respect the community's decision, as the second time within 15 years the community had decisively voted against incorporation.

"I think really that is the only way we're going to move forward collectively, and I think collaboratively," Grams said.

Grams has asked Robinson to open up consideration of a third option besides status quo or incorporation, which were the only two choices allowed by the previous government.

"Perhaps this administration under the NDP will be more open to other options," Grams said.

Grove said he felt many issues had been on hold during the referendum process and now it is time to move ahead with action.

"The Islands Trust has already begun a process of reviewing its role and what might be done to strengthen its mandate. I am hopeful that the CRD will also take a hard look at what it might

do to meet our community's needs more effectively," Grove said.

Grove said the need for improved coordination and communication of governance matters has been clearly identified, and suggested holding regular town hall meetings as one solution.

"In the interest of improved integration between and within agencies, I am asking our CRD director, as our de facto local government leader, to hold such public meetings," Grove reported. "Ideally there should be a requirement for such meetings, written into a procedures bylaw."

In Grove's view, all CRD commission chairs should attend such sessions to report briefly on the matters they are dealing with. Chairs of improvement districts and Islands Trust trustees would also be invited to attend and report out.

CRD director Wayne McIntyre, who regularly gives a report on his activities after the Islands Trust officials, had a lengthy list to report on Thursday. He had also met with various ministers at the UBCM, and said he has written to the CRD Board chair on the topic of improving local governance.

"The CRD had a lot of proposals sitting on the shelf. Now is the time to bring them forward and see how they mesh with the Islands Trust and CRD staff," McIntyre said.

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**SOCIAL HEALTH**

## Vital Signs report probes quality of life on Salt Spring

Families seek recreation, education opportunities

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Foundation has offered the community a snapshot into its make-up and the unique factors shaping life on the island with the 2017 Salt Spring Island Vital Signs report.

Released on Tuesday, Oct. 3, the much-anticipated report offers statistics on a wide range of data, from work and economy to arts and culture and the environment. The island's population anchors the study, with a breakdown into age groups, employment, housing and health care among other categories.

"The board of the Salt Spring Foundation is proud to provide this valuable tool as a resource for residents, community groups, businesses and all levels of government. The report will also inform the foundation's grant making, helping us focus programs and projects that will have the biggest impact on community needs," a message from board chair Kees Ruurs states in part.

Data was collected from a community survey in March and April, with 556 responses submitted, and reported alongside official government statistics. Not surprisingly, the report found that

seniors make up a large part of the community — 3,230 people or 30.6 per cent of the population. This nearly doubles the national average of 16.9 per cent and far exceeds the 18.3 per cent provincial average.

The report finds that although the population aged 65-74 is expected to shrink by 10 per cent over the next 10 years, the population aged 75 and older will grow significantly — by 88 per cent. Salt Spring's life expectancy in 2015 was 84.43 years, compared to 82.63 in B.C.

The Better at Home program offers light housework, visits and van excursions to 250 seniors, but care facilities may not be adequate to meet the aging population's needs. There are currently 50 residential care beds, 70 supported care beds and 27 assisted living suites at various facilities on the island. The senior poverty rate is 13.5 per cent, nearly equal to the provincial rate of 13.9 per cent.

On the flip side, the number of children being born on Salt Spring is lower than provincial and national averages. The 1,730 children living on Salt Spring make up 16.4 per cent of the population, compared to 22.4 of Canadians and 20.4 of British Columbians. The local birth rate in 2015 was five live births per 1,000 people, compared to 8.4 on Vancouver Island and 9.6 provincially.



Cover of first Salt Spring Vital Signs report, which was released on Oct. 3.

According to a sample statement, families like raising children in Salt Spring's safe and natural environment. Of the total survey respondents who said they were considering leaving Salt Spring, though, 15 per cent said it was because their children wanted more access to sports and recreation activities, and another eight named education opportunities for their kids as the reason.

Children on Salt Spring may be living in slightly better circumstances than elsewhere in the

province. The child poverty rate in the Capital Regional District is 16.3 per cent, compared to 20.4 per cent across B.C., while 29 per cent of School District 64 kindergarten students are considered vulnerable learners, compared to 32.2 per cent provincially.

Housing was listed as the greatest concern about living on Salt Spring for nearly half of the survey respondents. The 2016 homeless count recorded 83 homeless people. The rental availability rate is expected to be less than 1.5 per

cent in 2018, while there were 306 short-term vacation rentals listed on Airbnb as of Aug. 1.

The most recent National Housing Survey in 2011 found 56.3 per cent of renters and 44.2 per cent of homeowners on Salt Spring were spending 31 per cent or more of their income on housing. The affordability rate is 30 per cent or less of household income.

Other statistics show that while chronic disease rates are lower in general on the Gulf Islands than the rest of the province, Lady Minto Hospital has a high number of emergency room visits with 534.4 visits per 1,000 residents compared to 450 across the Island Health region. Gulf Islands residents also purchased far more alcohol than the provincial average. The average island resident consumed 795 drinks in 2015, while the provincial average was 522.

Other sections of the report dealing with quality of life outline the number of arts organizations and published authors, community group participation, religious practice, food and agriculture, and recreation. Statistics also cover work and economy, education, the income gap and the environment.

For more information or to see the final report, visit [ssifoundation.ca](http://ssifoundation.ca) or contact the office at 250-537-8305.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Tourism awards

Three groups with Gulf Islands connections have won Tourism Association of Vancouver Island awards.

At a gala event at Mary Winspear Cultural Centre last month, Experience the Gulf Islands initiators, Harbour Air Seaplanes and BC Ferries were among the award winners.

Innovator of the Year Award went to the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Consortium for their Experience the Gulf Islands marketing program. Harbour Air won the Tourism Sustainability Award for initiatives such as carbon-offsets, waste reduction and recycling programs. FortisBC presented an award to BC Ferries for use of liquefied natural gas in its new Salish-class ferries.

### Suicide awareness training

A free workshop taking place on Friday, Oct. 20 will give people the tools they need to be aware of suicide risk in their community.

According to mental health professionals, most people with thoughts of suicide don't

truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. SafeTALK is a half-day alertness-training session that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper.

The session will be held at Salt Spring Elementary School, with coffee and treats provided at 12:30 p.m. The training begins at 1 p.m.

Participants will learn to notice and respond to situations where suicide thoughts might be present; recognize that invitations for help are often overlooked; move beyond the common tendency to miss, dismiss, and avoid suicide; and learn what community resources are available and how to connect someone with thoughts of suicide to them for further help.

Additional information can be found at [livingworks.net/programs/safetalk](http://livingworks.net/programs/safetalk). Participants should RSVP through Eventbrite at [safetalkssi.eventbrite.com](http://safetalkssi.eventbrite.com).

The session is offered by the Salt Spring Local Action Team as part of the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative, funded in partnership by Doctors of BC and the B.C. government.

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ENVIRONMENT

# Forest ecologist calls for local deer cull

Loss of understory having disastrous effects, says expert

BY FRANTS ATTORP  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The proliferation of deer on the Gulf Islands gained widespread media attention earlier this month when Oak Bay Police Chief Andy Brinton collided with a deer whilst cycling on Salt Spring.

Brinton suffered several broken bones but is reportedly going to make a full recovery. The high-profile accident raised the question of whether Salt Spring, like Oak Bay, should consider a deer cull.

According to Tara Martin, a UBC expert in forest ecology who was born and raised on Salt Spring, the deer problem in the Gulf Islands has reached a crisis level and must, to put it bluntly, be shot down as soon as possible.

According to Martin, there are at least six times as many deer on Salt Spring as in healthy local ecosystems.

"When the island was settled by Europeans over 150 years ago, there were no more than 1,000 deer on the island," she said. "Today, that number has increased to about 6,000."

The population explosion is attributed largely to a cessation of traditional hunting by First Nations, and insufficient kills by other hunters. Another contributing factor is the disappearance of top predators like cougars and wolves.

"There is no top down control to keep the deer population in check," said Martin.

The impact of deer over-population has been devastating for the local ecology.

"Our forests may look beautiful, but they are vastly different than before and in a state of rapid decline," explains Martin.

She points out that marvellous wildflowers such as the chocolate lily, the fawn lily and camas have all but disappeared. Also susceptible to over-browsing are bushes such as Saskatoon berries, trailing bramble berries, huckleberries and red currant. Even arbutus, cedar and Garry oak seedlings are not spared.

The loss of the understory is changing the composition and structure of our forests, and this in turn has had a disastrous effect on birds that use that habitat for



Tara Martin, a forest ecologist and adjunct UBC professor.

foraging and nesting. Song birds such as fox sparrows and orange crowned warblers are becoming increasingly rare.

"We are witnessing a cascading ecological collapse due to over-browsing," said Martin.

There is also the impact on humans to consider. According to Martin, there is an average of one ICBC claim per week on Salt Spring due to vehicles colliding with deer. Some accidents are minor fender benders while others are more serious involving personal injury.

**"There is no top-down control to keep the deer population in check."**

TARA MARTIN, PH.D.  
UBC forest ecologist

So what is the solution? Martin believes the first obstacle to overcome is the "Bambi syndrome," which causes some people to value the lives of deer over all other plant and animal species.

"We have to get real," said Martin. "Yes, deer can be cute, but when there are too many they are tremendously destructive and can drive other species to extinction."

More specifically, Martin wants to see hunting regulations changed to allow a

greater bag limit. "Two bucks per person is not enough," she asserts. "And there's no way to manage the population if hunters aren't allowed to take females." She believes hunting is the only cost-effective method of control. Other measures, such as sterilization, are hugely stressful for the animals, extremely costly and often ineffective.

According to Martin, at least a third of the island should be open to hunting. This includes First Nations' land, parks, the ecological reserve, forestry lands and other large, private holdings. She would like to see a coordinated effort involving First Nations, BC Parks, the Capital Regional District, conservation officers, farmers and others.

"It's not a problem with no solution, so let's just get on with it. If Oak Bay can cull their deer, what's stopping us?"

Martin would also like to see a change in attitude towards top predators such as cougar and wolves.

"There are currently two cougars on the island," she said. "Let's let them do their job rather than trying to eradicate them. If farmers are concerned about their livestock, they should put them in a shelter at night or get a guard dog."

She adds that recent studies by one of her colleagues have shown that deer are now infected with the liver fluke parasite which has been spreading to livestock. Low levels of the parasite have little effect on animal health, but higher levels can kill the host animal. Humans, however, are not affected by ingesting the parasite.

And what about those pesky rabbits? Martin is equally ruthless in discussing their fate: "They are not native to the island and should therefore be trapped or hunted at every opportunity. They finish up what the deer don't eat and are contributing to the destruction. Both deer and rabbits taste great and are a good source of protein. There are many wonderful recipes for rabbit and venison on the internet."

As evidence that deer control works, Martin points to several small areas on the island that have been fenced off and, as a result, have returned to their former glory.

"We have a lot to gain by managing the deer population," she said. "Not only will we reduce the risk to motorists, but also restore our ecosystems with healthy regeneration and an abundance of wildflowers and songbirds."

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## EDITORIAL

# Building blocks

**P**rogress on three affordable housing projects is reason for excitement on Salt Spring.

As the Salt Spring Island Foundation's recently released Vital Signs report detailed, affordable housing was the biggest concern by far among the Vital Signs survey's 556 respondents. We also know from anecdotal sources that a lack of housing is affecting the local economy, with some businesses citing an inability to get and keep staff due to the housing situation as the reason for their closure or reduction in hours.

While the three projects now underway will not be done in time to address the current crisis, once completed, the 100 units of rental and for-purchase housing would represent a significant addition to the housing stock. We wholeheartedly support the Dragonfly Commons, Salt Spring Commons and Croftonbrook expansion projects and hope no obstacles prevent them from opening.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Affordable housing projects  
**WE SAY:**  
Cooperation needed

As with any new project undertaken on Salt Spring, or any other region, community support is key to success. Everyone can get on board the idea of increasing affordable housing, but their enthusiasm might be tempered if a project impacts their

day-to-day life.

Neighbours to the Croftonbrook expansion proposed by Island Women Against Violence expressed some concerns at last week's Local Trust Committee meeting. They should not be ignored. As has been the case in the past, neighbour opposition can kill any initiative. We urge IWAV to not treat neighbourhood concerns lightly and to work as closely as possible with them to achieve consensus about the project's design and impact.

Another potential conflict area is in providing water for the development. IWAV does not intend to ask the North Salt Spring Waterworks District to provide water for the new units. It has what appears to be a viable alternate plan. However, the NSSWD has registered concern that if the project's water plan fails, the NSSWD would be expected to step in to provide water. The NSSWD's ability to provide water for firefighting purposes has also not been confirmed. Both matters should be resolved soon that the whole development is not quashed because of water-supply issues.

Tangible progress to a serious island problem is being made. Let's ensure we're all working together to create the housing that is desperately needed.

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PARKER

**VIEWPOINT** by Adam Olsen, MLA

# Government tries working together

During a series of town hall meetings hosted on Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne and Pender islands and in Sidney (Saturna and Piers islands coming soon), I answered many questions about the political events of this past summer and the Confidence and Supply Agreement that I signed with the provincial government.

For the first time in decades we have a minority government in British Columbia. It has been called a "grand experiment" and, while this arrangement may be new to B.C. politics, this "experiment" is little different than the countless number of personal interactions and business transactions that occur every day.

The Confidence and Supply Agreement provides stability for the provincial government and provides a framework for a strong working relationship between members in the Legislative Assembly.

While a novel concept in B.C. politics, the agreement is in fact very similar to a joint venture partnership used by businesses who want to bring their expertise together to deliver a product or service. Agreements such as a confidence and supply agreement or a joint venture partnership are often critical for success and make so many other aspects of our society and economy excel.

The Confidence and Supply Agreement is founded on five words: "Good faith and no surprises."

This is the minimum requirement of any healthy relationship. To give meaning to these words, all parties to the agreement are essentially agreeing to communicate with each other. In my opinion, that is necessary for good governance.

When we lack the collaboration and communication necessary

to create policy that is a well-informed pursuit of effective solutions, we fail our constituents.

During the election, policy promises were made by every party. If one party had won a majority they would have been able to execute their plan with little to no collaboration or accountability. However, the election produced a minority government where collaboration is now required to ensure stability for British Columbians. As such, the Confidence and Supply Agreement provides new reference points for these campaign promises.

In the terms highlighted in the agreement, the signatories agreed to commit to certain public policy directions. Where the agreement is silent on a particular area or policy, then the reference point is the government's platform and the B.C. Green Caucus will determine its support on an issue-by-issue basis.

With a working relationship founded on "good faith and no surprises," disagreements and differences are open for discussion and broad consultation and the provincial government will be successful only if we are openly communicating with each other.

Just as our social and business interactions require negotiation and compromise, so does a minority government wishing to achieve positive public policy outcomes.

Relationships are work. They require trust and deep commitment to communicate with each other and respect differences. This opportunity is open to all 87 members of the Legislature that embrace this approach.

*The writer is the MLA for Saanich North and the Islands and a Green Party caucus member.*

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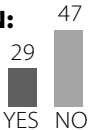
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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's not just a problem with no solution, so let's get on with it."**

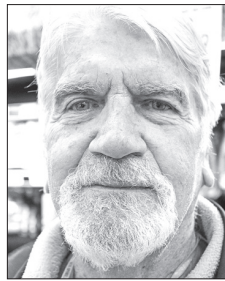
TARA MARTIN, FOREST ECOLOGIST, ON NEED FOR DEER CULL

## SALT SPRING SAYS

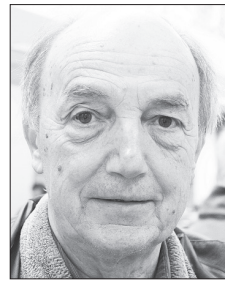
**We asked: Do you think deer are a problem on Salt Spring?**



**JOSH BECKETT**  
*They can be. They don't have enough natural predators so there's too many of them.*



**ELMAR HAAS**  
*No. I just love them. They come into my yard.*



**GEORGE SIPOS**  
*Is the pope Italian?*



**RACHEL BEVINGTON**  
*Yes. There are too many of them and they're unhealthy.*



**ALIX WHITFIELD**  
*No. I love them.*

## 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

### More than ER expansion needed

I read with interest the Sept. 27 article about the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation studying an ER renovation ("Hospital foundation looks at ER expansion"). It's great to know that there is talk about investing in our health care.

In conjunction with the proposed ER renovation, there is also a real need for a community health clinic where doctors, nurses, counsellors and other health-care practitioners could work together. Currently, a lot

of Salt Springers don't have a doctor and have to use the ER for non-emergencies. Some are travelling to see doctors or walk-in clinics off island. Many other local communities have successful clinics run by non-profit organizations. Why don't we? Local foundations have been fundraising for years, surely we can come together to meet this important need as well.

**MAX MILLER,**  
SALT SPRING

### Ban salmon farms

It has never been more clear how unnatural, environmentally

destructive and irresponsible salmon farming is than now.

With our wild salmon stocks under enormous pressure and dwindling at an alarming rate towards extinction, it is unfathomable and unforgivable to allow these operations to continue, bringing disease, sea lice, highly toxic drug and antibiotic and chemical pollution to our native salmon habitat, as well as being a huge risk due to aggressive and destructive Atlantic salmon's frequent net breaks and escape incidents.

The salmon have been a keystone species supporting our local ocean

ecosystems and cultures for time immemorial, and now we threaten to annihilate it with this practice.

Let us lead the way in enlightened environmental policy and ban these operations.

**MARK BENSON,**  
PENDER ISLAND

### Salt Spring should sign on to letter

Citizens Climate Lobby works to create the political will for a livable planet, particularly through carbon pricing that will include some of the real costs associated with burning fossil fuels.

It's a fairly small but mighty group, which I have been proud to work with over recent years.

I would like to invite Salt Spring groups and organizations to endorse its Open Letter to the Government of Canada calling for fairer and more effective carbon pricing. I would be happy to work with anyone to get groups to sign on; please get in touch: janslakov@shaw.ca or 250-537-5251.

The big news? Toronto City Council has signed on! As a recent media release explains: "Close to 200 companies across Canada have signed the open letter to date, including Bullfrog

Power, Desjardins Caisse Populaire, Mountain Equipment Co-op, the Toronto Environmental Alliance and several renewable energy associations, including the Canadian Solar Industries Association, as well as local businesses that range from golf clubs to auto shops.

"Hundreds of CCL volunteers will present the open letter to their Members of Parliament during the CCL Canada 2017 National Conference and Lobby Days in Ottawa, Oct. 21 to 24 and in their home ridings."

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
SALT SPRING

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## AGING with GRACE: I'm so Lonesome . . .

**'Mrs. ?, Would you consider to become my friend? I'm 90 years old, live alone, and all my friends have passed away. I am so lonesome and scared. I pray for someone. Wanda Mills.'**

What would you do if you received such a letter? When its recipient read it aloud on the CBS Sunday Morning program on Sept 24, 2017, she struggled to hold back her tears.

I let mine flow. The "Mrs." to whom it was addressed is Marlene Brooks. She lives in Missouri, across a quiet, residential street two houses down from Wanda's house. Marlene had noticed the house with its long ramp leading to the front door. It seemed so quiet, she assumed it was empty. Maybe not!

Marlene crossed the street, knocked on the door, and Wanda greeted her in her wheel chair. Over time, the two women developed an intimate, familial relationship. Marlene had never had the opportunity to spend much time with her own grandmoth-

er, so Wanda was just what she needed. Marlene and her young boys were just what Wanda needed too.

I googled "loneliness" the other day and up popped "Loneliness in Canada." But we're not the only ones. It's a modern epidemic. Try loneliness in wherever and you'll find a study on it there. Try it among whomever — adolescents, for example — and you'll find they're lonesome too.

According to John Cacioppo, the director of the University of Chicago's Center for Cognitive and Social Neuroscience and author of Loneliness: Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection, we feel lonely when we perceive a difference between what we want from our social relationships and what we're actually getting.

Imagine the feelings that engendered these words back in 1949:

*Hear that lonesome whippoorwill  
He sounds too blue to fly  
The midnight train is whining low  
I'm so lonesome I could cry.*

One of Hank Williams' greatest

hits, I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry isn't the only hugely popular song about feeling lonesome. In 1966, the Beatles wrote about it too, wondering about the fate of Eleanor Rigby and Father Mackenzie to whom nobody paid any attention at all. "All the lonely people, where do they all come from?"

They come from everywhere. Cacioppo, who's been studying chronic loneliness for 20 years, says it's risen significantly since he began his research and it's negatively affecting both our mental and physical health. I've heard long-term loneliness might be a greater health risk than lack of exercise, poor nutrition, obesity or smoking.

We can see how it might be acute among elderly people living alone. Wanda Mills was 90, more or less housebound, and felt socially isolated because all her friends had died and she had no one to replace them. When my grandmother was in her late 80s she also felt isolated even though she was living with my uncle and aunt. They were gone

all day and led an active social life, often going out in the evening or having friends in. Grandma was either alone or didn't feel she belonged.

Her willingness to live with her son and his wife had been predicated on the hope he'd spend time with her. He wasn't meeting her expectations and she had no one else to turn to, so she felt lonely. Later, she moved into an assisted living residence. Instead of selecting one whose residents might share a similar background, she chose one near her son's workplace, hoping he'd stop in after work every evening. When that didn't happen and she found she had nothing in common with her fellow residents, her sense of loneliness became profound.

Adolescents, needing to break away from their birth families while trying to find their own identities in this world, also risk extreme loneliness. Unaware they still need the support of their families and unsure or even fearful about their place among their peers, they can also feel

profoundly lonesome.

Perhaps adolescents and the elderly both represent one side of the same coin, each wondering whom to turn to while they navigate difficult transitions to the next stage of their lives. Since both may lack the perceived or actual support of their peers, perhaps they could turn to each other.

Marlene Brooks started a penpal program in her town for adolescents to write to seniors. That could happen here too, starting with making connections through the Seniors Wellness Centre, the Salt Spring Seniors Centre, or through the Greenwood Eldercare Society. Our elders have wisdom and experience; our youth have energy and enthusiasm. Both have something precious to give and to receive. It can start with a letter and proceed from there.

And what about the rest of us? We can all reach out and befriend someone.



HELEN HINCHLIFF

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**REDRESS WOMEN:** From left, Jenny Redpath, Shellyse Szakacs, Diana Evelyn, Chelsea Debruijn and Ahava Shira take a quick break from hanging red dresses in Centennial Park last Wednesday. Dresses were placed in park trees to mark the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The REDress Project uses dresses to symbolize the lives of those women missing or murdered in Canada. A vigil was also held in the park on the evening of Oct. 4.

## MORE LETTERS

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### Party Animals arrive

On the evening of Oct. 2, BC Children's Hospital held a reception and artwork reveal at the new Teck Acute Care Centre. I was privileged to be among the artists commissioned to create art for this amazing facility. The reception included a tour of various floors — in my case the eighth floor — where my painting called Fish is on the Party's Menu (see photo below) has

been installed adjacent to a rooftop garden. At every turn and in every room there were examples of how much thought and dedication went into creating a soothing environment. In addition to the artwork, there are imaginative settings, play-rooms and emphasis where possible on natural light and vistas.

The reception invitation describes the Children's Healing Experience Project, the truth of which was evident from the moment I entered the building. I've been a "child patient" (having had the first of numerous surgeries on my eighth birthday),

and our son was hospitalized for a time when he was four years old. There's no doubt that both of those hospitals were dedicated to healing, but neither benefited from recognition of how the physical environment can either add to, or alleviate, fear and stress, not only for the child but for parents.

The best outcome is that one's child never needs a hospital. For those in our region who do, they can be reassured that their child will benefit from the best of the best in the Teck Acute Care Centre.

**JULIA LUCICH,**  
SALT SPRING



Fish is on the Party's Menu is Julia Lucich's 3.5 X 9-foot Party Animals painting commissioned by BC Children's Hospital.

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## RANTS and Roses

**Roses**  
May good karma follow you after your kindness to me. Wendy Vine

The Salt Spring Island Abattoir Society would like to thank all supporters and volunteers for helping with our great lamb burger event at the Fall Fair. Special thanks go to Red Wing, Ruckle Heritage, Weston Lake and Windsor farms, and to Country Grocer, for donations.

A basketful of roses to the high school students that came to the open clinic day at Green Raven. Your insight, compassion and wisdom about the recent island tragedy gave us hope for the future! Thanks for sharing.

A bouquet of autumn-coloured roses to the young man who helped me figure out how to buy a possible power supply for my ailing printer at the Lions Club garage sale on Saturday morning. Your advice and kind assistance with your voltage meter were invaluable. Thank you so much. You truly went above and beyond.

Greenwoods Eldercare Society thanks all who support Salt Spring's most vulnerable community members. The list is long and every person on it is appreciated beyond measure. Among the many are our hardworking, caring and compassionate staff, both front line and management, generous supporters, Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, LMHF, SSI Foundation, Lions Club, Greenwoods Foundation, MacDonald Realty and Luke Hart-Weller for the garden bench, private donors, those who volunteer time in so many ways, Salt Spring Hospice volunteers, emergency prep services, Salt Spring Fire Rescue, Nicolas Courtier, retiring board members Janet Smith, Bill Whitelaw, Tricia Simpson, and current board members, plus tradespeople who go the extra mile. There are just so many to thank. Buckets of beautiful roses to you all.

# A SALUTE TO FIREFIGHTERS

**WILDFIRE**

## Salt Spring firefighter shares B.C. wildfire experience

Williams Lake homes saved by FireSmart practices

**BY LT. MITCHELL SHERRIN**  
**SSI FIRE-RESCUE**  
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As a firefighter, I went to Williams Lake this summer to help in any way I could. What I saw and experienced there was different from anything I expected.

But I learned valuable lessons that will help me in my work, and some of those lessons could help you to protect your home from wildfire.

Responding to a provincial emergency was a strange experience. Once Williams Lake was evacuated, the streets were empty like a post-apocalyptic world. The sky had a weird flat light from all the smoky haze. There were only police officers wearing masks and firefighters left in the city. Williams Lake is a good-sized city with big-box stores, car dealerships and malls and all the normal things. But it was eerily quiet except for water bombers swarming overhead. When I came back home to Salt Spring Island, it was actually strange to see children and regular families again after a week of seeing only people in uniform.

Everything there was covered in ash and haze. Everything was smoky. My eyes stung and my throat hurt all the time. But for the most part, the fire was far away.

There was a sense that something big was about to happen. A lot of our work was precautionary. Large clouds of smoke billowed on the horizon in many directions. Every once in a while, I would look up from my work and see mushroom clouds of smoke bulging right above us. And I'd think, "How fast is that moving? What will we do if it comes over that ridge?"

One night we were told to prepare for intense fire behaviour due to strong winds. The fire was expected to smash into the city around midnight and we were supposed to stop it on the outskirts. The evacuation order came and we saw cars fill the highways. The sky raged orange and the wind blew and we patrolled late into the night on high alert while ash rained down on us. But in the end, the wind changed direction a few kilometres from the city and the fire wandered away to devour other forests.

**The intact homes all stood apart from the trees, they had short lawns and tidy yards. They had asphalt or metal roofs. All of these things are taught in the FireSmart program.**

Of course we wanted to fight fire. That's what we do. But this was a massive conflagration, way too big to fight with hoses. There were dozens of fire trucks and hundreds of firefighters organized into task forces to perform different jobs — much like how the military is organized. Our Salt Spring Island truck was one small cog in a giant operation, but it felt good to be part of something important.

Our crew was initially assigned to set up sprinkler systems to defend infrastructure from the approaching fire. Our crew worked within a task force of five trucks and we spent



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Burned trees, trucks and terrain seen by Salt Spring Island firefighters near Williams Lake during this past summer's wildfires in the BC Interior.

days setting up sprinkler systems around sawmills, a school and a neighbourhood of homes in the projected path of the fire. Four other task forces performed similar work around Williams Lake. When the immediate threat to the city diminished, we travelled closer to the fire area to save homes that were in harm's way.

I saw firsthand how familiar fire-prevention ideas (such as FireSmart) saved homes from wildfire. The fire had already ripped through neighbourhoods before we got there. I'd never seen such wide-scale devastation like that — home after home destroyed. Ugly, melted things warped and charred. Shops and cars and children's toys all ruined. Sticks of tree stumps standing in fields of smouldering ash.

But I also saw the "miracle homes" that people talk about. In the middle of the devastation, one home standing completely intact. Neighbouring homes on both sides destroyed. Further down the road, an oasis of green and another home preserved in the middle. Many homes had survived, some singed right to the doorstep, but more survived than I would have expected.

As a student of fire science, I could see the tell-tale signs that separated homes that survived from the ones that were lost. And "separation" is the key word. The intact homes all stood apart from the trees, they had short lawns and tidy yards. They had asphalt or metal roofs. All of these things are taught in the FireSmart program.

Our plan to protect other homes in the path of the fire at Williams Lake also involved FireSmart ideas. Crews went to each home and quickly moved combustibles like yard furniture and propane tanks to about 10 metres away from each home. We set up sprinklers on the roofs of these homes. There was no power or running water in the area because the fire had destroyed power lines so we brought gas-fuelled pumps and large water tanks to supply the sprinklers.

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# A SALUTE TO FIREFIGHTERS



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**INTENSE:** Lt. Peter Andress, top, and Capt. Dom Gaudet give a vehicle rescue demo at last year's Salt Spring Fire Rescue open house. This year's event at the Ganges fire hall is on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A vehicle-rescue demo is at noon. Other activities include fire extinguisher training, safety info and kids can also try using a fire hose.

## Team efforts preserved homes

### WILDFIRE

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We worked on dozens and dozens of homes like this, maybe a hundred or more. We flowed the sprinklers in advance of the fire to protect the area with moisture. There were more sprinklers flowing water than we could keep up with by using seven fire trucks driving up and down the road. We flowed thousands of gallons per hour, day after day.

Meanwhile, forestry firefighters dug a guard line through the forest with bulldozers and shovels to separate the burning area from the endangered neighbourhoods. Water bombers dropped retardant on other areas. And a whole lot of other people did lots of things I still know nothing about, because we were just one small part of a big effort.

After nine days, we rotated out and another Salt Spring Island crew replaced us. In total, five island crews with 11 firefighters were sent with Salt Spring's reserve truck for over a month to help with the provincial wildfire emergency.

I'm proud of what we did.



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Firefighters spray water on and around a Williams Lake home to prevent it from being damaged or destroyed by a wildfire.

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## ARTISTS Public art champion Greg Klassen dies amid banner project

Klassen's work brought visibility to diverse community

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Around 250 friends and members of the arts community gathered in front of the public art project We are Salt Spring ... We are Canada on Friday afternoon to pay respect to Greg Klassen, the photographer and scientist who died unexpectedly of a heart attack last Tuesday night.

The eye-catching photo banner on Lower Ganges Road had been up for just four days before her husband died, but Klassen's wife Andrea Locke said he was already receiving good response and was proud of what he had achieved.

"He had so much more in him," she said at Friday's gathering.

Klassen and his family had been on Salt Spring for five years before his untimely death at age 59. Even before his project We are Salt Spring ... We are Canada was installed on Sept. 29, he had become a powerful voice for inclusivity and diversity, both in the art world and the wider community. Klassen officially came out as an artist of disability earlier this year; he was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome as an adult but had been warned by his professors at Emily Carr University not to pigeonhole himself as an artist with a disability. He was also active in promoting the art practices of developmentally disabled islanders through the Gulf Islands Families Together Society, where his younger daughter RhiAnnon is a program participant.

"What's missing from this island is art for a social cause," Klassen told the Driftwood in advance of the photo show and speakers series called Salt Spring Stories, which he coordinated at ArtSpring in August. Klassen's photo series for the show brought together historic and modern images of the island in unique narratives, each of which included RhiAnnon as the avatar of



PHOTO BY RICK NEUFELD

Greg Klassen with the We are Salt Spring ... We are Canada banner of Salt Spring residents project he spearheaded. Klassen sadly died of cardiac arrest on Oct. 3, just a few days after the banner was installed on Sept. 29.

difference. Locke provided text for each image, while the exhibition featured speakers representing different sectors of a diverse community on every day of the show.

Klassen was confounded by some of the implications of commercial art, and said he wanted to produce art primarily to communicate ideas and make people think. We are Salt Spring ... We are Canada was meant to provide a public art alternative during the Salt Spring National Art Prize exhibition month. Like Salt Spring Stories, it also sprang from an alternate view of Canada 150 events.

Klassen wrote in a call to participants for the community portrait: 'As we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday I find myself wondering what, exactly, it means to be a Canadian. More specifically I have been exploring the relationship between my sense of personal identity and the sense of national identity that one is encouraged to explore on such occasions. 'We are Salt

Spring ... We are Canada' is an exploration of this complex relationship — from a non-normative perspective."

Klassen said he was "all too aware of what it means to be marginalized in a culture that values social inclusiveness but often interprets 'inclusion' in a rather one-sided and myopic way."

"But the greatest challenge for those of us who — for various reasons — live our lives outside of 'normal' social discourse is simply visibility. As long as we remain invisible it is easy for others to forget that we exist, that we are also part of this society, that we matter," Klassen wrote.

In the end, the photo banner captured 160 community members. Some are recognizable figures from around town and others may be noticed for the first time, while members of the GIFTS community are strongly represented. In addition to those who consented to have their

images taken, around 100 people participated by adding glow-in-the-dark handprints. Klassen was inspired to add the nighttime aspect by the haunting human need to make a mark seen in ancient cave paintings.

The 206-foot-long treated canvas banner was printed in high-quality production, making the figures easy to pick out even from passing cars. Hopefully many will take the time to walk by and take in the view in more leisurely fashion while the banner is up this month.

Before his death, Klassen was hoping to secure a Canada Council grant for the project, which was entirely self-funded. A GoFundMe campaign is being set up to help the family with expenses, in particular the ongoing care of RhiAnnon.

A celebration of life and retrospective of his work will be hosted by his family at GIFTS, 152 McPhillips Ave., from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15.

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# what's on this week



**Wed. Oct. 11**   **Thu. Oct. 12**   **Fri. Oct. 13**   **Sat. Oct. 14**   **Mon. Oct. 16**   **Tue. Oct. 17**   **Wed. Oct. 18**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Jon Brooks – Road Case Cafe House Concert.** Singer-songwriter shares deeply moving stories of human experience that unveil themselves in his songs with great skill and true depth of meaning. Presented by Dave Vollrath. 111 Farm Court. 7 p.m. Info: 250-537-0188.

**Jane Coop in Concert.** ArtSpring presents Jane Coop – Piano Giants: Beethoven & Rachmaninov. Coop's playing is described as elegant, experienced and brilliant. Show is at 7:30 p.m.; bar opens at 6:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Mother Goose.** Join Nomi and Hannah on Wednesdays in the Salt Spring Library Program Room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and playtime. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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

**Barre Wellness & Bootcamp Intro Sessions.** Tanja Akerman introduces a ballet-based fitness workout set to top-100 music. 4:30 p.m. Email saltspringfitness@gmail.com for location and more info. Free.

**Chilcotin Stories Author Presentation.** Sage Birchwater, author of Chilcotin Chronicles: Stories of Adventure and Intrigue from B.C.'s Central Interior, gives a presentation at Central Hall. 2 p.m. A SS Historical Society event.

**SongJam.** Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

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

**Barre Wellness & Bootcamp Intro Sessions.** See Wednesday's listing, except times are 6 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch at the Seniors Centre.** Weekly Thursday lunches for members of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society offered at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m.

**SSNAP Artist Talk.** With Joanna Rogers. Mahon Hall. 12 noon.

**Classic Rock Bingo.** At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**Fri. Oct. 13**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sarah Potenza at Pitchfork Social.** Top-20 finalist on The Voice and Nashville star earns raves for her big voice, which seamlessly blends roots, rock and soul. Bullock Lake Farm. 7:30 p.m.

**A Celtic Night with Knacker's Yard.** Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

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

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**Art Show Opening: Gallery 8 Autumn Exhibition.** Opening reception for Four: featuring gallery artists Kathy Venter, Bill Boyd, Gillian McConnell and Deon Venter. Gallery 8 from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Art Show Opening: J Robert Moss.** Opening reception for show of painting, photography, video soundscape and live performance at Fault Line Projects. 5 to 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Art Show Opening: Woven Together: Celebrating the Basketry Guild's 20 Years.** Opening reception for Salt Spring Basketry Guild exhibit at Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

**Salt Spring Forum Presents Margaret MacMillan.** SOLD-OUT. World-renowned historian presents The Uses (and Abuses) of History at ArtSpring in a Salt Spring Forum event. 7:30 p.m.

**Sat. Oct. 14**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Art of the Trio Jazz Concert.** The Art of the Trio Series proudly presents NYC jazz pianist Misha Piatigorsky for an intimate evening of trio music with renowned bassist John Lee and drummer Kelby MacNayr. All Saints. 7:30 p.m.

**La Familia.** 11-piece Cuban band at the Legion. 8 p.m.

**Ange Hehr.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

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

**SSNAP-Y Saturdays Drop-in Workshops.** Part of Salt Spring National Art Prize events. People of all ages can drop in to the annex art room and have fun exploring, or create art related to your experience of SSNAP. Mahon Hall. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Rainwater Harvesting Tour.** Free self-guided tour of up to 10 Salt Spring properties using rainwater harvesting techniques. Co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority and the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society. Map available at www.ssiwatersheds.ca. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Harvest Grape Stomp.** Bring a picnic blanket or some lawn chairs and enjoy the live music from Synergy and the local food truck "Fix" tacos. Participate in the grape stomp competition. Salt Spring Vineyards. 12 to 5 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Spring Yarnies Knitters Club.** Meets every Monday to knit, crochet, or do other hand-crafts. Free; newcomers welcome. Penny's Pantry on the Green. 1 to 3 p.m.

**SSI Parks and Recreation Commission.** Public welcome to attend regular business meeting. Portlock Park Portable. 5 p.m.

**SSI Fire Protection District.** Public welcome to attend monthly business meeting. United Church lower hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

**SSI Toastmasters.** In this special meeting the Toastmasters International education program will be reviewed with an aim to help people gain confidence in speaking, whether it be in front of loved ones, a small group, or standing up at a town hall meeting. Guests welcome. SSI Public Library. 7 p.m.

**Sun. Oct. 15**

**ACTIVITIES**

**SS Unitarians Singing Service.** With Barbara Slater: no special talent required. Children and visitors welcome. Salt Spring's Unitarian Fellowship at SS Seniors Centre at 10:30 a.m. Info: Mary Toynbee - 250-537-1147; mwtoynbee@saltspring.com.

**SS Old Boys Soccer.** Home game vs. Juan de Fuca 48s at the GISS field. 10:30 a.m.

**Evensong.** Anglican tradition's sung evening prayer. St. Mark's Church at Central. 4 p.m.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**SS Folk Club: The Bros. Landreth.** Salt Spring Folk Club season opens with concert by Winnipeg super-band The Bros. Landreth. With opener Rick Neufeld. Fulford Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. for season's ticket holders and purchasers; 6:15 general admission; music at 7 p.m. Haidee Hart Catering dinners and desserts available.

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**Tue. Oct. 17**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**The Fretless in Concert.** The Fretless, winners of the 2017 Juno Award for Instrumental Album of the Year, play ArtSpring at 7:30 p.m. Bar open at 6:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday Farmers' Market.** Local organic food producers and food artisans offer goods every Tuesday through October. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

**Salty Community Awards.** New Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce-sponsored awards will be presented at a reception at Meaden Hall. 6 p.m. Tickets include appetizers and entertainment, with cash bar.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Channel Ridge Homeowners Association AGM.** Discussion topics to include status of water systems, the septic system, and development plans. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.

**Trivia Tuesday.** Tuesdays at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Book Launch: James Dickinson.** Salt Spring author reads from two books in the Mind-Speaker Series: Marooned and Night of the Raptors. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

**Drop-in Floor Hockey.** Every Tuesday until May of 2018. Bring sneakers and your own hockey stick (if you can). Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.



**Wed. Oct. 18**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Spring Poultry Club.** Planning meeting for 2018. Bring your ideas for workshops or requests for poultry. New members welcome. SS Farmers' Institute. 1 p.m.

**SS Seniors Centre Anniversary & Open House.** Come see what the Seniors Centre is all about and help celebrate 25 years in their building and 30 years of community and service to seniors. With cake, and performances by the Readers' Theatre and The Lost Chords. SS Seniors Centre. 2 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting.** Meeting at Central Hall. Public welcome. 7 p.m.

**Live Painting Performance.** Stefanie Denz and J Robert Moss at Fault Line Projects. 7 p.m.

**Film Screening: Maudie.** The true story of Nova Scotia folk painter Maud Lewis. Presented by the Salt Spring Film Festival and SSNAP. ArtSpring theatre. 7:30 p.m.



**Book Reading: Marilyn Simonds and Kathy Page.** Marilyn Simonds (representing the San Miguel Writer's Conference) discusses books and reading in her latest book Gutenberg's Fingerprint. Plus reading by two-time Giller Prize nominee Kathy Page. Salt Spring Public Library. 8 p.m.

**Mother Goose.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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



**SongJam.** See last Wednesday's listing.



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- **National Theatre Live: Saint Joan** — Bernard Shaw's classic play follows the life and trial of Joan of Arc, a young country girl who declares a bloody mission to drive the English from France. Showing Thursday, Oct. 19 only, with a 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. show. Email thefritz@hotmail.ca to reserve seats.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **The Salt Spring National Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition** continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall until Oct. 22.
- **The SSNAP Parallel Art Show**, featuring local artists, runs at ArtSpring from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until Oct. 22.
- **The Young at Art** youth art show runs in the ArtSpring lobby through October as part of SSNAP events.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Woven Together:** Celebrating the Basketry Guild's 20 Years is an exhibition of new work by the SSI Basketry Guild at the Salt Spring Gallery from Oct 12 to 31. An opening reception takes place on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Gallery 8** presents Four: Autumn Exhibition 2017 featuring Kathy Venter, Bill Boyd, Gillian McConnell, Deon Venter beginning with an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. Exhibition runs through Nov. 2.
- **Fault Line Projects** presents J Robert Moss — Painting, Photography, Video Soundscape Live Performance — from Oct. 14 to Nov. 3, with an opening event on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. On Wed., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., Moss and Stefanie Denz will present a live painting performance.
- **We are Salt Spring . . . We are Canada**, a community art installation by Greg Klassen, is displayed along Lower Ganges Road near Park Drive until Oct. 29.

**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. Open Thursday-Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. until Oct. 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.
- **The Artists From the Fringe** group shows art and poetry produced at a weekly drop-in program with an exhibition at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through Oct. 31.
- **David Borrowman** shows photography from the Broughtons and Melanie Thompson shows lamps and vessels from barks, seeds and other natural substances at Kizmit Galeria/Cafe through October.
- **The SSI Basketry Guild** is showing new and former members' work at the library in the lobby showcase for the month of October.
- **Kathy Dryden** shows collage and acrylic paintings in the cafe at Country Grocer through October.
- **Salty Pear Gallery** is open at 279 Rainbow Rd. with an exhibition of recent work by photographer Stasia Garraway.

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SSNAP

# Nature of creativity explored at panel night

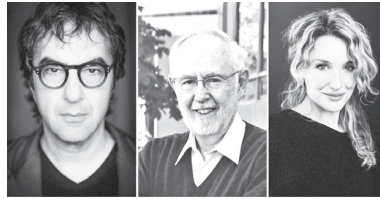
Exhibition and art talks also on

SSNAP events continue this week with a panel discussion on creativity set for Saturday, Oct. 14 at ArtSpring.

In an evening titled Where Science & Art Converge, three renowned Canadians will present their views on the topic of the "creative mind."

Hosted as part of the Salt Spring National Art Prize, the panellists from the worlds of the arts and sciences will explore the nature of creativity, its essential elements and where the creative spark comes from. Speakers are film director Atom Egoyan, astrophysicist Art McDonald and photographer Meaghan Ogilvie. The event begins at 7:30 p.m.

Panel organizer Janet Halliwell, an executive member of the SSNAP committee, says bringing the realms of arts and sciences together will offer a powerful evening.



From left, SSNAP panelists Atom Egoyan, Art McDonald and Meaghan Ogilvie.

"By inviting these distinguished guests to explore the creative mind, our intention is to explore the connections between the creative process and the human experience. We anticipate an enlightened dialogue featuring two distinct disciplines and an inspired conversation with revelations from respected artists and an

academic from the world of science."

Egoyan is one of the most celebrated contemporary filmmakers on the international scene.

McDonald is professor emeritus at Queen's University, director of the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory Scientific Collaboration and a 2015 Physics Nobel Laureate.

Ogilvie is an award-winning Toronto photographer whose evocative underwater photographs have been included in exhibitions and ocean conservation projects around the world.

The SSNAP Finalists Exhibition continues at Mahon Hall through Oct. 22, with the gala winners evening on Oct. 21, where \$30,000 in prizes will be awarded.

This week's noon-hour SSNAP art talks feature finalist Joanna Rogers from Pender Island on Thursday, Oct. 12 and Samantha Dickie of Victoria on Friday, Oct. 13.

The Parallel Art Show also continues at ArtSpring.

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# Basketry guild hosts public activities

Exhibit, demo and workshop

The Salt Spring Basketry Guild is celebrating its 20th year with a busy month of basketry events.

Present and former guild members' baskets are on display in the library's lobby showcase until Oct. 31. From traditional to contemporary, wearable to whimsical, the work on display features a variety of materials and techniques. The display also includes library books on basketry donated by the guild and a few tools of the trade.

The library is hosting a Basketry Guild Demo Day on Saturday,

Oct. 21. Guild members will demonstrate different basketry techniques from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Then from 1 to 3:30 p.m. there will be a Come and Weave workshop where kids aged five and up are invited to make a basket. All materials will be provided and the workshop can accommodate approximately 20 participants.

Woven Together: Celebrating the Basketry Guild's 20 Years is an exhibition of new work at the Salt Spring Gallery from Oct. 12 to 31. The opening reception is on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. The guild gratefully acknowledges the support of the Salt Spring Arts Council and Country Grocer.

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FOLK CLUB

# Club season opens Monday

Top Winnipeg band visits

The Bros. Landreth take the lead for the Salt Spring Folk Club season on Oct. 16 at Fulford Hall.

Brothers Joey and David Landreth with drummer Ryan Voth and guitarist Ariel Posen have been together off and on for 30 years. Their debut album Let It Lie won a Juno in 2015 for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year.

As their website states, "Filled with mid-tempo rockers, butter smooth ballads and cowboy lullabies, it's the sort of album that finds inspiration not only in the landscape of the human heart but also the windswept prairies that stretch out around Winnipeg's city limits."

Their hometown was quick to embrace

the Bros. Landreth, with the Winnipeg Free Press applauding the band's "blues rock style songs resplendent with soulful harmonies as golden and warm as the late evening sun."

They once shared a stage at the Winnipeg Folk Festival with Bonnie Raitt, who said: "I haven't liked a band as much as the Bros. Landreth in a long time . . . they blew me away . . . great singing, playing and songs and killer slide guitar. This band seriously kicks."

Local singer-songwriter Rick Neufeld also hails from Winnipeg and is the opener for Monday's concert.

Tickets are on sale at Salt Spring Books and Stuff 'n' Nonsense, and season's passes will be sold at the door beginning at 6 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m.

PITCHFORK SOCIAL

# Sarah Potenza ready to thrill

Friday night at Bullock Lake Farm

The final PitchFork Social concert of the year promises to be unforgettable.

"Sarah Potenza is, without a doubt, a force of nature in today's American music scene," says the PitchFork Social website, "with an eye toward leaping over the limitations of genre-defined boundaries into her own original music that will ultimately take no prisoners."

Rolling Stone said, "Potenza is to the blues what Adele is to pop."

Potenza performs at the Bullock Lake Farm venue on Friday, Oct. 13 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

After years of touring with her band Sarah & The Tall Boys, Potenza was chosen over 50,000 candidates to appear on the U.S. singing competition show The Voice, where she definitely made her mark. Judge Pharrell Williams immediately exclaimed, "You're giving this generation

something they've never seen before."

Potenza left the show as a top 20 finalist, then headed to Nashville where she quickly integrated into the local music scene, becoming a staple at the world-renowned Bluebird Café and the globally broadcast Music City Roots program. She continues to earn raves for her big voice, which seamlessly blends roots, rock and soul.

For a preview of Potenza's music, see [www.sarahpotenza.net](http://www.sarahpotenza.net).

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**Have Your Say**

**Rezoning for Density Transfer**  
Bylaws 117 and 118

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaw changes about?

To change Official Community Plan (OCP) policies and the Zoning of the properties shown in the sketch maps below:

- Change OCP Rural policies to allow the minimum allowable lot size to be reduced when there is a transfer of density from another lot.
- Rezone the donor lot (Lot 1, Plan EPP 34444) to a site specific Rural General (a) - RG (a) zone to increase the minimum average lot area for subdivision to 3.3 hectares
- Rezone the receiver lot (Lot 3, Plan 17076) to a site specific Rural General (b) - RG (b) zone to decrease the minimum average lot area for subdivision to 1.5 hectares and the minimum lot area for subdivision to 0.6 hectares

Thursday, October 19, 2017  
12:30 p.m.

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Who should attend?  
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws

Enquires?  
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250-406-5167

LOT 1  
SUBJECT PROPERTY  
From: RURAL GENERAL - RG  
To: RURAL GENERAL (a) - RG(a)

LOT 3  
SUBJECT AREA  
From: RURAL GENERAL - RG  
To: RURAL GENERAL (b) - RG(b)

How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information is available at the Islands Trust office at #200 - 1627 Fort Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays from October 6, 2017 to October 17, 2017. Or:

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Written submissions?  
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**AUTHOR READING**

## Books and reading leap off the page at Simonds event

Gutenberg's Fingerprint discussion at library

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring is known for its large population of published authors and the book lovers who support them, so interest should be high for an Oct. 18 event with Marilyn Simonds at the Salt Spring Public Library. It will examine the future of books and how we read today.

In her most recent book, Gutenberg's Fingerprint, the acclaimed Canadian author with 17 titles to her credit explores the consequences of the shift in human communication brought on by the digital age. Asking "What is lost and what is gained as paper turns to pixel?" the answer may surprise some readers.

Gutenberg's Fingerprint is no doomsday manual; Simonds does not lament the end of the book, not does she foresee it. Instead she reveals a world where humans are adapting their reading to include different platforms simultaneously, enjoying the unique aptitudes of both paper and screen.

"Why is it that we assume each

new thing condemns the thing that came before? We know that's not true," Simonds writes. "We can read a book, stream a Netflix movie, then listen to the radio as we drive to the opera... We can have it all."

Gutenberg's Fingerprint combines a survey of the technologies involved in bookmaking with the author's modern-day immersion in the process as a special collection of her work is transformed — both into a limited edition art book and a digital book. The early technologies that made books possible are illuminated for readers, as are the equally obscure singularities of digital design.

As Simonds observes, from the earliest days of writing humans have been looking for ways to make its reproduction more efficient. One funny section of the book underlines the true tedium of hand-copying.

"The margins of medieval texts are littered with scribe complaints," she writes, and gives examples such as "A curse on thee, O pen!", "Writing is excessive drudgery" and "Thank God it will soon be dark."

When e-readers and digital books were first introduced, the death knell for the paper book was sounded, with the end predicted to come as early as



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Author Marilyn Simonds

2008. But current research reveals a trend that Simonds has confirmed anecdotally during the six months since Gutenberg's Fingerprint came out: 80 per cent of people read books in paper when they're reading for pleasure.

"I think that shows that digital and paper mediums satisfy two different cravings in us; one is quantity and the other is sensual," Simonds said.

The pleasures of the physical product are beautifully delineated in the memoir components of the book. Simonds agrees to let her acquaintance and soon-to-be dear friend Hugh Barclay create a limited edition of The Paradise Project on a hand-operated antique letterpress. The process involves finding

an artist who will make the book's end papers using fibres grown in Simonds' massive garden (day lily leaves prove effective) and a supplier for the main pages, which come from the artisanal Saint-Armand paper mill in Montreal.

Salt Spring readers will enjoy and recognize Barclay's character. The perhaps somewhat elderly inventor and self-created publisher would fit right in with our local craftspeople and book lovers, with his obsessions for the details of paper and type.

"He's fantastic. One of the pleasures of the book was trying to capture him, and giving him an audience wider than his circle of fans in Kingston," Simonds said. "I learned so much from him and am forever changed by him."

Near the start of the journey, Simonds speculates that in the future only the highest quality books might be produced in paper for rare consumption. She is not willing to predict a future so extreme for books, but she notes that current research shows readers have already become discretionary with their habits. Literature and art books are still preferred in paper, but increasingly genre books — the kind, Simonds says, we consume like potato chips — are read on the screen.

"There are books you want to carry

with you your whole life, but not all of them," Simonds observed.

At the same time, digital technologies can be an advantage for writers. Simonds, for example, has been able to bring back one out-of-print book and published several stand-alone stories as e-books, making them accessible to a wide international audience.

Gutenberg's invention of moveable type was the occasion for a profound shift in communication as access to written material opened up to the masses. The invention of the internet and digital technologies is another profound change, but one has been predicated on the other. So far, digital books have sought to emulate the paper experience, such as "turnable" pages. The real capabilities of the technology have yet to be exploited fully, and the way humans adapt could have a useful effect rather than a regrettable one.

"My feeling is this is just a transition. There will be something down the road that's way better," Simonds said of the e-reader platform. "Once our brains get used to it, we'll really be able to use it for a fuller reading experience."

Simonds' library event starts at 8 p.m. It is co-sponsored by Salt Spring Books. Island author Kathy Page is also scheduled to read.

### NEWS UPDATES

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**Rezoning of the Mainroad Contracting Highways Yard**  
Bylaw 202

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NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is the bylaw change about?

To change the Zoning for the portions of the two properties shown in the sketch map below to:

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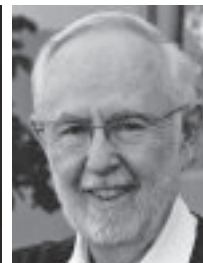
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YOUTH LITERATURE

# Tales' journeys come to life in slide-show afternoon

Margriet Ruurs releases two new books

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring-based children's book author Margriet Ruurs knows how to throw a party. That's especially true for birthday parties, as shared in her new book called Birthdays Around the World, published by Kids Can Press. It introduces 17 children who celebrate their birthdays in ways unique to their country of origin. Illustrations are done by Ashley Barron using beautiful cut-paper collage.



MARGRIET RUURS

and she will present an entertaining slide show about how both books came to be published.

The Elephant Keeper, also from Kids Can Press, is based on Ruurs' visit to an elephant orphanage in Zambia. It tells the tale of a

young man named Aaron who was raised in a village where elephants were perceived as the enemy due to damage herds can inflict on essential crops. But after he saves a baby elephant from drowning in a resort pool, he ends up working at the Lilayi Elephant Nursery. Schools and groups are encouraged to "adopt" an elephant at that orphanage through a \$65 US contribution. A donation jar will be out at Saturday's library event.

"When we have the launch we will try to collect money and the library will adopt an elephant," she said.

The Elephant Keeper is Ruurs' second book that connects literature to social action. Last year she released Stepping Stones: A

Refugee Family's Journey. Between donation of her royalties and Orca Book Publisher's contributions from sales, some \$65,000 was collected for Syrian refugee causes in the past year.

The book has also been translated into several languages. Coincidentally, Ruurs was booked to speak at a school in Turkey where teaching is done in English just as the Turkish version was completed. Now Ruurs can attend the launch. A similar thing is happening in the Netherlands with the Dutch translation.

Stepping Stones has been nominated for several honours. The latest is the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize of the Victoria Book Prizes.

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## Dance your way to health

A diagnosis of heart failure can be devastating, especially for those without a support network. But it turns out dancing — whether it is ballroom, tap or line dance — might be a key to living better and longer.

According to Dr. Gavin Arthur, senior manager of Promote Recovery at the Heart & Stroke Foundation, keeping active at any age is important, but for people with heart failure, it is even more so. Just be sure to check with your doctor first.

"Choosing physical activity that has a social component is particularly great for people living with heart failure. Often people who are

diagnosed with this disease can experience isolation and depression," he explains. "Being involved in a group activity can help strengthen social and emotional connections, an important aspect of taking control of this condition."

That's why heart failure patient Jerry Alfonso has made line dancing his passion.

"I started because I wanted to be doing something in the evening. I learned a few dances, then one thing led to another and now I teach several classes every week," he says. "I reach out to people to get up and exercise and while they come and dance with me I try to talk with them and encourage them to eat a healthy diet."

Alfonso's enthusiasm is infectious, and now his classes range from beginners through to advanced line dancers. He knows that having a strong support network can be a safety net for people living with heart failure, and encourages everyone — whether you are living with heart disease or just looking to keep active — to think about joining a class or community group.

Connecting with people who understand can be a great source of information and support. In-person and online support groups can be very helpful to combat social isolation. Connect with others and find more information online at [heartandstroke.ca/heartfailure](http://heartandstroke.ca/heartfailure).

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## ALISTAIR HAYNE

May 11, 2001 - Sept. 24, 2017



It is with unimaginable sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of our cherished son, brother, grandson, nephew and cousin, Alistair Hayne on Sunday, September 24th, 2017. Alistair died in a tragic accident while out enjoying time with his friends on a Saturday night. He is deeply missed by his parents Barry and Emma Hayne; Sister Olivia Hayne, Grandparents Peter and Olivia Callegari (Sidney) and Delores Hayne (Edmonton); Aunties Janice Zechel (Bob), Anna Callegari (David Mohler), Rachel Warren (Robert); Uncle Roy Hayne (Debbie); cousins Kurtis and Cody Hayne, Robyn Noel (Scott), Kate (Greg) and Miranda Zechel, Sam, Grace and Mary Warren, Elsie Mohler, and baby Scarlett Noel; Godparents Bruce and Roxy Campbell; as well as his loving extended family in Scotland and across Canada. Predeceased by his Papa Fuzzy Hayne.

Alistair was born on Salt Spring Island on May 11, 2001, the second welcomed child to Barry and Emma and beloved little brother to Olivia. He came into the world with a big and boisterous cry and once he had learned to smile, never stopped. Baby Alistair radiated happiness. Smiling and laughing contentedly while being carted around like a big doll by his older sister Olivia. He mastered all feats physical at an early age, walking by 10 months. His persistence and fearlessness with things new was apparent even at this young age. Childhood was filled with endless adventures, among the most memorable being quad and ski-doo rides with cousins in Edmonton, sled-pulls in the snow behind the truck, kiss and release fishing excursions on the dock, cannon-ball jumps into the pond, trampoline flips in the backyard, run-ins with chickens, fabrications of swords and weapons out of all things natural, always leaving a trail of toy chaos wherever he went. Alistair had big emotions; large reactions to things and events. He felt deeply about people and things. He loved young children and animals and had a soft and tender heart. He never wanted to miss out on anything and he carried a restless energy to seek people and adventures, always. He thought outside the box, pushed boundaries to their limits and implored us to examine our own judgments and assumptions carefully. He truly was our rebel with a heart.

As Alistair grew into an adolescent, his focus shifted from family to friends, and he became cherished friend to many. His love for his friends seemed boundless. Intuitive and sensitive, he had great affinity for connecting people together and showing his love. His goofy, happy, authentic self seemed to endear him to many and he happily reciprocated that love. He loved fashion, expensive cars and music and had taught himself how to play the guitar beautifully. He loved rapping and composing music with friends. Our family is learning so much about his character from pictures and posts to his memory page and we are so appreciative to his friends for these messages.

Alistair's giving and loving nature extended to the moments of his departure from this earthly realm, in that he was able to give the gift of life to 5 blessed recipients of 5 of his organs. Our family finds comfort in knowing that his big heart will continue to radiate love to others. As Alistair always did, please remember to tell your loved ones how much you love them and throw kindness like confetti.

We would like to thank the EMS crews and medical teams who took such skilled and loving care of Alistair on his journey. We are so grateful to our extended family, to this community and to Alistair's friends for the tremendous outpouring of love, support and donations to help ease this time for us. It has been truly humbling and we feel blessed to be loved by our community and family in this way.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Alistair on Sunday Oct 15th, 2017 at 2pm at Gulf Islands Secondary School in the gymnasium.

In lieu of flowers, please take time to share your wishes with your loved ones about organ donation and consider filling out donor forms. Monetary donations can be made to the Transplant Research Foundation of BC at [www.trfb.org](http://www.trfb.org) or to BC Children's Hospital at [www.bcchildrens.ca](http://www.bcchildrens.ca).



*You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
and though we cannot see you  
you're always at our side.*

## Gregory John Klassen

August 28 1958 – October 3, 2017



Greg was cut down suddenly in the prime of life by a heart attack linked to deep vein thrombosis.

Greg was born in Germany, and spent the next 18 years living in many countries with parents John (a Canadian diplomat) and Lilo, and brothers Doug and Bruce. He learned to ski in the Alps, where he eventually broke his tailbone. He learned to skateboard on the streets of Hong Kong. On the shores of France, he learned to love the ocean. Visiting Victoria, he grew to love the BC coast.

From a young age, Greg was a biologist, photographer and artist. As a child, he kept a colony of snails in the yard, observing and reporting on them with sketches and photographs. In his early teens, his brother Doug gave him his first good camera, a Nikon that he treasured always.

Greg attended the University of Guelph where he earned a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in marine biology. It was in Guelph that he met and married his life partner, Andrea Locke. He continued on to complete a Ph.D. in marine biogeography at the University of Toronto, and postdoctoral work at the Smithsonian Institution and St. Mary's University, Halifax. Throughout much of this period, he supported himself as a scientific photographer and illustrator. Adventures included searching for new species in the fish market in Tokyo and three weeks of scuba diving with French naval commandos in New Caledonia.

After moving to New Brunswick, where he lived for two decades, Greg initially worked as a professor of marine biology. During these years, Rhiannon and Morgan were born. For Greg, family always came first. In 2002, when the kids were 8 and 4 respectively, he left academia to become a stay-at-home parent and primary caregiver to Rhiannon. He considered this the most important role of his life.

Greg credits photographer Freeman Patterson with helping him overcome his block to colour photography in 2006 - Greg was profoundly colour-blind. After being turned down from several graduate programs because his pictures were 'too pretty', he enrolled in the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design and received a Diploma in Advanced Studies (Visual Arts) in 2009. While at the College he started to 'make pictures' and not just 'take pictures'. In 2012, the year the family moved to Salt Spring Island, Greg graduated with a Master of Applied Arts degree from Emily Carr University.

For a guy who claimed to have no innate social skills (as an adult, he was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome and ADHD), he made a difference in a lot of lives and was generous with his time, mentoring many early-career scientists and artists.

You always knew exactly where you stood with Greg; there was no subterfuge in his soul. He expected high standards from himself and others.

It had always been Greg's dream to live on the BC coast; on Salt Spring, he really hit his stride as an artist and as a human being. He was a strong advocate for persons of disability and established a visual arts program at GIFTS (the Gulf Islands Families Together Society). Greg was also the founder and driving force behind Dialogues with the Arts, a sort of intellectual salon. A good intellectual discussion was always one of Greg's favourite things. He absolutely loved the 'argument surrounded by water' that is Salt Spring and expressed this with two major art projects in 2017: 'Salt Spring Stories' held at Artspring in August and the public art piece 'We are Salt Spring' banner that he installed only 4 days before his death.

*Beautiful memories  
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Of one that we loved  
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**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)** Jupiter in Scorpio could prove to be very financially rewarding for you. As well, you may undergo deep changes regarding the philosophies that determine your perception and interpretations and which guide your life choices. Since Mars rules both Aries and Scorpio, it will play an extra important role.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)** Your most intimate relationships will undergo many changes. Increase, expansion and more exposure and popularity, in general, are indicated. Your desire to cultivate mastery both as an end in itself and as a means to earn more money is indicated. You will become more studious and this will include a more disciplined approach.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Your health will become a major focus over the next 13 months. Positively, you could increase your overall state and quality of fitness and wellbeing. However, you may have to work harder to achieve this end. A process of deep transformation is indicated and will last about 30 months. In the shorter term, activating an upward spiral is possible and ideal.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** A very creative cycle is indicated over the next year. Your confidence levels probably increased over the past year and now it is your opportunity to follow through with that momentum. Just be careful not to be overconfident. Things could turn quickly this year so focus to make them turn in your favor. Focus on your talents with the emphasis on stability.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your confidence levels are destined to rise steadily over the coming year. Perhaps especially, it is your imagination and ability to empathize that will increase. The danger of over-imagination and over-empathizing remains, however, so focus to understand what that means and keep both in check. Otherwise, congratulations!

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Are you ready for a diversified focus? One way or another and ready or not, you are about to become an expert at multi-tasking. While this could prove scattering and frustrating, there is good reason to say that it will leave you feeling more confident. Organization is a keyword, so focus to clarify your goals and strategies.

**Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)** The time has come to seriously consider your financial situation. Making wise investments is featured. These may well include new knowledge. Either you will seek out this knowledge and/or authorities who have it or you will focus to get it yourself, to learn. The bottom line remains that your focus will be to increase your lot.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Jupiter in your sign could prove to be a very exciting and expansive year and in many ways. The main dangers include unwanted weight gain linked to excessive luxury and indulgence. This could be described as the lower road, fun as the process may sound. Increase, expansion, and gain can all prove favorable provided they are the kind you want.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Jupiter is your ruling planet and it will be in the solar 12th house this year. This implies a turn of destiny which will push you to dig deeper to access hidden reserves of faith. Positively, you could undergo profound spiritual realizations and victories. As well, you could lay claim previously hidden talents. Either way, a soul search is indicated.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** The past few years have likely been challenging on internal levels. Yet, it has also probably provided opportunity and promotion professionally, especially in the past year or so. That cycle ends in late December. The overlap includes affiliation with new friends and interest groups. You are fast approaching a major exit that will lead you down new roads.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your public and professional life are destined to increase starting this month. The give is that this will entail more concentrated efforts. Positively, your skills and abilities are destined to increase, yet you will have to cover a lot more ground. This cycle could be described as something of a mixed bag but the returns will be there if you do the work.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** Jupiter in Scorpio will spark a visionary fervor in you. This could manifest as an urge to travel or to enter into risky ventures, or your overall philosophy of life will take on increased measure and meaning. You are also destined to learn a lot about human psychology. Sharing your work with the world is also featured, so if you have it, focus to share it.

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

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**OFF BALANCE:** Salt Spring United's Sue-Anne Connolly, left, and a Prospect Lake player go down in their pursuit of the ball at GISS on Sunday. United won the game 3-0 on goals by Connolly, Tess Tremblay and Jody Pringle. The women's next game is in Victoria against the Castaways on Sunday.

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Walde named top footballer

Organization honours long service and strong support of sport

Colin Walde, a stalwart of soccer for all ages on Salt Spring, was named Footballer of the Week by United Football last week.



**COLIN WALDE**

Born-and-raised on the island, Walde started playing soccer at age five. He joined a men's team when he was 17 and started to manage the team at about age 20.

"Since that time, Colin has been involved in the Salt Spring Challenge Cup, has been the Salt Spring organization president and coached too many kids' teams to name," states a write-up about the honour. "With only one kid at home now that he is coaching, Colin is thinking he might get some time for himself to play again."

Walde worked to get Salt Spring Alumni back into the Vancouver Island Soccer League this year after the team decided to take last year off. Currently in Division 4A, the team has won the first five games of the season.

"The team is doing well, but as a league, the Vancouver Island Soccer League appreciates the effort Colin has put in and finds it easy to work with him as the go-to-guy."

Walde was nominated for Footballer of the Week by VISL, but the choice was agreed to by everyone in United Football, which is comprised of the three major soccer leagues servicing Vancouver Island, Salt Spring, Penelakut and Powell River.

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#### Will I outlive my finances?



**SCOTT HOWE**

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To avoid this risk, I recommend doing two things to do right away. First, correct any imbalance in your spending and saving by creating a budget based on your needs.

Second, consider all the ways you can get the most value from the money you have left over. You have many options ([visitlandsavings.ca/longevity](http://visitlandsavings.ca/longevity) for the six key factors I recommend you consider), and talk to an advisor about ways of using your income, assets, and liabilities, and potential support programs today in order to establish a solid retirement plan.

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People who enjoy and use humour often are far less to suffer fatigue, tension, anger, depression, or confusion when confronted with stressful events.

Laughter improves the immune system and increases resistance to disease.

Beware of negative humour. Cynicism, sarcasm and ridicule have damaging effects on both the giver and the receiver.

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