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**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

## Scorpions take top Vancouver Island title

Provincial championships start Tuesday

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys volleyball team is headed to provincial championships in Langley.

The Scorpions will make the trip as the top AA-level team from Vancouver Island, riding an undefeated streak from both North Island and Vancouver Island finals.

"Scorpions volleyball alumni and co-coach Cole Wrigley and I are very proud of these boys," said coach Kellie Booth on Monday. "They have worked hard to get themselves to provincials."

The boys' playoff run got off to a great start with a 4-0 record at the North Island tourney at Mark R. Isfeld Senior Secondary in Comox on Nov. 10 and 11.

At the Vancouver Island tournament held Friday and Saturday at St. Michaels University in Victoria, the Scorpions cruised through round-robin play with straight set wins against SMU and a Timberline team from Campbell River. According to Booth, solid blocking by Atum Beckett and consistent serving by Abe Green proved too much for the Scorpions' first opponents.

Markus Wenzel was one of several parents at the tournament. "The toughest challenge came from Lambrick Park, whose star power hitter played for the national team this past summer," he said. "With very little supporting cast for their star, and great blocking by the Scorpions, Lambrick lost two games to one."

Wenzel said entering the playoff round, the Scorpions faced a strong Mark Isfeld team. But anchored by the clever set-and-spike duo of Sander Keil and Logan Wenzel, the team rose to the occasion and prevailed in the semi-finals in straight sets.

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PHOTOCOURTESY GISS SCORPIONS

GISS Scorpions senior boys volleyball team members celebrate victory and an undefeated record at the Vancouver Island AA volleyball championships in Victoria on Saturday.

**PARKS & REC**

## PARC eyes Portlock Park for more ball fields

Fulford site's sale risk prompts action

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission will explore a possible reconfiguration of space at Portlock Park with news that leased ball fields in the Burgoyne Valley might soon be unavailable.

During Monday's business meeting the commission voted to pursue an accelerated consultation process for Portlock at

a projected cost of \$10,000. It will take place ahead of or in tandem with a larger strategic planning exercise encompassing the entire island that wraps up at the end of March 2018.

The group has spent more than two decades trying to find land on which to build new baseball fields since the current junior facilities force any competitive players over the age of 12 off-island. As well, parks and recreation manager Dan Ovington reported the fields leased for adult slo-pitch games may soon disappear, since the property is for sale at a price out of reach of parkland acquisition funds.

"I think we know what the facility need is, and there's potentially even greater pressure with those two fields being lost," Ovington said. "It's just a matter of is there potential to reconfigure [Portlock Park] to get more use, and maybe there's some."

Commissioners supported the idea, noting some of the space at Portlock is currently not in use, and that a study would not negatively impact the strategic plan.

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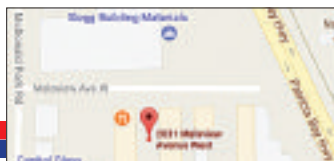
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# Scorpions take undefeated streak to provincials

## VOLLEYBALL

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Wenzel and Booth said that stellar blocks from Jared Farias, Noah Jacobsen and Max Temmel assured Isfeld's offence remained impotent, while clutch serving by Obleo Demandre and pinpoint passing from "cat-quick" Yugo Uemura and Liam Maguire kept the ball off the ground.

The final match of the day featured the number-one-ranked Pacific Christian School taking

on the Scorpions. Deep in talent and with a legacy as a great volleyball school, the Scorpions faced a gruelling, best-of-five match.

Booth said inspired play by Grade 11 players Nick Van Bakel and Jeffrey Gray provided the offensive depth necessary for the Scorpions to put PCS players constantly on defence.

Their confidence building with every point, the Scorpions hammered their way to three straight set wins to take the championship crown.

"The crowd was on their feet and hoarse

from the cheering," said Wenzel.

Keil earned tournament MVP honours.

Video clips from the island championships have been posted on YouTube by parent Wolfgang Temmel. Search for "GISS Scorpions Senior Boys Volleyball 2017 Island Championship."

Booth said some of her players have had their sights set on making the provincials since their junior season when they played under the direction of coach Erik Perrins, also a Scorpions volleyball program alumni. One of those play-

ers is defensive specialist Stuart Hambrook, who was out of action last weekend with a bad cold, but provided excellent support for his team from the bench.

"He should be back in time for provincials, which is great news because we want all hands on deck to make our push through the tournament," said Booth.

The Scorpions are presently ranked ninth in the province among AA-level boys teams.

Provincial championships take place in Langley from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

# Office rental idea nixed again

## PARC

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"I think when we've got so little land for this kind of purpose, maybe there is a better way of using this that would achieve some other objectives and save a whole whack-load of money," said Brian Webster. "For \$10,000 I think it's well worth taking the step of looking at what some of the possibilities may be."

Sonja Collombin added: "I think it's our due diligence to have a look at this, because we've come back to this over and over again over the years. And whether anything comes of it or not, we can't just say, 'Oh maybe that would look good in the future' and not have a plan. Maybe this has to be off the table because nothing can be done with it — but we need to know that for sure."

The proposal to lease out Portlock's now-vacant office space came back to the table Monday night but once again saw the commission divided, ending with another split vote and subsequent failed motion. CRD director Wayne McIntyre asked that the issue be revisited since he wasn't able to attend the October meeting when PARC voted down the proposal for a three-year lease with Salt Spring's Emergency Program.

McIntyre introduced a new motion to approve a lease with the program "to be negotiated" between the two CRD agencies. Ovington said the emergency services office would now be willing to enter a lease with one-year cancellation notice.

Commissioners opposing the idea pointed out the property is zoned only for park administration offices, and the CRD would have to apply for a temporary use permit to

host other office uses. As well, doing so could potentially go against the non-farm uses of agricultural land permitted by the provincial Agricultural Land Commission, although Ovington said he had received verbal assurance that would not be the case. He recommended not going further with the idea if it meant re-applying for non-farm use under new parameters.


The fact that CRD staff had previously refused to entertain other community uses of parkland such as a laundromat and showers was another sticking point, while Dan Clements observed the commission had just decided to study Portlock Park space. To enter a long-term lease, even if shorter than three years, "still seems to be in conflict with what we just voted on," Clements said.

In other news from Monday's meeting, Ovington reported a request for proposals for a project manager of the new community bike park project had been sent out with six applications received.

"I think we're on track for the June timeline [for completion]," he said.

Ovington said the proponents had met with some members of the community who had questions about the project and had relieved some of their concerns once they understood the park is planned for an unused wooded portion of Moutat Park that is near the meadow but does not encompass it. More public consultation and direct neighbour feedback will be collected as the project continues.

The commission thanked Clements for all his work as Monday's meeting marked the end of his third two-year term. New commissioners are being sought with several spaces open. The next meeting will take place January 2018.



**Bylaw 506 for "Salt Spring Commons" Housing Agreement**

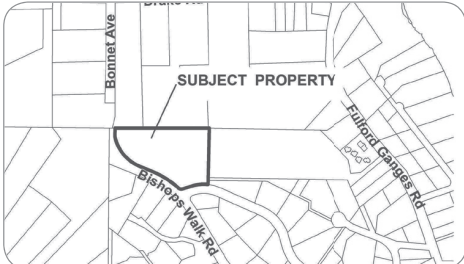
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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

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A copy of Bylaw 506 and relevant information can be reviewed at the Islands Trust office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Or:

Planner Seth Wright will be available at the Hart Bradley Hall, before the public hearing, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to answer any questions about the bylaw.

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### EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Vessel assist team prevents major Fulford fuel spill

November storm produces plentiful action

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Nov. 13 storm that delayed ferry passengers travelling back to the mainland after the long weekend and caused power outages across the Southern Gulf Islands did not spare the boating community, with an estimated 20 vessels pushed up onto the rocks in the area.

Salt Spring-based marine towing and salvage firm Eagle Eye Marine Services pulled 11 of those craft off the rocks once the storm had subsided, including at least one boat that could have produced a dangerous fuel spill in local waters.

Fulford Harbour resident Patricia Baldwin watched in awe that Monday as the winds

drove a large sailboat that had been moored near Isabella Point across the water to the edge of her property.

"It was really, really stormy. There were big whitecaps and waves on the harbour and this 50-foot sailboat just came right across," said Baldwin, who lives near the foot of Reginald Hill. "We've lived here for two years. This is the first time we've had a boat crash into our door."

Baldwin said the boat was caught up on the rocks beneath a steep embankment. A neighbour came over with some rope to try to tie the boat down but the approach was too dangerous to continue.

"Your biggest fear is it's going to hit the ferry or some other boat further down the harbour. And of course my biggest fear was there might be a fuel spill — because that's really scary," Baldwin said.

Baldwin called the Coast

**"Any amount of fuel in the water over about half a cup is a lot of fuel."**

NICK BOYCHUK  
Marine salvage operator

Guard to report the incident. Nick Boychuk of Eagle Eye Marine Services was called by the Coast Guard and the boat's owner. He assessed the situation Monday and then called Baldwin to let her know he was putting together a plan to remove the boat at around 2 p.m. the following day.

Baldwin was out that morning but returned just after 1:30 p.m. to find the vessel assist team was already at work.

"It was really windy and stormy again. I never, never thought they could get it out in those kind of waves," she

said.

It turns out Baldwin's fear about a potential fuel spill wasn't far off. Boychuk reported the sailboat had around 400 litres of diesel on board when it crashed onto the rocks.

"Any amount of fuel in the water over about half a cup is a lot of fuel," Boychuk explained. "If the boat stayed there and got blown around by the other storm, it would have been all over Fulford Harbour."

Boychuk and his crew towed the boat to Sidney. Three pumps needed to be running the entire time to keep the water out.

Baldwin remains impressed that Boychuk's team was able to retrieve the boat and get it out during last Tuesday's continuing poor conditions.

"He's the kind of guy that followed through on what he said he was going to do," Baldwin said.

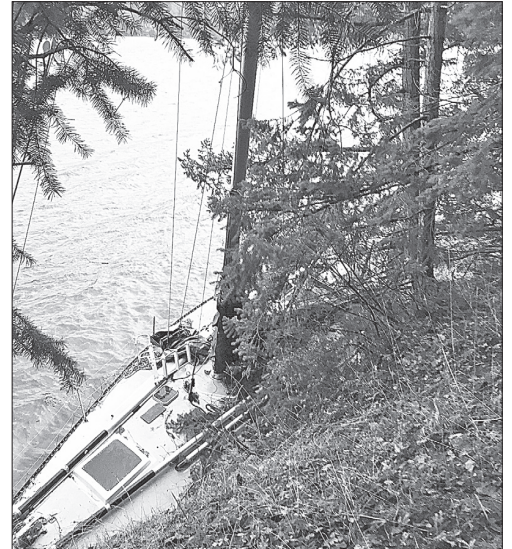


PHOTO BY PATRICIA BALDWIN

A sailboat cast adrift by the Nov. 13 storm nestles up to the embankment beneath the Baldwin residence on Fulford Harbour before being recovered the following day.

### ENVIRONMENT

## Salt Spring's derelict vessels survey being finalized

Local societies partner for Burgoyne clean-up

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Plans to tackle derelict and abandoned boats are gaining steam with the promise of new federal funds and legislation.

Salt Spring resident John Roe, who created the non-profit Veins of Life Watershed Society more than 20 years ago, has more recently created the Dead Boats Society to take advantage of Transport Canada's Abandoned Boats Program. He recently partnered with the Cadboro Bay Residents Association to secure provincial and Oak Bay municipal funding to clean up boats in that city last month.

Roe is waiting on the fed-

eral funds to remove boats from around Salt Spring, with close to two dozen prospects in Long Harbour, Ganges Harbour, Fulford Harbour and Burgoyne Bay now catalogued and reported.

"We have approximately 21 to submit to Transport Canada for funding for removal," Roe said, adding, "This application requires a lot of legal paper work."

With only \$300,000 to be allocated in the first round, Roe said Salt Spring is one step ahead. Transport Canada has agreed to allow the Dead Boats Society to do on-the-spot assessment during the inventory process. As well, his time and that of other volunteers is being accepted as in-kind work that counts toward the 25 per cent local community commitment required for clean-up.

Roe spent last week serving

abandoned and wrecked boats around Salt Spring with a notice that he may be taking possession. Under the law, the boats' owners have 30 days to remove their vessels to an authorized area or risk having them removed and scrapped.

"Burgoyne Bay is going to be very expensive — and it's probably the most important," Roe said of the local clean-up plan. He reported just one of the problems there is a 76-foot boat that has sunk, full of garbage.

"It's sitting on a really productive shellfish bed and it's a provincial park on top of that," Roe said.

His society has been working with SeaChange Marine Conservation Society, another non-profit group that's focusing on eelgrass beds and marine restoration in the Burgoyne area. Roe said some

great teamwork has arisen.

Partnering for work in and around Ganges Harbour has come from Salt Spring companies Mid Island Marine and Eagle Eye Marine Services.

The new legislation proposed by the federal government will enact more owner responsibility and penalties for leaving old and wrecked boats behind for others to deal with. However, Roe does not believe there will be a rush to dump boats in local waters before the new law is passed.

"There's been a few jokes about people bringing in their boats, but I haven't seen it happen," Roe said.

The Capital Regional District has made its own application for derelict boat assessment and removal in the region, and voted on Nov. 8 to make an addi-

tional \$100,000 available to pay municipal and electoral area tipping fee costs not covered by the application. It will be issued on a first come-first served basis. The Islands Trust is also participating in the regional effort. It has added to its longtime advocacy work around the issue by administering a Trust-area survey.

Roe said it's important that people living in the Gulf Islands share any information they may have about wrecked boats in their neighbourhoods.

"The more people that can tell us where boats are, the farther we get," Roe said. "We have 6,000 miles of coastline in the Gulf Islands and using the local knowledge will tell us where they are — so tell us or tell the Islands Trust."

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## HEALTH CARE

## Greenwoods on way to refinancing

Strategic plan goals see action

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Greenwoods Eldercare Society is making good progress on its four-year strategic plan, including addressing some of its financial difficulties thanks to a new mortgage deal and interest relief program.

The Capital Regional Hospital District Board is the latest agency to sign off on Greenwoods' request to refinance its loan, voting at its Nov. 8 meeting to help the society take advantage of an interest penalty forgiveness plan through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre said there was no trouble securing support at the hospital board table.

"To me it was a no-brainer. You've got a nonprofit society looking at ways to reduce their costs. They need lots of support," McIntyre said.

Financing to construct the care facility came through a fixed-term 50-year mortgage with CMHC at 9.625 per cent interest starting in 1979. After close to 40 years in, the society still owes \$750,000, despite paying out around \$3 million.

Barb Aust, who chairs Greenwoods' board of directors, explained that deal would have seemed smart when personal home mortgages were running at 20 to 22 per cent interest rates.

"While acknowledged that at the time this may have seemed like a virtual bargain, the long-term impact has been very difficult," she reported.

Until recently, paying off the loan early would also have been impossible, with an interest penalty of more than \$800,000 to be applied on top of the remaining loan. A new program that CMHC announced last year has allowed housing



Devon Quinn, left, and Peter Oro work on a new garden patio area at Greenwoods way back in 2014. The facility has found ways to make improvements over the years while dealing with a fixed-term, 50-year mortgage with a 9.625 per cent interest rate.

societies to apply to have the interest penalty forgiven and the opportunity to refinance their mortgages at current market rates, likely under 3 per cent. Aust said the savings will probably amount to somewhere between \$1,300 to \$1,600 a month.

Monies saved will be applied to infrastructure repair needs according to an assessment done by BC Housing, since Greenwoods received CMHC program funding under the criteria of "completing repairs to promote housing sustainability."

"We feel we can take care of everything up to 2020 that is really high need by doing this, and that takes us really far down the road," Aust said.

Greenwoods received help and the necessary permission to enter the refinancing agreement from BC Housing, Island Health and the BC Ministry of Health as well as the CRHD Board.

Aust said Greenwoods is working to improve its finances in other areas under its 2016-19 strategic plan. The board has

started reducing the cumulative operating deficit, and has brought it down from \$871,248 in 2015 to \$555,815 at present. Budget guidelines to maximize efficiency of supplies are another prong of the plan, as is raising awareness and possible funds among island societies such as the Lions, Rotary Club, Masons, Canadian Federation of University Women and others.

According to results of a survey administered by the BC Office of the Seniors Advocate published on Nov. 20, more Greenwoods residents report the overall quality of care to be excellent or very good than the provincial average, although the percentage of people who don't want to live there is double the average. A question for the residents' most frequent visitor found that a large majority (52 per cent) of the respondents gave Greenwoods an overall rating of 8 to 9 out of 10. The next highest group at 24 per cent would rate it from 5 to 7 out of 10.

Greenwoods' board is working with the health care community to look at improving the

continuum of care for seniors with services that bridge supported living at home along every step of the way to palliative care. They are also looking to change the philosophy and practice of care at Greenwoods to become a "person-centred facility."

"The concept of a resident-centred facility makes this into more of a resident's home than a nursing home," Aust explained. "There is a concerted effort for care staff to find ways to know each resident more clearly and to ensure that their individual needs, background, ethnicity and wants are taken into consideration."

Greenwoods' work toward becoming an accredited care facility with Accreditation Canada has been ongoing for the past 18 months and is now getting close to realization. An external visit from two representatives will take place in June 2018. Aust said the organization has been making improvements to operations, governance, service delivery and the workplace to meet the requirements of the program.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## CRD boosts commission funding

Tourism fee-for-service contract also approved

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission had good news to celebrate at its last business meeting of 2017, with an announcement the Capital Regional District has found an extra \$20,000 to fund its work.

"For what you do, it's a signal that your work is appreciated," the CRD's electoral area director for Salt Spring, Wayne McIntyre, said at Thursday's meeting before adding the group should still continue to look for other funding opportunities.

The commission voted last

month to recommend an increase to its tax requisition from \$30,000 to \$35,000 while observing that amount remained woefully insufficient to its needs. McIntyre indicated he was unwilling to see taxes increase beyond that number in pre-budget meetings.

Commission chair Darryl Martin pointed out several times during Thursday's meeting the commission's budget did not reflect the true cost of its work, with countless hours of volunteer time being put in by members to develop and run programs such as the Rural Accelerator for small business owners, tourism marketing and management initiatives and the recent research and forum around work force housing, to name a few.

"I'm appreciative and I think it

will be taken as a signal that the work that's being done by the people here and our predecessors in the past have been appreciated; and thank you," Martin said after McIntyre announced the new funds. "Money is a scare resource so allocating a scare resource is by its very nature never fun ... and I appreciate the political risk you take as well."

The dispersal of the commission's small budget came into discussion later in the meeting as members contemplated a request from the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. Commissioners voted to approve a \$5,000 request for the coming year as a fee-for-contract to be matched by Destination BC, subject to more information being submitted as to what the funds will be specifically used for.

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### Notice of Committee of the Whole 2018 Budget Review

A meeting of the Capital Regional District Committee of the Whole, including budget discussion for 2018:

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### Re: Consideration of Local School Calendar Option for 2018/2019

The School Calendar Form provided by the Ministry is required to be submitted by each district in the province to the Ministry no later than March 31, 2018.

To accommodate these changes, the following Notice of Motion was presented at the September 13, 2017 Board of Education Public meeting:

"It was moved that the Board of Education adopts a Local School Calendar for the 2018/2019 school year that reduces the number of instructional days by approximately 25 to 30 resulting in a four-day school week. The instructional time from these days will be added to the remaining days of instruction. The resulting savings will allow the district to preserve programs and options for our students. The motion will be tabled at the regular Public Board meeting on March 14, 2018."

Submissions may be made to the Board until February 1, 2018.

Opportunities to provide feedback include:

- Email through: <http://sd64.bc.ca/calendar-input>;
- Individual written submissions addressed to the Board of Education, through Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant;
- Public Meeting of the Board of Education – March 14, 2018 at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 1:00 p.m.

The calendar template to be considered for the 2018/2019 school year can be viewed at: <http://sd64.bc.ca/calendar-input>.

EDUCATION

# Researcher joins Gulf Islands kids in education outdoors

Coast Salish history linked with local learning

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

A UVic researcher will visit Gulf Islands School District primary classes several times in the current school year to explore how students are incorporating inquiry-based, personalized learning and Indigenous knowledge in the classroom.

Jodi Streelesky will focus on outdoor education classes in primary grades to see how students are learning from nature.

"What I want to look at is: In what ways are flexible learning environments being utilized with young children? And mostly that relates to outdoor education," said Streelesky. "How is outdoor learning being used with young children? Are any links being made to the



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Uvic researcher Jodi Streelesky.

local Coast Salish knowledge in regards to the landscape or the vegetation? I'm very curious how this is going to be done at a very early level."

Streelesky was drawn to the project by both recent B.C.-wide curriculum changes and the rich history of the area. In

the Gulf Islands, outdoor spaces and environmental learning are inextricably linked with Coast Salish history and tradition.

"I just think the Gulf Islands are so unique," Streelesky said. "I want to get this story out there in regards to how Indigenous learning is happening in this really unique part of Canada."

Since the curriculum changes are so new, there is not a lot of information about how students respond to these new teaching styles. Streelesky hopes her research will provide insights into the efficacy of linking flexible learning experiences with Indigenous education. Alternative forms of education like nature kindergartens and coastal schools provided flexible outdoor learning opportunities before the public school curriculum changes took place, but they may not have incorporated Indigenous knowledge.

Streelesky is interested in "how a rural school district like

the Gulf Islands School District is utilizing their amazing outdoor spaces as another way to teach children about who they are, their local identity, their history."

During the study, Streelesky will participate in the children's daily routine, playing and learning alongside them. She will also ask the children to create an art piece at the end of the year that shows their most memorable learning experience from their outdoor education classes. With the shift towards personalized learning, Streelesky thinks it is important that students provide feedback on their education.

"I want young children to have a voice and . . . this new curriculum is just a great opportunity that needs to be seized."

Streelesky feels this education style is valuable to the community as a whole and hopes students will bring lessons home to their families and the commu-

nity at large.

Janet Hoag, a coordinator for kindergarten to Grade 5 classes in the Gulf Islands School District, agrees that "this kind of learning can affect the community in a positive way, leading to more knowledge and understanding, inclusiveness, the breaking down of barriers and judgements, and eventually to healing."

Hoag hopes that the new curriculum will bring a deeper understanding and respect for the rich history and tradition of the land. She is excited to see through Streelesky's research exactly how that will be reflected in children's play.

"First Nations culture needs to be honoured, celebrated and respected for the rich culture it was and is," said Hoag. "This change of weaving aboriginal education into aspects of our teaching is so important, not just for First Nations students but for all students."

HEALTH CARE

# Health authority working to improve mental health services

Officials: Residents' report misses recent advances

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The release of the Salt Spring Island Residents' Health Care Report in October highlighted some significant gaps in services seen by some people working in the field, but the authority responsible for health care delivery says recent advances have not been fully recognized.

The section on mental health care services is of particular concern to officials at Island Health, who fear that residents may have received the impression that services for the homeless and hard-to-serve population are severely lacking or even nonexistent. Kelly Reid, who is director of mental health and substance use operations for the regional body, said that's far from the case.

"It's a very important community for us and I want people who live on the Gulf Islands to know we are continuing to improve services for people who are struggling with mental health needs," Reid said.

Salt Spring Community Services, whose director Rob Grant co-wrote the report's chapter on mental health services, has repeatedly stated that residents of the Gulf Islands are not receiving the same access to resources as people in other parts of the Island Health area, or that should be expected given the area's population.

"We have no substance abuse services or supporting mental health housing. Our recovery programs and case management services for hard to serve have been weakened," the report states. "Other than for acute clients, basic adult mental health services wait times are longer than ever, current services struggle to respond to the needs of the reluctant/resistant person — [the] only tool is hospitalization."

Reid said Island Health appreciates

the local organization's work with the vulnerable sector.

"Salt Spring Community Services has advocated very strongly for services and for the community," Reid said. "It's helped us understand it's a very unique community and it can't be lumped in with Victoria or anywhere else."

As such, Island Health has worked to develop an island-centred mental health team and to provide a complete continuum of services since it took over direct administration of adult services in 2015, which it did at the urging of local health providers. Reid said case management has become more effective as the electronic records are now available to all the service providers. Patients can access outreach services and counselling, while a nurse practitioner employed by Island Health is providing primary health care to some of the vulnerable population and is ready to accept some more patients.

Immediate care is available through the hospital seven days a week from 7 a.m. to midnight.

"We never had that kind of coverage before," Reid observed, adding the extension of service hours was also based on feedback from local agencies.

While the residents' report suggests a link between recent suicides and service wait times, Reid said the mental health team uses a triage approach, serving the people who appear to be at highest risk first. Suicide screening is always part of the process.

"There is a risk that while someone is waiting a bad outcome might occur if you can't offer immediate service. We try to mitigate that," Reid said.

If someone who is waiting for an appointment does commit suicide before they are seen, a full review process is conducted by Island Health's quality council, which Reid chairs.

The mental health team also has training in substance use care. Reid said cognitive behavioural therapy can be useful for treating mental health and sub-

stance use issues, which often come together. Detox delivery is more difficult, although it does happen at Lady Minto Hospital. The only dedicated medical detox facilities in Island Health's area are in Victoria and Nanaimo.

"I think we've filled some of the gaps we've historically had," Reid said. "We still have work to do, such as with housing and more integrated types of case management. And obviously with the opioid crisis we hope we will have the opportunity to develop substance use services even more because this is a priority, given the situation."

Reid said Island Health is expecting to receive provin-

cial funding directed at the opioid crisis that will help it grow services targeting substance abuse. Though numbers for Salt Spring were not available, Reid said the per capita impact of overdose deaths is essentially the same in rural areas as in urban centres, and there is no reason to believe that's different on Salt Spring.

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## EDITORIAL

# In our back yard

**S**alt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission has spent many years looking for property on which to build new baseball fields.

Just last year the Agricultural Land Commission denied permission to use a Brinkworthy Road parcel that PARC had deemed suitable for the purpose. A few years before that, community outcry quashed purchase of an agricultural property in the south end. A concerted effort to identify and purchase other properties in the last five years came up with no options.

Now it seems that a ball-field solution could instead be found closer to PARC's traditional home.

Parks and Rec commissioners agreed at their Monday night meeting to investigate potentially reconfiguring 9.5-acre Portlock Park with a view to incorporating ball fields into the existing area. The building once used for PARC/CRD offices and former Shelby Pool services when the outdoor pool was on site is no longer needed. The existing portable meeting space is not precious. While neither facility takes up much space, not needing them for park operations increases options for the site. Similarly, PARC has identified the replacement of existing tennis and multi-sport courts in its five-year capital plan, which adds to the flexibility.

### THE ISSUE:

Portlock Park reconfiguration

### WE SAY:

Worth investigating

While PARC may have been willing to take a break from the ball-field quandary, the pressure to find space has increased since the Fulford property traditionally used for slo-pitch and some junior baseball games is now up for sale and out of PARC's price range.

After two failed attempts to purchase property, it's understandable why PARC and the Capital Regional District would not be eager to step up to the plate again. Trying to use existing property that already has the appropriate zoning makes a lot of sense.

With only \$10,000 required to carry out a consultation process to get community input for potential reconfiguration, it's well worth investigating the Portlock option. And, as a PARC staff report points out, having a site plan and cost estimates for a "shovel-ready" project will make it more likely a real plan can access grant funding.

We look forward to seeing if Portlock Park is indeed an option for ball fields on Salt Spring.



VIEWPOINT by Peter Grove

# Ganges harbour walk info clarified

I was recently advised that a large number of people wish to address the LTC's Ganges harbour walk project and Bylaw 491, which would establish a new Commercial 7 zone for the properties along the proposed harbour walk route, at the Nov. 30 LTC meeting.

I wish to clarify what appear to be some misconceptions about the project in advance of next week's meeting.

Current zoning of the lots included in Bylaw 491 allows for commercial accommodation (CA1d), industrial (In1) and residential (R6) uses (on the Ganges Marina, The Fishery and the Cudmore property respectively). A review of currently permitted uses under these existing zones is illuminating and somewhat startling and I expect is far broader than most of us realized.

As part of the LTC's harbour walk project, staff have proposed a new zone (Commercial 7) for all properties that would allow for a mix of commercial, residential and marine uses. Total lot coverage would be limited to 33 per cent for all buildings and structures and building height limited to two storeys, thereby limiting what might be built. Particularly where the Industrial 1 zoned property is concerned, what is proposed under the C7 zone will reduce the potential for land uses that are incompatible with this important downtown area, like vehicle repair and collection of recyclable materials. The plan does not anticipate additional landfill which, as is now the case, could only be allowed with a development permit and approval of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and the Department of Fisheries. The only anticipated disruption of the seashore would be the additional pilings required to complete the walkway. Bylaw 491 received first reading in order to get it on the table for further discussion, as is usual procedure.

What has created confusion is Ganges Marina's submission to the

LTC of plans that resemble a proposal put forward in 2002 that was ultimately rejected by the LTC. It has been presented informally once again as a point of departure for further discussion. It is not a formal proposal and is not on the table, other than to help the LTC understand the objectives of this particular land owner.

There have been many meetings, public meetings, charettes and other inputs over many years on the subject of the incomplete harbour walk. It was originally built in the late 1980s as a collaborative initiative involving public agencies and community volunteers. Unfortunately, the necessary statutory rights of way were not secured at the time of construction and, as a result, there are gaps in the walkway and some segments have fallen into disrepair. Private owners have been maintaining some segments of the harbour walk and incurring the cost of liability insurance at their own expense. The current LTC has had harbour walk completion on its projects list since 2014 as a result of community demand.

I hope we can continue to advance this project, which I believe is in the best interests of Ganges and our community, if done appropriately and with community input. The 70-yard stretch of road-front from The Fishery westward is not particularly appealing and is dangerous for the many who walk along it. An appropriate harbour walk could enhance our town to the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

I suggest we now wait and see what is proposed by Islands Trust staff, following the well-attended Nov. 4 community meeting, and by the CRD, who will develop, help finance and manage the project if it goes ahead. While we welcome community engagement and those who wish to speak at LTC meetings, I want to make sure that everyone who does so has the correct information before them.

The writer is a Salt Spring LTC member.

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should PARC consider Portlock Park for ball fields?  Yes  No

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

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

As a victim would you choose Restorative Justice?  YES  NO

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Your biggest fear is it's going to hit the ferry or some other boat further down the harbour."

PATRICIA BALDWIN, EYEWITNESS TO STORM-TOSSED SAILBOAT

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** Do you agree with Health Canada that cigarette taxes should be raised to deter smoking?



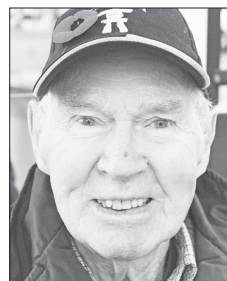
**KRYSTA FURIOSO**  
*I would think it's good as a first step.*



**DYLAN DOUBT**  
*Yes. And they've just banned menthol cigarettes completely.*



**JULIA DIPAOLO**  
*No. I don't think money's going to stop anything if someone is addicted to something.*



**KEN MACKENZIE**  
*Yes. They should double it or triple it.*



**CARLOS ROBLES**  
*No, it's wrong. Smokers are already in a pickle with bad habits, so taking something more from them is even worse.*

## 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

### Halt draft Bylaw 491

We attended the Islands Trust's "community visioning meeting" at the Lions on Nov 4.

As the Driftwood accurately reported, the community spoke loudly and essentially with one voice in opposition to the rezoning of the Ganges Harbour shoreline in order to facilitate the building of a boardwalk.

The boardwalk has long been a dream of the community. We would gladly support a tax increase to help pay for it. But not at the cost of over-commercializing this area of the harbour.

One must agree with the Trust planner who expressed chagrin with the fact that such a desirable community amenity cannot be undertaken at the present time without

permission from upland property owners.

We would like to join the chorus of voices urging our trustees to not give further readings to draft Bylaw 491 that would establish new zoning for four properties on the Ganges Harbour shoreline. The level of development allowed by this zoning is inappropriate for our rural village and would bring with it a myriad of concerns.

**DONALD AND JUDY MCLENNAN,**  
MARGARET AVENUE

### Harbour and Ganges plan needed first

Proposed Bylaw 491 should not receive second reading because it is flawed in both process and content.

Months ago, our trustees decided to give priority status to the boardwalk

project before a Ganges plan or a harbour management plan could be developed. This "cart before the horse" approach could potentially create a significant new commercial shoreline zone resulting in a major development in Ganges Harbour before a comprehensive community vision is in place.

Additionally, our trustees voted to contract out planning expertise specifically for the boardwalk, adding to Trust expenditures when we have housing and water issues affecting many more islanders than those in the Ganges commercial core.

Content-wise, proposed Bylaw 491 blows a hole in our official community plan big enough to haul a barge through. It encompasses a wide variety of uses: hotel, restaurant, retail sales, multi-family dwellings, marine pub, light industry, offices,

boat building, car rentals, marine fuelling station, etc.

It also allows "indoor recreation and amusement facilities" and "creative industry." This latter category includes "workshops, performing art spaces and education and research facilities." It is virtually a "kitchen sink" bylaw. This is not a bylaw that evolved from our OCP, but rather one atypically drafted to accommodate the wish lists of current upland property owners in order to obtain their consent for the boardwalk. A harbour boardwalk will be a welcome amenity at some point but not at the price of this ransom.

Our trustees should not proceed with a second reading of Bylaw 491 and proceed with the development of a Ganges uplands and harbour community plan.

**SHARON MCCOLLOUGH,**  
WELBURY DRIVE

### Farmed fish dangers

As we well know from living on the West Coast, there are a lot of fish farms here, which are detrimental to our wild salmon stocks.

I came across a short item in *Alive* magazine, which shows another large step towards destructive, genetically modified salmon for human consumption, without being labelled for Canadian consumers without federal or provincial government control of this matter.

The article explained that a U.S.-majority-owned company called AquaBounty had revealed "in its quarterly financial results that it has sold approximately five tonnes of genetically modified Atlantic salmon fillets in Canada.

"This is the world's first sale of GM fish for human consumption and has occurred without GM product label-

ling for Canadian consumers. According to the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, the salmon has been genetically engineered with a growth hormone gene from Chinook salmon and genetic material from ocean pout (an eel-like creature). The company says its 'AquaAdvantage' salmon grow to market size twice as fast as other farmed salmon."

The goal in fish farming is to generate the most meat in the shortest time. Growth hormones/protein are used to speed up weight gain, and antibiotics are used to contain the spread of diseases. Seventy per cent of salmon on the market is farmed. It can take two to five pounds of wild fish to get one pound of farmed fish. Using my elementary math, that is not good business.

**MARGARETHA NORDINE,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Planet and island pay the price for pleasure

BY FRANTS ATTORP

In this age of corporate control, environmental collapse and social disintegration, there is one question that is surprisingly relevant yet seldom asked: Why does sex feel good?

Believe it or not, much research has been done on this topic, with many scholarly explanations available to the curious of mind. I shan't go into all the details, but will note there is one conclusion common to all the findings: We are biologically programmed this way, either partly or wholly, to ensure the continuation of our species. Indeed, if sex did not feel good, it is doubtful any of us would be here today!

It is also doubtful other species would be here, for, contrary to what many believe, sexual pleasure is not limited to humans. Of course, pleasures of the flesh have consequences. Two hundred years ago, there were fewer than a billion people on the planet. Today, that number has grown to over seven billion. We are clearly into a period of exponen-

tial growth.

This would not necessarily be a problem, except for the fact that so many people aspire to the North American lifestyle, which includes a house with four bathrooms and a jacuzzi, three cars, all the latest gadgets and one or two tropical vacations per year.

Scientists estimate that if everyone on Earth enjoyed our lifestyle we would need at least four Earths to provide the necessary resources and absorb all the waste. Is it any wonder some ecologists are comparing humans to a cancerous growth?

On Salt Spring, we see a clear example of how one species can become so numerous it destroys not just the habitat for other life forms but also living conditions for itself. The island's exploding deer population has spelled disaster for many wildflowers, songbirds and trees, and has now reached such a critical level the deer themselves are becoming weak and sickly.

## GUEST COLUMN

If one examines the whole chain of events, the trail of destruction leads right back to us humans.

After all, we are the ones who have taken over most of the island and eradicated the predators that used to keep the deer population in check.

This raises a crucial question: Are we humans, like Salt Spring deer, doomed by our biological roots to procreate mindlessly until we have wiped out most other species along with the environmental conditions that have allowed us to thrive?

The answer is staring us right in the face: not necessarily. If we focus exclusively on reproduction, humans have shown time and again that science and reason can win out over even our most primal urges. Birth control is now available in many forms, ranging from barrier methods to pharmaceutical and surgical interventions.

Consider that Quebec, which had an average birthrate of 3.9 in the 1950s,

has now cut that number by over half. What more proof do we need that free will exists?

If the scientific mind can thwart our sex drive, there is little doubt it can do the same for other pleasure-seeking impulses, such as those responsible for recreational shopping, binge flying and hoarding of wealth. Overconsumption is a sad and destructive way to find fulfillment in life.

So, is the human species truly a cancer on the face of the Earth? Given the way we are currently behaving, it's hard to argue otherwise, but it's clear we don't have to be. We have science and reason on our side, something no other animal can claim as a bragging right. Perhaps all we need now is to wake up to the infinite possibilities of our own free will, and take back the power so the gift of science and reason remains just that — a gift rather than a curse.

Frants Attorp is a Salt Spring writer.

# Innovation and emerging economies

Our world is rapidly changing. We are rethinking everything, from how resources are extracted and refined to how they are sold and purchased. As a result, where we live, move, work and play is in transition.

As we move forward we will either protect the status quo or embrace the opportunity of this emerging reality. The health and well-being of our communities and the life-supporting ecosystems we depend on, today and for generations to come, are deeply affected by our choices.

In my brief time as the MLA of Saanich North and the Islands, I have seen first-hand the impact of our government's desire to protect the status quo. This approach is squandering the generational opportunity we have to be visionary, to create a forward-looking, agile, flexible government, choosing to engage and embrace the disruption, rather than fear it.

Two economic disruptions that are examples of sectors needing regulatory change are ride-hailing and short-term vacation



**Adam Olsen**

## MLA REPORT

rentals. Government has been rigid, inflexible and slow-moving. With ride-hailing, the government has stubbornly not amended legislation to allow fair entry to the market. As for short-term vacation rentals, legislation has not been amended to regulate it. Both approaches have had dramatic and far-reaching effects on our economy and on our communities.

Modern governments must balance the interests of the status quo with the change-makers. Public policy must protect the public interest and allow fair entry for newcomers, while supporting existing businesses, so they also adapt and succeed.

I am excited about the future of Saanich North and the Islands. We have a lot of positive forces going in the right direction. To

leverage the transition to our advantage, I will lean on my provincial colleagues, and work with local and First Nations governments, local business and the broader community to embrace the opportunity in front of us.

The housing, transportation and labour-force challenges are obstacles to be overcome through coordination, cooperation and a commitment to address affordability, grid-lock, and automation proactively and with creativity.

At a local level this work has already begun in our constituency office. We are hosting monthly Community Dialogues to discuss the challenges and to focus on ideas. Our first dialogue was on housing and it was a great start. We continue the conversation on Dec. 6, where we will dive deeper into "Innovation and the Emerging Economy."

I hope you will join us to discuss our world in transition. You can find more information about our upcoming Community Dialogues on my website at [www.adamolsen.ca](http://www.adamolsen.ca).

# RANTS and Roses

A huge bunch of late-season roses to all those who made Sue Yardley's vigil such a magical, community experience. The flowers, singing, offerings, drumming, poetry and horses — it was exactly what she wanted. The generous people of this island carried Sue through life and now into death, and her family couldn't be more grateful.

An avenue full of roses to our wonderful neighbours Tim and Barb Cahill of Salt Spring Sound and Music for their generous donation of hundreds of books, audiobooks and classical and ambient music CDs to the Salt Spring Island Public Library. May you enjoy your retirement immensely.

Copper roses to all the wonderful folk who danced to Dave & JJ's tunes at the fabulous Fulford Hall on the 28th of October. The prizes were great. And of course the best volunteers. Thanks, folks. Love, Copper Kettle

A dew-covered yellow rose of community friendship to John Shepherd of Shepherd Shoes for sewing emblems on five throw bags at no charge. The bags are used in water rescue. Thank you, John, for your support. From Salt Spring Island Ground Search and Rescue

A court full of roses to Tom Vergalen, who offered to build and donate a great new sign at the entrance to our newest community recreation facility, the Salt Spring Squash Club. Thanks, Tom! Salt Spring Squash Club

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As well as all these things give some thought to a survival kit. No one wants to think about getting stuck in their vehicle in adverse conditions but it does happen and a small kit prepared ahead of time could make the difference between being uncomfortable and being dangerously hypothermic.

One website has a rather extensive list of materials for your survival kit and attached to it are a few paragraphs of excellent advice on what to do in case you are stranded in your vehicle. Check out <http://www.21stcenturyadventures.com/advice/lists/winterSurvivalChecklist.html>



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Not sure you can live comfortably with all these costs? Continue to rent and enjoy living with less responsibility until the time is right to make this major purchase.

For more simple advice about homeownership, contact our advisors.



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## Meaningful past captured

A select audience attended a dual event at the Salt Spring Public Library on Saturday afternoon.

The monumental 10-book Life and Art series by Mother Tongue Publishing was brought to a fitting end with Kerry Mason's fascinating book launch and talk on yet another of the unsung heroes of art in British Columbia: Arthur Pitts (1899-1972).

I use "monumental" in all its meanings with awe and gratitude, for Mona Fertig and Peter Haase have something that many, if not all, writers "beyond the pale" have hoped to do: produce a continuing series of informative and highly presentable books that give little-known, even unknown, yet deserving artists and authors their due place in our heritage. Personally, I offer heartfelt thanks to Mona and Peter.

To Kerry Mason, thanks are also due, for her dedication and perseverance in producing her biography of Arthur Pitts. In a delightful and educational talk on The Life and Art of Arthur Pitts (I wonder if he was ever called "Art?") she regaled Saturday's attendees of the rewards in completing such a project — the painstaking task of deciphering the terrible handwriting of an otherwise meticulous artist, the serendipitous connections that can come to authors immersed in such a long study, and the joy in putting one's findings to paper.

Pitts' self-imposed "mission for many years" was to establish himself, through his "Indian Collection" of paintings, as a thoughtful and welcome portrayal of local First Nations on the Saanich Peninsula and beyond, as far afield as Alaska. That he achieved this is shown by his acceptance by the local First Nations people with whom he collaborated, and from subsequent critiques of Mason's manuscript by current knowledgeable reviewers.

When Pitts sold his "Indian Collection" in 1954, of the 77 paintings in it B.C. Archives bought 51 of those relevant to the province, and the rest went to the Glenbow Museum in Calgary.

As an ex-museum curator and ex-archivist I also offer thanks for the existence of such institutions and their dedicated personnel, whose job it was and remains to ensure such collections are saved and made accessible to those like Kerry Mason, who make it their duty to put the finishing touch on these efforts, and give the general public a chance they might otherwise not have to experience our meaningful past.

**KENNETH S. MACKENZIE,**  
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## Choice of wedding locale an important decision

Factors to consider before choosing a wedding venue

Once couples become engaged and share the good news with their friends and family members, the next step is to begin planning their weddings.

While couples must make a myriad of decisions during the wedding planning process, perhaps none is more significant than where to tie the knot.

Salt Spring Island has a number of wedding venues to choose from, depending on a couple's individual needs.

### Size

Until they can agree on a guest list, couples might want to delay even looking for venues. However, some couples might want to first look at some venues so they can determine just how many guests they can afford to invite. Whether they're hosting small affairs or large parties, couples should choose venues that can comfortably accommodate all of their guests.

If possible, look for venues with multiple reception areas, which might allow for some wiggle room if the guest list grows or dwindles during the planning process.

### Availability

Some couples might have an ideal time of year they hope to get married. Some even know the exact date they hope to get married. While that can help with the planning, it can also limit couples with regard to their venue options.

Some venues may be booked for as much as a year or more in advance during peak wedding season. The Real Weddings Study found that the most popular months to get married in 2016 were October and September. Couples who hope to follow in the footsteps of many 2016 brides and grooms may need to book their wedding venues well

in advance.

Those who can be more flexible regarding their wedding dates may find it easier to book their dream venues.

### Insurance

Ask about the venue's insurance policies, including the policies the venue has to protect itself. In addition, ask if the venue requires couples to have their own wedding liability insurance for protection in the event of injury, property damage or incidents related to alcohol.

Couples may also want to make the investment in cancellation/postponement insurance, and some venues may even require it.

### Financials

It's easy for couples to be focused on the bottom line when choosing wedding venues, but it's also important that they get a complete grasp of the financials before choosing a location.

Ask about the amount of the initial deposit and if that deposit is refundable. In addition, ask when the deposit is due and when each subsequent payment is due until the balance is paid in full. This can make budgeting easier and planning less stressful.

Couples should have fun choosing their wedding venues while recognizing that certain factors must be given ample consideration before signing any contracts.

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## WEDDING PLANNING

# Newlyweds don't need to start off hampered by debt



Average wedding cost estimated at \$40,000

Weddings are beautiful displays of love and affection. And they are pretty costly too. The average cost of a wedding can run to almost \$40,000 and if couples are not mindful of their expenses their dream wedding could turn into an unwanted wedding gift of debt.

According to the Wedding Wire the average cost of a wedding is \$36,722.33 Canadian, which is a dramatic increase from three years ago. In 2014, the average cost of a wedding was \$31,110, according to Golden Girl Finance. Planning a wedding can require engaged couples to deplete much of their financial resources. And for

some couples who do not have the cash on hand, they will use their credit card to make up for their lack of funds.

However, before turning to credit, engaged couples should ask, "Are we able to afford this wedding?" This is a question that should be on the minds of soon to be wed couples as they venture to the National Bridal Show later this week. The reality is weddings cost a lot of money and sometimes couples forget to factor in what's involved or budget for the following expenses:

- **Attire and accessories** – (wedding dress, tuxedo, accessories etc. – \$1,600)
- **Beauty and spa** – (hair, makeup etc. – \$130)
- **Entertainment** – (DJ, live band, musician – \$1,300)

- **Flowers and decorations** – (bridal bouquet, throw away bouquet, boutonnieres etc. \$1,800)
- **Invitations** – (ceremony program, postage, thank you cards etc. – \$800)
- **Jewellery** – (wedding band, engagement ring – \$4,500)
- **Photography and video** – (engagement shoot, wedding photographer, wedding videographer, park permit – \$2,800)
- **Transportation** – (limo etc. - \$400)
- **Venue** – (wedding cake, catering and rentals – \$10,500)
- **Marriage licence** – \$100 (B.C.)
- **Honeymoon** - \$3,700

(Above statistics are from Statistic Brain.)

"Your wedding budget is the key to your wedded bliss. Take the time to sit down with your future spouse and discuss how much your wedding is going to cost you. Not taking the time to talk about how you're going to finance your wedding could be very costly in the end. No one wants to start a marriage plagued by debt," says Jeffrey Schwartz, executive director, Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada.

"To ward off loads of wedding debt, create a plan to save about 20 per cent of your combined income towards your wedding expenses . . . your wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime event. You can start your marriage off on a strong financial foundation instead of being burdened by years of debt," says Schwartz.

To help couples keep crippling debt at bay, Consolidated Credit Counselling Services of Canada offers the following for a blissful wedding day:

### SOMETHING OLD

The concept of budgeting is nothing new. However this old concept can make or break your wedding expenses. So sit down and create a budget for the big event as soon as the date of your wedding is decided.

Once you start with your list of wants and needs, your budget will dictate how many people you can invite to your wedding. For example, it may be nice to have 150 guests at your wedding, however your budget can only afford 120 people.

### SOMETHING NEW

Traditions are great to follow however sometimes they can be very costly. Couples can cut down the costs by asking friends and relatives to share the load. Get creative relatives to make your centre pieces or get the bakers in your family to create your wedding cake. Or consider asking friends with a golden voice to perform at your wedding — the options are endless!

### SOMETHING BORROWED

There's no need to grab your credit card for this one. We're not talking about borrowing things on credit. Instead, go to past brides and/or grooms you know and borrow something from them. You could borrow their tiara, veil, bridal gloves, garter belt, purse, shoes, tie, jewellery, suspenders and so on.

### SOMETHING BLUE

Soon to be wedded couples may be feeling a little blue about removing guests from their wedding guest list, but this could be a necessary evil. The amount of people that attend your wedding dictates how much your wedding will run you overall. You have to factor in the cost of dinner, invitations, liquor, etc. So stay true to your budget and don't feel any regrets from removing friends and family from your guest list.

"Staying true to your wedding budget will save you years of headache. Starting a marriage off with debt is a headache no newlywed should have to endure. Keeping your budget top of mind will help you to live many years of wedded bliss," says Schwartz.

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Wedding photo featuring the cake by professional Salt Spring photographer Ramona Lam.

## WEDDING CAKE

# Traditions keep evolving

From bread to bride's pie to \$30-million cake topped with jewels

Wedding receptions culminate when the happy couple stands before their tiered and towering wedding cake to cut the first slice.

The tradition of wedding cakes has endured since ancient times, and cakes have been presented in many incarnations since their introduction.

In fact, some have not been cake at all. One of the first wedding "cakes" was made in ancient Rome and was comprised of bread. This bread was broken over the bride's head to symbolize future fertility and good luck for the couple.

Until the 19th century, wedding cakes were actually bridal pies. A "bride's pie" was made of flaky pastry and filled with oysters, pine kernels, cockscombs, lambstones, sweetbreads, and spices. According to *Gastronomica*, a journal of food studies, humble versions of wedding cakes were also created with mutton and mincemeat.

Bridal pies eventually gave way to

sweeter offerings, including fruited cakes that served as symbols of fertility and prosperity.

Today, wedding cakes run the gamut from all-white, fondant-covered confections to simple sheet cakes. Some couples even opt to serve their guests cupcakes or cookies.

Although white is the preferred color of wedding cakes, couples may opt for hues that evoke the color schemes of their weddings. Queen Victoria of England was one of the first people to have pure white icing on her wedding cake. It is believed that this is how "royal icing" received its name.

Wedding cakes are usually priced by the slice, and prices can range anywhere from \$1.50 per slice and upward. Couples can budget around \$300 to \$500 for moderately priced wedding cakes for parties with 150 to 200 people.

According to the wedding resource *The Knot*, the most expensive wedding cake commissioned to date was made by Buddy Valastro of Carlo's Bakery. At the request of New York City socialite Deborah Rose for her diamond gala event, the \$30-million cake was topped with jewels.

## HELPERS' DUTIES

# Ask for help when needed

Wedding party's skills should be employed

Accepting the honour of being in a friend or family member's wedding means more than dressing in the fancy clothing and showing up on the designated date.

The wedding party — particularly the bridesmaids and groomsmen — should understand that standing alongside the happy couple generally means doing some work during the planning period as well as on the big day. It's the wise wedding couple who can recognize the strengths of their family and friends and put those attributes to work in productive ways.

According to *The Knot.com*, the average wedding party includes four people on each side. That means eight extra people who can lend their eyes, ears and hands to the bounty of tasks that comprise the wedding planning to-do list. Here's how to delegate with flair.

- **Ask and ye shall receive.** First off, it is never safe to assume that the wedding party will be taking on extra work. Even if tradition suggests wedding party members lend a hand, it's in the best interest of the couple to graciously ask for help. This helps establish good will at the start.

- **Be specific when assigning tasks.** Rather than just asking for generalized help, make a list of the tasks that seem the most challenging and then delegate accordingly.

If a member of the bridal party is excellent at getting travel deals, have him or her help arrange the honeymoon. Someone with an intimate knowledge of cuisine can come along to food tastings and help plan the reception menu. Friends with a flair for organization can be in charge of disseminating information to the entire wedding party or keeping a running list of gifts given at various parties so thank-you notes can be sent.

- **Make wardrobe suggestions.** Couples can rely on their most honest bridal party members when picking out wedding attire. These no-holds-barred individuals can set them straight on fit, look and comfort. Trust these people in helping to make the entire wedding party look stylish and feel confident.

- **Extend the host/hostess duties.** It can be tiring for couples to tend to the needs of all their wedding guests. Couples can enlist the help of their wedding party to ensure that elderly or disabled guests get the assistance they need. The wedding party can also step up to serve as stand-in dance partners or to help grab drinks or escort people as needed.

- **Get the party started.** Couples can usually count on their wedding parties to help fill the dance floor at the wedding reception — even when others have not yet built up the courage to showcase their dancing skills. Those bold and lovable friends and family members will help keep the energy up and make the wedding a blast.

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**ART REVIEW**

## Artist Jensen explores freeing techniques

New charcoal sketches spontaneous yet intimate

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring artist Gabrielle Jensen is continuing to explore new styles and media that allow her to be more free with her practice, after spending most of her career perfecting a controlled precision in detailed portraits.

Last Christmas Jensen introduced a line of monoprints, where she complemented the often-random nature of printing in acrylic paint with pastel work and line drawing. This year she returns to charcoal — a medium strongly associated with her artistic lineage as the daughter of LeRoy Jensen — but approaches her drawing with a newly free attitude. Much of the series, which went up at Gulf Island Picture Framing last week, intentionally started with no reference point or plan. Jensen strived to let go of control and let intuition guide her hand. And instead of deciding in advance what to include in the frame, she put in what seemed needed as the work progressed.

There is a lovely sense of spontaneity to Jensen's rapid strokes, yet the sketches are sensitive in their depiction of their imagined subjects. Perhaps that's because the artist was accessing something she doesn't usually open herself up to, although she doesn't want to read anything too deep into that process.



French Street 1974, a charcoal drawing by Gabrielle Jensen.

Window Shopping is a scene of mother and child seen from behind as they look at a brightly lit window. The drawing is rendered with many quick strokes and has a resulting sense of action and movement, as well as the conflicting visual forces of dark night, rain and reflected light.

A series of three sketches provide a glimpse of a family with an infant in one scene and then perhaps that same child

on his own at about age 10 — a mystery boy from another century. These pieces work by suggesting the key components of the human form through just a few heavy lines and evocative shadows. In the two portraits of the boy, Jensen puts emphasis on dark eyes, nose and mouth, while leaving the rest of the face soft. A sense of this small but resilient character is implied by the set of shoulders and arms.

Another work with the sense of a dark Victorian past is Eve, named for the female figure carrying an apple. Jensen created this work through a reductive process, applying masses of dark charcoal and then removing it in areas of definition. Combined with the figure's radiating hair and long, fitted dress, the resulting image feels like Jensen has channelled some ghostly being.

The new works include nods to Jensen's roots as an artist, as do a couple of more precise charcoal drawings based on existing, rather than imagined, material. French Street 1974 is a perfectly executed piece based on Jensen and her two brothers playing street hockey as small children. Another is a beautiful study from a larger piece called Madrid 1940. This cameo-style portrait depicts a woman with rolled waves and military style dress. The woman's classic composed gaze denies the troubled times their power.

Jensen's series of new works will remain on display at Gulf Island Picture Framing for the Christmas season.



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**SEASONAL CONCERT**

## Viva Chorale kicks off festive season

Starry, Starry Night show runs Nov. 25 & 26

Viva Chorale choir is taking inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh and the holiday season in its next performance, with a program of songs linked by the stars coming to audiences this weekend.

Starry, Starry Night runs for two shows at All Saints By-the-Sea at 7 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 25 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Choir director Caroni Young explained she built up the program after seeing a flower garden that had been planted to resemble the famous Van Gogh painting.

"The colours of the flowers were chosen with care and the garden truly resembled the brush strokes of Van Gogh's iconic painting," Young said. "I find art and nature very inspiring and the idea of basing a choral concert around a distinct image became the focus of this concert. After thinking about the image it led me to think about songs that include stars, which in turn led me to a variety of Christmas pieces. I was off to a great start."

From traditional, classical and folk pieces, the concert transitions to songs about the Christmas star. The festive season side of the concert does not include the typical carols audiences might expect to hear, but ties everything together with the story

of the shepherds and wise men who follow the star to the Christ child. Highlights include John Rutter's Candlelight Carol, Three Spanish Carols as sung by the King's Singers and the beautiful Irish folk song, She Moved through the Fair as arranged by David Mooney.

Young said she hopes the audience will feel inspired by the music they hear at the Viva Chorale concert to take a moment out of their daily routine to stop and appreciate the things we all take for granted and to look up at the night sky and to wonder.

"We hope this concert will leave you contemplating the mysteries of the celestial realm and provide an excellent start to the Christmas season."

Viva Chorale is accompanied by Diana English (piano), and the show features Bo Curtis (flute) and the Salt Spring String Quartet.

Tickets for this weekend's concerts are available at Apple Photo or at the door.

Upcoming appearances by Viva Chorale during the holiday season include carols before the chili cook-off in Centennial Park, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. They will also be singing traditional carols for Heritage Place and Meadowbrook residents, and will have a fundraising concert for the food bank at All Saints on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

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MUSIC GROUPS

# Music director takes band to new heights

Winter Song and Dance concert next Friday

BY GEOFF OLSON  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Keith Ollerenshaw is conducting the Salt Spring Concert Band in rehearsal.

"As you go higher, see if you can make a thicker sound," he encourages a roomful of young and old musicians, while guiding them up a harmonic incline with his baton.

Ollerenshaw, the new music director of the Salt Spring Concert Band, will lead the players in Winter Song and Dance, an eclectic mix of folk songs and Christmas carols set for ArtSpring on Dec. 1.

The hirsute 29-year-old jazz player pokes at a box of noodles as he explains to me how his musical journey took him to Salt Spring.

"We're residents now. This is our second full-time year living on Salt Spring. My wife and I were working in Vancouver and commuting over," he said.

Ollerenshaw wears two hats, as both the director of the Salt Spring Concert Band and a music teacher at the middle school. He studied jazz in Vancouver and Toronto. After graduation at Capilano College he founded the Vancouver Youth Jazz Band.

"It was three really fun years, where we went to Cap and jammed on the weekends."

A jazz musician who studied in trombone, Ollerenshaw has played a broad range of classical repertoire in different environments. His own high school music teacher provided retrospective inspiration by offering opportunities to students that a younger Keith "took for granted at the time." The music program brought in music legends from New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere — including Randy Brecker and Shelly Berg — to play with the students.

"Having lived in three major cities, I haven't seen a program replicated like that," said Ollerenshaw, with a trace of awe.

He chose his career because he wanted



PHOTO BY GEOFF OLSON

Salt Spring Concert Band music director Keith Ollerenshaw leads his group in a rehearsal at the middle school on Monday night. The long-running band's first concert under Ollerenshaw's direction is on Friday, Dec. 1 at ArtSpring.

to follow in his teacher's footsteps and pass on the same kind of inspiring musical direction to students and others.

"I believe a third of the school should be involved in music. Big numbers."

In much of Canada and the U.S., the direction of musical education is in reverse, with fine arts budgets axed in pursuit of cheaper, quixotic testing targets.

"It's definitely a provincial thing for sure, if not a federal thing right now; music is being chipped away at."

The Salt Spring Concert Band's performance at ArtSpring will offer a wider repertoire than a standard Christmas concert. Familiar western European traditions will segue into Russian and Southeast Asian selections. Material by Holst, Vaughan Williams and other greats will be balanced with compositions from lesser-known

contemporary composers like Frank Ticheli.

"We're trying to include multiple cultures; having said that, concert band repertoire is by its nature very Western . . . It's based on community with a few Christmas carols. The program has 12 pieces or so from a lot of really nice composers."

Ollerenshaw offers a big thanks to Dawn Hage, a mentor and previous director of the Salt Spring Concert Band.

"She is such a wonderful person and director," he said, adding his great appreciation at taking the helm after her departure.

The young conductor also extends his thanks to the local musical community. "They have just been very supportive."

Winter Song and Dance begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

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FOLK & BLUES

# Early Spirit on stage

Upbeat, bilingual band performs

One of B.C.'s most compelling new musical stories will unfold on stage at ArtSpring next Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Early Spirit, led by a founder of the seminal West Coast folk group Spirit of the West — J. Knutson — will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Joined by three young bandmates, Early Spirit is comprised of J. Knutson (guitar), Ben Kelly (drums), Gabriel Dubreuil (violin) and Will Ross (bass), who play with an infectious musical spirit.

ArtSpring's marketing manager Jessica Beck caught Early Spirit performing at the Tree House Cafe this past summer. She said the crowd was thrilled, the musicians played with heart and the story behind the band moved her to pitch them for the ArtSpring Presents series.

"Age is only a number for audience and performers alike

at Early Spirit's shows," said Beck. "Knutson taught his three young bandmates in Vancouver's North Shore Celtic Ensemble, instigating each of their burgeoning careers."

The band plays a broadly appealing mix of Celtic, folk and blues music. Bilingual and family-friendly, they form part of the backbone of the Lower Mainland's francophone arts community.

Early Spirit recently owned the stage at Folk Alliance's FAR-West conference in Bellevue, Wash. and at Vancouver's Rogue Folk Club.

Early Spirit packs a serious punch. Knutson, Dubreuil and Ross released Back to Back Bay as the Gabriel Dubreuil Trio last year and have continued to ambitiously hone their sound. They then added three-part vocal harmonies and Kelly's percussion to deepen the impact of their storytelling.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Nov. 22

### 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 play-time. 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
**A Better Man – Film & Discussion.** Salt Spring Film Festival and SVOVA present documentary film illuminating a new paradigm for domestic-violence prevention. Join in the post-film discussion, including Q & A film clips with filmmaker Attiya Khan. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.  
**SongJam.** Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.



## Thu. Nov. 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic.** Thursdays at Moby's. 8:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners.** Guild members make Christmas tree decorations. All welcome. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.  
**Library Book Club: Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks.** The Salt Spring Public Library book club, open to all and free of charge, meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

## Thu. Nov. 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Have Fun Learning Squash.** Drop-in introductory sessions at the new squash court at the Golf Club. Bring clean non-marking shoes. Thursdays in November from 7:30 to 9 p.m.



## Fri. Nov. 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Wintercraft.** Annual show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artisans at Mahon Hall, presented by the Salt Spring Arts Council, opens today and runs through Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Family Movie Matinee.** Free event for families with kids ages six and up. Today's screening is Enchanted. Salt Spring Public Library. 2:30 p.m.  
**Art Show Opening: Jacob Burton & Joshua Beckett.** A seasonal show and sale of art and antiques takes place at the Upstairs Valley Gallery, featuring the works of Jacob Burton and Joshua Beckett. Opening event with artists in attendance from 3 to 9 p.m.  
**Gallery 8 Christmas Exhibition.** Opening reception for exhibition of small works by all artists at Gallery 8, for show running to Dec. 31. 5 to 8 p.m.

## Fri. Nov. 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Gallery - Solstice Show.** Join gallery artists and special guests in a celebration of light. Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m., with show running Wed. to Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Dec. 22.  
**Holly Berry Christmas Market.** Home baking, Tupperware, crafts, clothing, yule log, white elephant sale and more. Salt Spring Baptist Church at the back. 5 to 9 p.m.  
**Amplify Her Screening + Afterparty.** Screening of film about three electronic dance music artists who battle demons from their painful pasts to emerge as beasts in the global festival scene. Post-screening Q&A and dance event featuring film stars and more. Beaver Point Hall. Doors open 6:30, film screening 7:30, dance party 9:30.



## Sat. Nov. 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Viva Chorale: Starry Starry Night.** Seasonal concert from Viva Chorale at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church. 7:30 p.m.  
**Happy Daze.** High-energy '50s/ nearly '60s dance band. Live at Moby's. 9 p.m.

## Sat. Nov. 25

### ACTIVITIES

**Holly Berry Christmas Market.** See Friday's listing, except time is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Mind, Heart, and Attention: Introduction to Jewish Spiritual Practice.** Program facilitated by Rabbi Dr. Laura Duhan Kaplan. Star of the Sea Centre. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**WinterFaire.** Salt Spring United Church's annual Christmas craft fair and bazaar. At the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Fabulous Flea Market.** Shop for treasures of all kinds, enjoy a delicious home-made lunch and help support historic Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Croftonbrook Affordable Housing Community Information Meeting.** Find out more about IWAV's affordable housing project. Lions Hall. 2 to 4 p.m.



**Book Launch: The History of Charcoal Kilns in the Southern Gulf Islands.** Launch of book by Chuck Tasaka, Steve Nemptin & Brian Smallshaw. Sponsored by the Japanese Garden Society. SS Public Library. 3 to 5 p.m.

## Sun. Nov. 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Viva Chorale: Starry Starry Night.** See Saturday's listing, except time is 2 p.m.



### ACTIVITIES

**Mary's Ghost & Other South End Traces.** An illustrated south-end history talk by Brenda Guiled at Beaver Point Hall. 2 to 4 p.m.

## Mon. Nov. 27

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Transportation Commission.** Regular business meeting. Note new location at SS Public Library. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



## Tue. Nov. 28

### ACTIVITIES

**Have Fun Learning Squash.** See Thursday's listing, except the time is from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays.

## Tue. Nov. 28

### ACTIVITIES

**Amanda Spottiswoode Book Launch.** Salt Spring author celebrates release of third novel in the youth adventure series called Up in Arms. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 2 p.m.



### Youth Book Club at the Library.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month with Anna and Monika, for everyone ages 9 to 12. November's book is The Griffin of Darkwood. Room 106. 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
**The Story of the Murakami Family.** Keiko Mary Murakami Kitagawa presents the story of her Japanese Canadian family, including their internment during World War II. Part of the Asian Canadians on Vancouver Island Project presented by an inter-university group headed by Dr. John Price of the University of Victoria. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

## Wed. Nov. 29

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Early Spirit.** A founder of the seminal folk group Spirit of the West and a solo artist for over 20 years, J. Knutson debuts an exciting new group featuring harmonious vocals, Celtic influences, and rock rhythms. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Writing as a Spiritual Practice.** Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice workshop with writer, poet, teacher and editor Lorraine Gane. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Festival of Trees.** Trees go up for fourth annual event, which has community members vote for best decorated tree with a food bank donation. Harbour House Hotel meeting room (rear entrance.) Opens at 12 noon, then open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to Jan. 2.  
**An Evening of Poetry and Prose.** Book reading with Lisa Richter, Jane Eaton Hamilton and Natalie Meisner. Hosted by Ayla Heeds. Q&A to follow. Salt Spring Public Library. 8 p.m.



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

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### EXHIBITIONS

- Gallery 8** holds its annual Christmas Exhibition of Small Works running from Friday, Nov. 24 through Dec. 31. Opening reception is on Nov. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Salt Spring Gallery** presents its Solstice Show with gallery artists and special guests beginning with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. The show continues until Dec. 22.
- Wintercraft**, the annual show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artisans, opens Friday, Nov. 24 at Mahon Hall. Presented by the Salt Spring Arts Council, Wintercraft runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 21.

### EXHIBITIONS

- Upstairs Valley Gallery** at 2123 Fulford-Ganges Rd. holds a show featuring work by Jacob Burton and Joshua Beckett from Friday, Nov. 24 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.) through Sunday, Nov. 26 (11 to 5). Artists in attendance on Friday after 3 p.m. Gallery's main floor features a pop-up antique and collectibles sale.
- Aura Arindam** exhibits new acrylic paintings of seascapes and landscapes at Fernwood Road Cafe through November.
- Cinda Helm** presents a painting series called Coffee Girls at Salt Spring Gallery until Nov. 22.
- An exhibit titled **150 Years and Counting: Fighting for Justice on the Coast** is in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through November. See What's On events above for special events related to the exhibit.
- Salty Pear Gallery** on Rainbow Road hosts Damazu Studio - Natural Tendencies on Thursdays through Saturdays until Dec. 1.
- Gabrielle Jensen** shares new work at Gulf Island Picture Framing.
- Cuba in Transition** is a photographic show hanging in the lobby of ArtSpring through November.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

# Relocation drive officially launched

Therapeutic riding group points to Giving Tuesday

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For the last three weeks we have shared information about what we do at SSTR, how we impact individuals and their families, and the value we provide to the community of Salt Spring.

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Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association volunteers Leanne LaFrance, left, and Van Wylie with rider Cutlass Johnson on horse Hailey.

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Nov. 28 is Giving Tuesday and the official launch of

our Relocation Fundraising Campaign. Your donation is essential to help us move to a new home and continue to improve lives on Salt Spring Island.

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PHILANTHROPY

# Grants support affordable housing projects

Foundation uses Vital Signs data to flag priorities

The Salt Spring Island Foundation has announced more than \$100,000 in grants for local charities, including \$50,000 in support of local affordable housing projects. Affordable housing is shown to be a critical need in Salt Spring's 2017 VitalSigns® report.

These grants would not be possible without the support of our many generous donors, who share the foundation's vision of a healthy and caring community

SWOVA

- To update and redesign the Respectful Relationships program, which SWOVA has delivered to over 10,000 youth in the Southern Gulf Islands over the past 17 years. The program aims to build young people's skills and competencies to choose nonviolent, safe behaviours. It will also develop and implement school-wide activities and policies, foster a positive social environ-

ment and change societal norms about the acceptability of violence and willingness to intervene.

SSI Community Services

- For the development of strata bylaws and related policies and procedures for Salt Spring Commons, an affordable, shared-ownership neighbourhood planned for a five-acre property owned by Community Services between Mount Belcher and Ganges.

IWAV

- For a water study and water-systems design for Croftonbrook, which is being expanded to add 54 units of affordable rental housing for seniors, families and people experiencing homelessness.
- For upgrading the children's room at the Transition House.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

- For supplies, such as learning materials, games

and crafts, for the In School Mentoring Program for elementary-school children who need a wider circle of support. Adult and teen volunteers work with the children on a weekly basis.

Fulford Harbour Childcare

- To build a new fence at Tree Frog Daycare to create a safe play space for children under two and a half years old.

Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society

- To upgrade the chart-plotter for the marine search and rescue vessel. The chartplotter is essential to safe navigation and operation.

School District #64

- For a computerized stage lighting system that will be installed in the gymnasium at Salt Spring Middle School. The lighting system will benefit school drama, circus and musical performances, as

well as other community events.

- For volunteer training for the Home Words intergenerational writing program offered at GISS. The project brings together youth and adults, ranging in age from 14 to 70, to write freely and share their work. It fosters intergenerational and cross-cultural connections between people whose paths may not otherwise cross.

- For the Yoga in the Classroom project at GISS, which will teach students a mindfulness practice to support their educational process and a healthy life balance. The yoga classes address stress, anxiety, and navigating life issues such as family and peer dynamics, as well as social, school and work challenges.

Does your Salt Spring charity have a great project that needs funds? The foundation's next grants will be given in spring 2018. If you'd like to know how we can help you as we've helped dozens of local charities since 1984, please go to our website at [ssifoundation.ca](http://ssifoundation.ca), or call 250-537-8305.



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## DAVID NATION KER


July 4th, 1929 – November 15, 2017  
(Born in Victoria, British Columbia)



David passed away peacefully in Victoria General Hospital at age 88. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lis, his sons Robert (Tasia) and John, his grandsons David and Phillip, his sister Elspeth (Jim) Helmecken.  
David attended Royal Canadian Naval College from 1945 to graduation in 1947. Thereafter he graduated with an MBA from The University of British Columbia and articulated with Price Waterhouse. In 1955 he qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He then worked in accounting at CP Air from 1955 to 1974 whereupon he continued in private practice until his retirement in 1987.  
In the spirit of Service Above Self, David joined Vancouver South Rotary Club in 1977, was President (1987/88) and went on to become Rotary District Governor of District 5040 (1996/97). He worked with Rotary District 5010 (Alaska, Yukon, Siberia) to promote Rotary in Russia (esp. Siberia). During this period the David and Lis Ker Endowed Scholarship Fund for Russian students was established. Later they became members of the Arch. C. Klumph Society.  
Among David's greatest pleasures were his worldwide travels, time spent in the air as a recreational pilot and in particular air races in Europe in the 1950s. He also took great pleasure in time spent with family and friends, especially on Salt Spring Island and in Denmark.  
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Rotary Foundation at [www.Rotary.org/donate](http://www.Rotary.org/donate).  
A Memorial Service is to be held at St. Mary's Kerrisdale, 2490 W 37th Ave, Vancouver, BC on December 30, 2017 at 2PM.

## AGNES EMILY (HOLLOWAY) HARROWER

DEC. 27, 1917—NOV. 5, 2017



Agnes died peacefully at Greenwood's Eldercare in Ganges on Salt Spring Island after a short battle with pneumonia, following a long and hard battle with dementia, which she endured with bravery and grace.  
Our mother was the last surviving member of her generation. She leaves behind her beloved children Rozanne (Peter Hynard), Peter (Barbara), Michael, Penny, Nancy (Brian Stasiuk), and Stephen (Amanda) as well as her dear goddaughter Jane (Kurys), fifteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and eight nieces and nephews. She was the devoted wife of George Harrower who predeceased her in 2015.  
Agnes was a woman of great natural beauty. She was a graduate nurse of the Hamilton General and a female university graduate (McMaster Class of '40) in a time when that was rare. She married the man of her dreams and bravely transported their young family on her own to many destinations around the world to join him. We remember her among the lupins in Kashmir and at the wheel of "the bus" in Belize which she drove to and around Central America and then back to Canada. We had some great adventures with her and she will be remembered with great affection.  
Donations to The Canadian Dementia Action Network (<http://www.cdan.ca/getinvolved.html>) would be welcomed.  
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#### THE ISLAND ARTS CENTRE SOCIETY

WILL HOLD ITS AGM ON  
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Nov. 24: 11-9 • Nov. 25: 11-5 • Nov. 26: 11-5  
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ALLAN CRANE


May 20, 1942  
Nov 27, 2017

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.  
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-Love Brenda

COMING EVENTS

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY  
Wednesday 6th December, 2017 at 7:00 pm, to discuss fund raising. Public welcome.

ISLAND WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE is hosting a community information meeting about the new affordable housing development at Croftonbrook.



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WRITERS

# South-end events offer insights

Guiled and Gane on tap this week

Two Salt Spring women will share aspects of their work at a pair of events taking place at different south-end venues this week.

Mary's Ghost and Other South End Traces is an illustrated talk by Brenda Guiled that will run at Beaver Point Hall this Sunday, Nov. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Guiled explains that for years she felt a "disturbance" in a particular spot on neighbours' land, something indiscernible that stopped her in her tracks. Images of violence and screams came to mind, perhaps to do with women or children.

"Two friends who live nearby knew exactly where, with nearby told, and had collaborating tales,

vague but compelling," she said.

While researching material that became Ruckles' World: A History of South-East Salt Spring Island, Guiled learned of Mary Ruckle's funeral at that location and its rumoured haunting ever after.

"There's no verifying such shadows and echoes from the past, but old clues and threads help us weave a deeper understanding of who we were, and are, on Salt Spring," promotional material states.

The Salt Spring Archives is an event partner and will be selling their limited-edition 2018 calendar. Guiled will sell her limited-edition Ruckles' World book.

Then on Wednesday, Nov. 29, Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice is offering a workshop titled Writing as a Spiritual Practice, under the guidance of writer, poet,

teacher and editor Lorraine Gane.

Participants will explore how writing can open untapped sources of insight, understanding, inspiration, and wisdom. Beginning with gentle movement and meditative practices to still the mind and relax the body, they will engage in a series of writing sessions to open awareness to what may be hidden in their own inner recesses. Gane's poetry, essays, articles, and reviews have been widely published and she is author of several collections of poetry, including Even the Slightest Touch Thunders Under My Skin and The Blue Halo. She is now completing several projects, among them a book on writing.

The workshop will be held at Star of the Sea Centre, St. Mary's Church, Fulford, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required at staroftheseassi@gmail.com.

## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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### TIP OF THE WEEK

As the world turns and orbits the Sun, we enter Sagittarius time. The 9th Zodiac Sign is appropriately numbered as 9 represents endings and the last month of the natural year begins. Of course, the natural year begins at the exact moment of Winter Solstice here in the Northern Hemisphere.

In the bigger picture, much is afoot in these early years of the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. Sadly, it is not as idealistic souls would have it. Call it a stormy morning. And as though awakening after a big bender, much of humanity is suffering from a hangover. A global crisis is underway. Some may innocently regard it as merely consequential, while others are much more suspicious asserting that dark intention is at play. Is it a simple matter of circumstance, synchronicity, human will, a combination of all three...? Yes, I would assert it is always all three. We can also be sure that there will always be conflicting interpretations producing the never-ending dramas on our world stage.

The facts remain that year 1 of this new round of 9 has begun on a challenging note. Instability and survival have become the new norm despite all our technical genius and ingenuity. Invariably larger themes encompass our personal lives. Astrology is a veritable archetypal x-ray machine and with it, I can see deeply into the patterns of your destiny to help you find your place in this dramatic turn of the ages.

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### Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

You are in a unique position to peer deeply into the bigger picture and you want to and even feel compelled. Yet, as would be the case, there is a price for such potent thrills. You are challenged to hold your own but may be contending with players who ambitiously hold to their own designs and desires. Is it a crap shoot, a shit show or more like dark bitter chocolate?

### Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Some situations call for more poise, patience, and power. Call it a game and you are destined to work hard to play as well as you can. But the stakes are big, perhaps really big and you are not in the mood to simply be nice. But you would like to or, at least, are wise to focus on what is truly fair. Of course, fair is relative so weigh the situation and negotiate a deal.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A new round of talks has begun. Are you feeling cornered or committed, or both? Circumstances are pushing you to give a lot and without the guarantee of equal return. You may feel the need for new tools, equipment or the leverage that valuable information can provide. Either way, you have to make your play but there is no quick and easy solution.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You are in the mood to make a few investments. These may be monetary but could equally amount to the energy and time required to take new initiatives. You are willing to dig in deeply, even if it simply amounts to doing so with your heels. The plot is set for you to make your plays and this momentum already began a few weeks ago.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You have entered a very creative cycle. It begins now and for the next few weeks but will linger longer yet. Fortunately, your energy levels are on the rise. Inspired by beauty, you are in the mood to draft blueprints and make designs. These could come in the form of larger strategy outlines and longer-term plans.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

A busy time continues. Whether you are compelled by the headlines amidst the rest of your life responsibilities and feeling pushed, moved and inspired, the velocity is increasing steadily. It may be that the cliffs are rising and the banks are narrowing, as well, producing rapids. However you wish to coin the metaphor, your job is to keep up with the ever-faster pace.

### Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Your ambitions are rising. You may want or need to earn more money, but your motivation includes staying busy, productive and interested. Hopefully, your focus includes a cultivation of your talents. This is important. Accessing the resources of others are featured, for various jobs, but it is your own resourcefulness that is important to consider.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Accessing the courage to take the pioneering initiatives you yearn and perhaps feel the need and pressure to take, is an important central theme now. You are in an experimental mood and are ready to try new things and take new approaches. This will lead you to an important learning curve. For now, do the groundwork to get the answers and insights you need to proceed.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

As though a candle has been lit in a cool, damp and dark room, you can see and are warmed by the light. Inspired, you want more and, if necessary, the knowledge how to do it yourself. Skills and resources are required. These will likely lead to making key investments. Your career and public life figure prominently in your aspiration.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

There is just 1-month left in a long 3-year cycle that has likely proven transformational. Such processes can prove difficult especially when we resist and try too hard to control outer circumstances and people. Positively, you have cleared the way somehow and you feel lighter. Now it is time to follow through to tie-up any loose ends.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Concentrating your focus so you can increase your options is an important theme these days. While it has been brewing for some time, it was especially ignited in the past few weeks. Now you are on a march to consolidate your plans. Many social opportunities are featured which includes meeting new people and this feature of the plot is accelerating.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

A new vision for your future is dawning. Circumstances are and have been pushing you to be more realistic. You have entered an important window that requires concentration and follow-through to get various projects done. This window will last about 1-month. This focus is probably more about projects already started than initiating new ones.

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**HAPPY TO HELP:** BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union members Russ Surbey, left, and Brian Campbell, centre, deliver a cheque to Malcolm Legg for the Salt Spring United Soccer Association outside the Driftwood office last Tuesday. Campbell spearheaded a fundraising initiative that Surbey, who chairs Local 7's Good and Welfare Committee, was happy to advance. Together with the broader union base they raised \$2,000 for the island soccer club to be used for new nets and portable goals at Portlock Park. The committee plans to continue the relationship, and to add support to local baseball programs through their fundraising efforts.

## YOUTH TENNIS

# Goddard wins award

Part of Tomorrow's  
Champions program

At the wind-up of another successful session of the Tomorrow's Champions Junior Indoor Tennis Program earlier this month, one young player was surprised with a special award and a \$500 bursary.

Ten-year-old Scott Goddard was unanimously chosen to receive the award and bursary, based on the committee's criteria.

Drew Fernandes, a new Salt Spring Tennis Association member and National Bank of Canada representative, had asked the Tomorrow's Champions Committee to direct a donation towards a passionate, hard-working and deserving player.

The bursary will be applied to Goddard's off-island travel and tournament expenses in 2018.

"I have been so inspired by the Tomorrow's Champions program on Salt Spring and wanted to do some-

thing to show my support," said Fernandes. "I am delighted that Scott was selected to receive this award. He has shown an amazing love of the game and has attended every possible training session, camp and local tournament that he can, including travelling off-island to gain as much experience as possible. This shows incredible commitment by Scott and his family. It's exciting to see a youngster with such passion for the sport, and I can't wait to watch Scott continue to progress."

"The Tomorrow's Champions Fund, which started three years ago, thanks to proceeds from an annual fundraiser and generous donors, has allowed a subsidized junior tennis program to be created and sustained on Salt Spring Island. Over 100 local juniors have participated in the after-school indoor tennis programming with world-class coaching from Marjorie Blackwood and her highly regarded coach/husband Peter Schelling.

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Old Boys splash their way to a tie

Players strategize in vintage  
Quintisa lounge

BY FRASER HOPE  
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A surprisingly large contingent of Old Boys turned up for the tie with Cowichan Classics 48s on Sunday at the Frances Kelsey school field in Mill Bay.

The full roster of 11 on-field players and two substitutes who showed up even enjoyed a leisurely prematch tactics discussion in one of the plush wood-panelled staterooms of the Quintisa, BC Ferries' replacement vessel for the Howe Sound Queen. So enamoured were they of the decor and furnishings that it was deemed a suitable design model for a future team clubhouse. There was even a perfect spot for the team soft drinks cooler.

Old Boys kicked off and quickly made five consecutive passes to teammates with success as they moved the ball towards their own penalty box rather than in attack, but we all have to start with success. They were so successful, in fact, that within the first few minutes an attack down the right wing saw passing between the midfield and Andrew Haigh, back into midfield, where a Mark Aston cannon of a shot ricocheted off the rear end of Mike Berndt, took a glancing deflection off a Cowichan defender's back side, leaving the goalkeeper stranded. That meant an unmarked Kerry Walker could calmly slot the ball home for 1-0 lead. The weather conditions did not seem to create any difficulties for the Old Boys as they continued to play with confidence as all the pressure and action was concentrated in the Cowichan final third of the pitch. Forays by David Toynbee, Walker, Aston and Stefan Cermak tested the Cowichan defence only to be thwarted by the goalkeeper or overeagerness on the part of the Old Boys' attackers. As is the way in all sports, a substitute can bring about a dramatic change. Graham Tweddle and Scott Howe (It's All About Howe) came onto the field and before they had managed to poke their toes into the beckoning surf a long clearance saw an awkward bounce split the defence for an onrushing attacker to neatly chip goalkeeper Henry Braak for the tying goal all against the run of play.

A clear penalty award after David Toynbee was

bundled over from behind resulted in Mike McCormick taking the shot and getting a well-deserved 2-1 lead.

For the rest of the first half, the Old Boys continued the pressure on Cowichan with Ben "Wheels" Cooper, having returned from an unspecified lower body injury, making a few of his spectacular mazy, crazy runs from one side of the pitch to the other, leaving teammates and opponents alike unsure of the end point of his journey.

With Old Boys pressing to increase their lead it did open up an opportunity for Cowichan to use speed on an offensive break-away and one such chance saw Braak somewhat stranded as a Cowichan player water-skied his way between two defenders to even up the score at 2-2.

Spurred by the desire to make possession translate into goals, Old Boys laid siege to the Cowichan goal but a collapsing home defence clogged up the space for any incisive shots on goal. Braak was tempted to join in the attack, with his teammates fearing he might emulate a Cooper "Dash for Glory." Fortunately, Martin Thorn was directed to cover for the wandering keeper as a safety measure.

Despite their misses at the near post, the Cowichan goalkeeper kept the Old Boys at [Mill] bay for a final 2-2 tie. Slightly disappointed that all their pressure had not resulted in success there was a sense that the run of losses had been broken and a tie is as good as a win in Cowichan.

The weather was so foul that the Old Boys refrained from their ritual post-game analysis around the cooler and instead chose a quick return trip to Crofton. The Cowichan Classics also declined to have their usual post-game barbecue. Post-game analysis in the Quintisa Clubhouse revolved around the turn-around in Old Boys fortunes after several bruising defeats. Once again the success of 11 on-field players and two substitutes was promoted as our most successful line-up. Forget the Tweddle Diamond, Fibonacci's Sequence or the need for neutrinos. All we need is consistency in team positions and a bit of luck!

As an aside, Cooper's meanderings were discussed and the man himself said it was a "form of ballet" and an audition for Cirque de Soleil.

Old Boys will host Centaurs 48s on Sunday, Nov. 26 at GISS at 10:30 a.m.



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