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WEATHER

Heavy rains wash away roadsides

Close to 100 mm of rainfall leads to floods and washouts

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Rainy weather has made some of Salt Spring's roads dangerous to navigate.

According to the weather station at Gulf Islands Secondary School, from Jan. 27 until Jan. 29, 99.4 mm of rain fell on the island. January had already been a relatively wet month, but half of the monthly rainfall occurred over the weekend.

Rainwater flooded areas of Beddis Road, North End Road, Cusheon Lake Road, Arnell Road and near Weston Lake. The 500 block of Isabella Point Road experienced a slide that saw the road reduced to one lane on Monday. A seaside area in the 700 block of Walker's Hook Road was washed out by what nearby resident Scott Simmons described as a "massive amount of water."

Salt Spring Transit announced Monday night that it would stop providing bus services on Walker's Hook Road until further notice due to the washout. To compensate, Route 5 Fernwood will run along North End Road to Fernwood Road, Walker's Hook, Maliview and back to North End Road.

"Our top priority is safety," said a BC Transit spokesperson "When these types of events occur we monitor the situation and what we do is we look at what's happening and work with our local operating partner to determine what type of changes can be made so that we can ensure the safety of our customers and our drivers and still provide service."

The bank between Walker's Hook Road and the ocean was completely washed away by the water in one spot, leaving only a few centimetres of asphalt from the shoulder hanging over the edge. The stretch of road has been a problem for years, with the bank washing out after severe winter storms.

"Walker's Hook Road is up to its usual tricks," said longtime resident Lawrie Neish on Monday.



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Mainroad Contracting crew investigates erosion of the roadside in the 700 block of Walker's Hook Road on Monday.

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FEDERAL POLITICS

Workplace claims lead to MP probe

Green leader requests action to clear air

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Green Party of Canada has begun a formal investigation into allegations against leader Elizabeth May by three former party employees.

May asked the party to launch an independent investigation of the claims, which were reported in the Toronto Star on Jan. 27 and in the Hill Times on Jan. 29.

The allegations centre around verbal abuse of staff, including instances of yelling, berating, bullying and belittling.

Rob Rainer, who was the Green party's interim executive director in 2014 and is the main complainant, has asked for an official apology from the party as well as an external investigation. He has additionally called for May to step down as party leader and serve her Saanich-Gulf Islands riding as an independent candidate.

May and party communications have responded that the reports stem from the bitter feelings of the former staffers, pointing out that she achieved a 94 per cent approval rating from Green party members after the 2015 election.

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Flooding reported in several areas



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Clockwise from top left: Beddis Road flooding at the site of one of the Laughing Apple Farm speed bumps; a rushing creek on Mark Perry's Reynolds Road property; Stowel Lake beach completely submerged by rising water.

WASHOUT

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Neish said he has recently observed widening cracks in the asphalt and feels the road is not safe for transit or school buses to travel on every day.

"It's a strata layer of sand on top of clay," said Simmons. "You've got a slippery surface for the sand and it just goes."

Simmons said that a possible solution could be installing culverts to allow for

more drainage.

"The problem is roads are about drainage, but if you don't fix the ditches and culverts . . . it doesn't drain," he said. "For 15 years they've been putting in fill and it just slides."

The Ministry of Transportation approved \$100,000 for remedial repairs in September 2016 after concerns were raised by BC Transit about the safety of the road as a bus route.

"It was their repair job that they did a year ago that because they didn't repair the ditches and culverts, the rain flooded

. . . and took out the road," said Simmons. He also said that it was an expensive repair but they "should have maybe spent a bit more and did it properly."

During the Salt Spring incorporation referendum debate, a long-term fix for Walker's Hook Road was estimated to cost \$1 million.

Other parts of Salt Spring had minor flooding as well. Lakes were full to the roadside at both St. Mary Lake and Cusheon Lake, and ditches resembled raging rivers on Monday. Residents reported flooding all over the island via Facebook.

GOVERNANCE

Group aims to bring Salt Spring together

Community Alliance provides forum for all islanders' voices

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring group is working to bring more awareness to residents' ideas and concerns in the wake of last fall's incorporation referendum.

Founders of the Salt Spring Island Community Alliance say a lack of viable governance alternatives became apparent during the referendum debate, so they started the alliance as a way for residents to share information and work towards common goals.

SSICA's third meeting was on Jan. 22 at Fulford Hall.

The group is non-partisan and provides a forum for discussion that moves beyond a yes/no paradigm. As explained in a press release, SSICA wants to make the "community more cohesive and transparent."

"Our picture of it is how we can do this together," said Samantha Sanderson, one of the founders. "It's going to go better if we don't end up in a yes/no situation about everything, because that is absolutely unworkable."

The group's monthly meetings are open to the public for people to express concerns about the way Salt Spring Island governance is being carried out. Those concerns are passed on to working groups, which are dedicated to solving issues that arise in certain areas.

Themes covered are economics, governance, housing and health, environment, infrastructure and community vision. The aim is to tackle issues that pertain to those themes, report back to the community at monthly meetings and on the group's website, and bring about real change on the island. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join and participate.

"What our plan is from

now on is going to be regular monthly meetings, so that people can have their say and to make sure that those issues are on the table," Sanderson said. "The monthly meetings will be a place for those working groups to come and tell people what they're doing, what they think is interesting about what they found out, where they're going and what kind of help they need."

The group is gearing up for the October 2018 local elections, wanting to provide islanders with a more nuanced picture of island issues.

"The people get to do the work, and that's what the working groups are about. They're doing the work of getting the whole picture, of making knowledge available, of eventually giving the electorate this picture of people who have worked across minds and interests and what they think people need to know," she said.

Sanderson said the group

is not trying to promote any political agenda. Instead, they want to build a culture of cooperation amongst concerned citizens. They want all voices to be heard in order to have a real dialogue about the future of the island.

"Our culture has somewhat supported and glorified argument. You know what is said about Salt Spring is that it's an argument surrounded by water. That's not something to be proud of," she said.

"I would much rather see us be an island with a culture of cooperation and respect. There's a way where we don't know how to do that at a political level — nor does the rest of the world — but we could be the models."

The group holds its next meeting on Feb. 26 at Lions Hall. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting goes from 7 to 9 p.m.

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FIRE BOARD

Consultation night signals new direction for fire board

Open communication marks Jan. 24 meeting

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A sharing circle format, open communication and a willingness to listen characterized the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's first community consultation session last Wednesday night.

The atmosphere was a marked change from the often acrimonious town hall sessions of board meetings over the past seven to eight years. Member of the public John Davies noted he had avoided fire board meetings in the past because he doesn't like fights. He predicted the attendees of the Jan. 24 session would instead be passing on the positive experience to their friends in the community.

Board of trustees chair Per Svendsen, fire trustees and Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George shared a number of potential good news points that hadn't yet surfaced at the Jan. 15 board meeting and could lead to savings for homeowners. For one, the district may be able to hold off on a scheduled fire engine replacement for up to five years if an application to approve reliability via inspection reports is approved by the Fire Underwriters Survey.

A second point related to the FUS fire insurance rating for the island has to do with water

supply, which was flagged as a major concern in the 2015 FUS report. Svendsen said the board has been looking at alternative water sources, including plans to build a one-million gallon holding pond behind the Fulford fire hall.

Recent tests on pumping sea water from the Centennial boat launch ramp in Ganges suggest there's another viable source downtown.

"We've got an unlimited water source all around us," Svendsen said.

"We hope to expand that to hopefully have that spot recognized as a water source for Salt Spring Island, so that's our next step is to have it officially recognized," George added.

George said there would not be need for much specialized equipment to use seawater as a source; it would mainly be an issue of training. Testing so far indicates the source would cover fire suppression needs for the downtown core.

Much of the conversation during the Jan. 24 session centred on the need for a new fire hall and how that might be accomplished in the face of previous failed attempts to secure ratepayer borrowing approval.

The board has started a fire hall reserve fund and has moved \$50,000 into it so far. Fire trustees have been touring other fire halls in the area and learning about things that work and that don't work so well in the various



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Part of the circle of seats at a Jan. 24 consultation session hosted by the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board of trustees are, from left, Mitchell Sherrin, Mylene Dammel-Sherrin, Neil MacConnell, fire trustee Rollie Cook and board chair Per Svendsen, with John Davies standing in the left of the photo.

designs. Svendsen said the facilities and physical plant committee expects to have a report to the board in the fall, and that a new fire hall building committee could be established after that.

Those in the audience who weren't on the island for the most recent hall referendum in October 2013 heard that project failed for two main reasons: the \$6.25-million request and

the fact the board did not listen to the community when they asked trustees to slow down and not jump to "phase two" in the design plans.

Current trustees agreed public participation will be key to a successful referendum. Svendsen proposed one strategy going forward will be to change public perception that a new hall is something firefighters want the ratepayers to build for them,

to seeing that the community as a whole needs a main fire hall that is not built on landfill, which puts it in danger of disappearing, along with most of its equipment and perhaps some its crew, in the event of an earthquake.

Some members of the public talked about the possibility of incorporating other emergency services or government agencies into the new space, which would help reduce costs and potentially open up the opportunity of provincial infrastructure grants.

Trustee Howard Holzapfel said he felt the best way forward would be to find out what cost the community could support first and then design a hall to that specification, rather than the other way around. He also believes that adding other agencies will make the project too big, which was a key element of the last project's failure.

Gary Holman, Salt Spring's former MLA and Capital Regional District director, spoke to several matters, including his belief that keeping the old fire hall for some sort of community use would help sway ratepayers. He also urged the board to look into becoming an agency of the CRD, since that would not only open the door to potential funding but would allow all island residents, not just registered home and business owners, to vote in fire district elections and referenda.

NEWS BRIEFS

Black charts final journey

One of Salt Spring's best known and most beloved personalities has opened up to being in the last stages of pancreatic cancer.

Arthur Black, a longtime CBC radio and TV host, author of multiple comedy

books and a longtime columnist for papers across Canada, including the Driftwood, is charting his last days with customary humour. He is writing a blog about his final journey, which can be read at basicblack.homestead.com.

As Black recounts in his first post, the diagnosis was a surprise to the apparently healthy 74-year-old, who is a

non-drinker and non-smoker.

"Any way you cut it, I'm on my last big adventure. I plan to chronicle the journey right here for as long as my fingers type," he writes.

Black's website editor Russ Wagg has asked that people share the posts on Facebook and social media platforms.

Raffi named youth champ

Well-known Salt Springer Raffi Cavoukian has been named the 2018 Champion of Child and Youth Rights Award recipient.

He will receive the award this Thursday, Feb. 1 at a fundraising gala for First

Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition in Vancouver.

First Call notes that Raffi, who turns 70 this year, is being honoured in special recognition of his contributions to the awareness of children's rights around the world through his Centre for Child Honouring and related work.

"Raffi's Child Honouring movement is both a way of life and a holistic organizing principle for healing communities and restoring ecosystems — for redesigning the whole of society for the greatest good, with the child in mind. Child Honouring is the children-first way of sustainability," a press release states.



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LANDMARKS

Vesuvius Inn property getting a residential makeover

New home on the land will incorporate a nod to the past

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Vesuvius Inn building is getting a facelift. The contractor will keep the look of the old building as a nod to its history, while converting it to a single-family dwelling.

Robert Langevin, the property owner and contractor, said, "There's a lot going on there and our new building will reflect not only the look of the pub that it had before but the pub reflected the look of the original hotel. I'm going to keep the main building, reuse it, re-fashion it, make it new again and it will still look similar, but prettier."

"We're removing the old stucco and getting it ready for the construction, which will come along in the spring."

ROBERT LANGEVIN
Vesuvius Inn site owner

Langevin's original plans for the property were to make six townhouses, but that proved impossible with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District

moratorium on new hook-ups. Though the property was zoned for commercial use, the water issue essentially led to a downzoning from commercial to single-family residential.

"The property was zoned for many things — a pub, a restaurant, a hotel, a campground, a marina, a commercial outlet . . . it was zoned for all of those things," he said. "However, in reality, because you couldn't get water or BC Ferries wouldn't allow a marina or a dock or a number of things . . . it already had been downzoned, just not on paper."

While work has started on the property, Langevin is only so far preparing the property for construction. The building has a few rotted pieces and the work being done is purely for maintenance at this point.

"We're removing the old stucco and getting it ready for the construction, which will come along in the spring," he said.

Thanks to the property's rich history, Langevin will keep the look of the old inn in the designs for the new house. The original Vesuvius Inn was built as a store by Estalon Jose Bitancourt in the 1870s, with a post office added later.

It was also used as a hostelry, cafe and drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre by the X-Kalay Foundation when it burned down in 1975.

The new Vesuvius Inn building, opened in 1979, was designed to look like the origi-



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Preliminary work begins on transforming the Vesuvius Inn into a single-family dwelling. Owner and contractor Robert Langevin plans to use and maintain the look of the existing structure.

nal structure. It remained open and as a fixture of the community until 2004.

"It's an iconic piece of property," said Langevin, who bought the property in 2016 from John Lefebvre. "There's a lot of history in Vesuvius and in that site."

Langevin has received countless comments about the property, with many people asking if the pub will

be brought back. Due to the water access issue and other zoning laws, it is not possible to open a pub on the property. Langevin also thinks that the days of highway pubs are gone.

"Drinking and driving is over with . . . Urban pubs with micro-breweries with sidewalk traffic and walk-ins are doing very well, but that's not the situation here."

Langevin hopes to have a fin-

ished building at the end of 2018.

"Before the end of this year it'll be up and running and it should look pretty good," he said.

He said he would like to live in the house but is not certain that will be the case.

Though the building will closely resemble the old structure, the new roof will not have the word "PUB" written on it.

ISLANDS TRUST

Contentious issues get hearing on Feb. 8

Tacos and rural watershed zoning

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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Matters that have gained considerable interest from the community at large will move toward some resolution on Thursday, Feb. 8 during and after the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's regular meeting at Lions Hall.

The owners of El Loco Taco are hoping to soar past their final hurdles to having a full-scale restaurant open on the site of the former Shell gas station in Ganges. The property requires a parking variance and a development permit pertaining to landscape and site design before the Capital Regional District will consider granting a building permit.

Business founder Larry Gorrill and managing partner Tom Bremner, who came on board last fall, are hoping that planter boxes, patio positioning and parking design will satisfy LTC

concerns about the prominent downtown space.

Salt Spring's Official Community Plan recommends one parking space for every three indoor restaurant seats, plus disabled parking. Gorrill and Bremner have come up with a design that allows six spaces out of the 15 required.

Whether or not to allow a variance is a discretionary matter for the LTC.

Islands Trust staff have received over 100 pieces of correspondence related to the matter so far, including many messages of support. A previous petition supporting the business received 1,500 signatures.

Farms & watershed hearing set

A public hearing on two bylaws related to limiting agricultural impacts within watershed areas will also take place on Feb. 8, but is not part of the regular LTC meeting. A community information meeting moves

the action to Meaden Hall at 4 p.m. with the public hearing set for 5 p.m.

Trust information explains proposed Bylaw No. 496 "amends Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan policies to allow the Local Trust Committee to introduce new farm regulations on lands outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve for reasons of water quality and environmental protection."

Bylaw No. 487 introduces new regulations for farming in the Rural Watershed 1 and 2 zones. Specifically, Bylaw 487 will prohibit "intensive agriculture" in the watershed zones; introduce a 15-metre setback for agriculture, livestock and poultry raising from the natural boundary of all water bodies in those zones; introduce a 30-metre setback for agricultural production, storage and manufacture of products potentially harmful to water quality; and make several additional minor changes in wording.

The hearing follows a collaborative process that included community members representing both water preservation groups and farming and agriculture concerns, and seeks to make a compromise between the two interests.

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EDITORIAL

Finding solutions

Affordable housing options are trickling out slowly on Salt Spring.

It's not that progress is not visible when it comes to some of the projects. Salt Spring Commons, a 24-unit project spearheaded by the Salt Spring Community Services Society behind Lions Hall, for example, is on track to receive its development permit approval at next week's local trust committee meeting.

But both Dragonfly Commons, which envisions 30 units of housing for purchase in a strata development near Drake Road, and the Croftonbrook expansion being undertaken by Island Women Against Violence, which runs the current complex, are in limbo as water supply issues and regulations are tackled.

Navigating the guidelines and requirements is a mind-bending process. As a recent report presented to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee outlines, the Croftonbrook project must heed regulations

from Island Health, the provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development and the CRD Building Inspection department in order to use a combination of groundwater, rainwater and greywater. (The North

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Water for housing projects

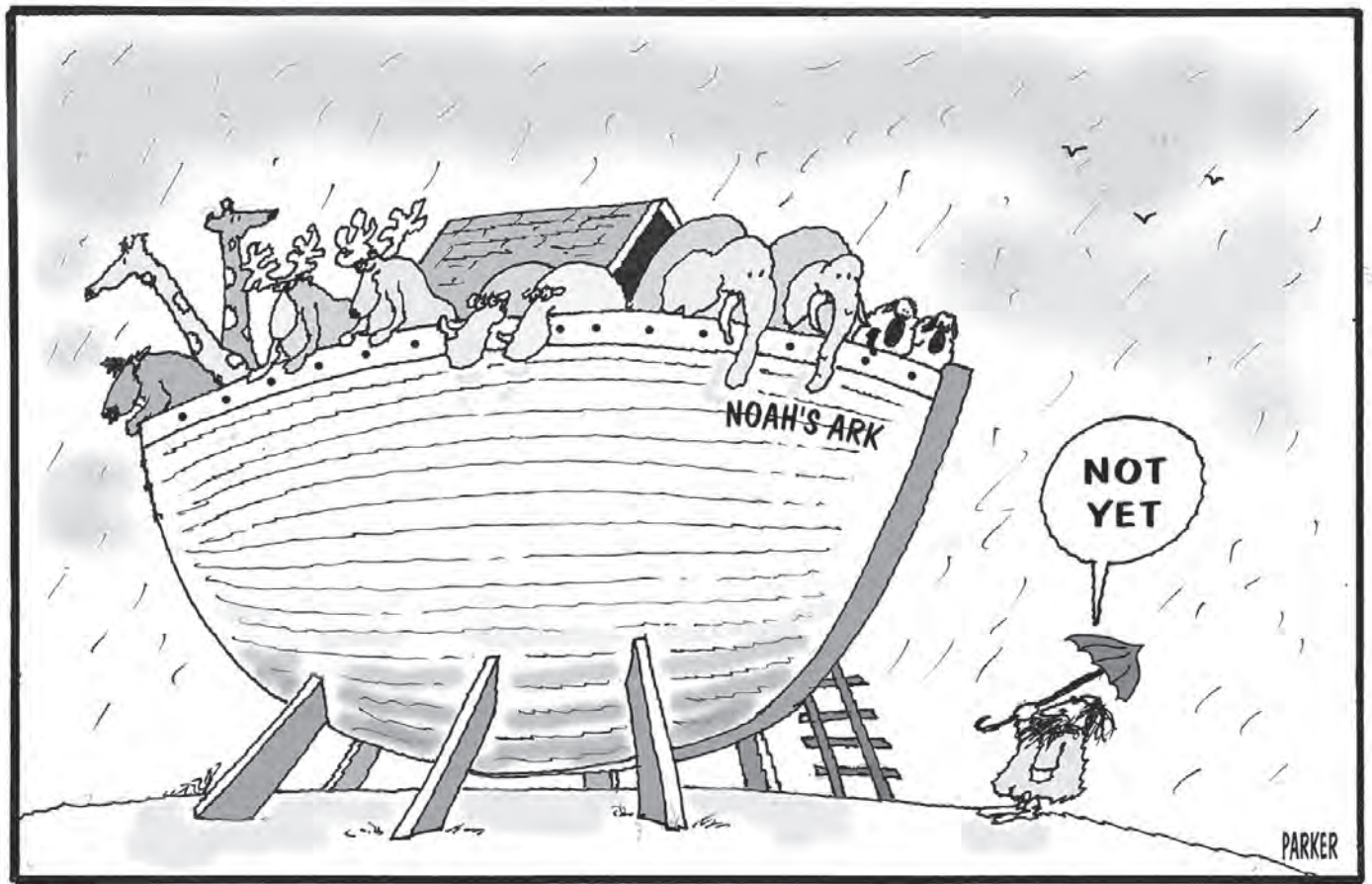
WE SAY:

Flexibility needed

Salt Spring Waterworks District is also involved by providing water for firefighting purposes only.) Water quantity, quality and safety unquestionably require government regulation. But as water scarcity becomes more of an issue in the Gulf Islands, some flexibility must come into play.

One area where that could easily be employed is in capping the number of people living in a development. Current regulatory assumptions about how many people normally live in dwellings based on its number of bedrooms may not be realistic, but those assumptions are unnecessarily adding to water supply requirements for each dwelling unit. Housing managers/owners should be allowed to be responsible for limiting the number of people living on a site, which is not the case now.

Government agencies must give full buy-in to low-water-consumption housing and encourage projects like Dragonfly Commons and Croftonbrook. For some inspiration, they could look to the Galiano Green project, which was approved with a combination of well water and rainwater. That approval gave hope to families on Galiano Island and it can be done on Salt Spring Island too.



VIEWPOINT by Douglas A. Reid

Homage to moderation and balance

"Moderation is a wiser course than zealotry." Marcus Tullius Cicero

As I write this, I am listening to a televised newscast in which a woman accuses a man of sexual misbehaviour some decades earlier. This man is a high-profile newspaperman himself.

More women add to the number of allegations and the unravelling of another career begins. The issue at hand is only the latest of several similar events which involve newsmen, athletes, judges, actors, and on it goes.

Questions are raised. What are we to think? Are we to believe old and unproven charges accurately describe what occurred so long ago? Is it likely or even possible that these women are merely seeking the limelight?

I, for one, believe the women. In any case, some of the men have admitted the truth of the charges. And that sort of personal experience is not pleasant to make public. These men have been grievously accused and grievously will they pay. That said, I do find one complication and one mitigating factor.

First, the complication. Just what are we talking about here? A swift pat on the rear? Serious groping? When the nature and extent of the inappropriate behaviour is factored, one size does not fit all. Each case should be viewed in the light of its own separate and unique circumstances.

The dynamic between the accused and the accuser is all too often an uneven one. But the extent of this disparity varies. Sometimes those involved may be co-workers where the vulnerability of the woman is certainly some-

what compromised. It is the true predators of the world who most need to be, pardon the pun, "exposed."

And, as I mentioned above, there is also a mitigating factor.

Western societies encourage, or at least tolerate, their women and nubile young ladies to dress provocatively — mini skirts, off-the-shoulder dresses, deep cleavage garments — all of them designed to inflame the male of the species. This contrasts tellingly with the mores of other cultures. Examine peoples from history or those of our own time and the same lack of modesty is not evident. Just this week I drove past a group of mid-teen girls wearing the uniform of a private school in Vancouver's well-to-do Kerrisdale district. Every pleated skirt they were wearing reached short of their knees and at least one terminated at mid-thigh.

Mind you, there is the other extreme.

Muslim women, generally speaking, wear the hajib or the burka. The hajib covers the wearer's head, neck and shoulders. The burka effectively shrouds a woman's entire body, rendering it a shapeless mass. Clearly this sort of haute couture is not likely to stir the blood of any man. And as a member of that poor besieged gender, I say, "Yuk."

The tarts of the West are just as easy to reject as are the pseudo nuns of Islam. Whatever has happened to the art of balance in this age of extremes?

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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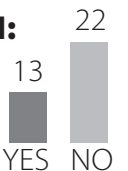
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The problem is roads are about drainage, but if you don't fix the ditches and culverts . . . it doesn't drain."

SCOTT SIMMONS, WALKER'S HOOK ROAD RESIDENT

SALT SPRING SAYS

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MICHAEL BRYDON
Fixing a few of the potholes and better access to remote areas.



PEGGY NIXON
They definitely need to be improved. I'm not sure what the solution would be except more road maintenance.



STEVE SIGURGEIRSON
Add to the culverts and make them bigger.



TOM BREMNER
Find a system so everyone can cooperate and have the funds to do it.



YVONNE POIRIER
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The following letter was sent to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

Albert Einstein once said "bureaucracy is the death of any achievement."

I send this letter in the fond hope of positively influencing the situation whereby El Loco Taco is currently being prevented from operating a restaurant business at the former Shell gas station site in Ganges.

El Loco Taco is compact

and does not stress the boundaries of the former McColl's and then Johnson's Shell site. This location is consistent with the limited and typically limiting geography of Ganges.

Establishing a restaurant at this location does not require making harmful nor unfair compromises. There is no disagreeable noise, dust, fumes nor odour to consider. There is no danger.

Automobile service and repair work has moved out and away from the Ganges core. As a result, Ganges has become somewhat less car-centric and more human-centric.

This business trend is entirely appropriate; the town core is the better for it and planners can learn something useful here.

A number of Ganges shops and institutions occupy former auto repair-shop locations. It makes sense for a business like El Loco Taco to locate at the former Johnson's Shell and automotive services site, just as it made sense for the owner to move his operation to another site.

Small businesses often fail in Ganges. This reality dampens investment and variety, and it removes durable employment opportunities. Does the

Islands Trust really need to make it impossible for small businesses to grow and evolve? Whom (or what) is served?

I can't imagine how the Trust could claim in this case that its actions reflect the community's wishes or that it is protecting us from a harmful activity. I doubt there is a logical, credible argument that prevents us having a restaurant in that location.

Is there an illogical/political argument? Is a person or an organization exerting an inappropriate level of influence? Where is the problem?

I hope to see the

removal of all Trust-related obstacles currently preventing El Loco Taco from operating at the former service station site.

Please give them your permission and active support to operate their business at that site.

CHRIS DIXON,
SALT SPRING

Inconsistent positions

Is it any wonder that sometimes we all must wonder if the left hand knows what the right hand is doing?

Part of the promise of the Site C Peace River

dam is that it might provide "clean" energy and lesson our dependency on coal.

At the same time, Friends of the Earth tells us that six Canadian companies are among the top 100 investors in new coal plants worldwide. Together, Royal Bank of Canada, Canada Pension Fund, Sun Life, Power Corporation, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and Manulife have pledged \$2.9 billion toward building new plants.

ROGER BRUNT,
BRINKWORTHY

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What makes time tick an unsolvable mystery

Time. What a concept! Is it real or just an illusion? Either way, scientists, philosophers and cosmologists have been arguing about this for centuries (which can be defined as a very long time).

There is one thing we can be sure about and it is that time ain't what it used to be. Once upon a time, (whatever time THAT was), we simply used the terms past, present and future. It was all we needed. Time was how we measured the chronology of life's events. It was used to put some kind of order to our world. Everything that came before the present was called the past and everything after it we named the future. The point where the past met the future was "now" and this was the only chance we ever had to do anything about anything.

Since then, we have come up with a multitude of words to describe the different ways we measure time. For large quantities of time, we use words like epochs, ages and millennia. The Jurassic Age, for instance, spans a period of about 56 million years when dinosaurs roamed the surface of the earth searching for a theme park that would have them as members.

For smaller units of chronology, we break time down into units such as days, hours and minutes. When observing the life cycle of a fruit fly, for instance, we find that they make the journey from egg to mature adult in about four days. Practically the entire life cycle, however, is

spent in the adolescent or "teen days" stage when the fruit fly overindulges in fermented food, gets moody easily and acts as if it knows everything.

Similarly, time can also be divided into even tinier portions to measure microscopic amounts of the stuff (you may not be able to see or touch it, but it's very obvious when you find yourself losing it or running out of it). A nanosecond is defined as one billionth of a second and is often used to measure how long it takes the random access memory (RAM) of your computer to process information. If you think that's a short period of time, it would seem like an eternity to an attosecond which is used in photon research and lasts a mere one quintillionth of a second (which means that it takes one billion attoseconds to make one nanosecond). Basically, if you ask somebody to wait a cotton-pickin' attosecond, you are not really asking them to wait very long (unless you are talking to a moody adolescent fruit fly binging on a fermented banana).

In this modern age of computers and e-communication, a new term has joined the lexicon. It is "virtual time" and can be ascertained as "a new paradigm for organizing and synchronizing distributed systems which can be applied to such problems as distributed discrete event simula-



Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

tion and distributed database concurrency control." This is just a long-winded way of saying that nobody really knows what virtual time means but whatever it is, it's probably half an hour later in Newfoundland.

It's nearly impossible to discuss the subject of time without blending in at least a little bit about time travel. From short stories like Rip Van Winkle by American author Washington Irving to well-loved novels such as H.G. Wells' The Time Machine, it seems as though the human species has been as obsessed with journeys to and from the future and the past. This wanderlust through time is just as powerful as our quest to uncover all four corners of our globe (as if spheres really have corners that are possible to explore), and foray deep into the recesses of space.

I wish I knew more about what makes time tick. What I would give to be able to understand a quark or explain how you can tell the difference between a meson and a hadron. Alas, I would be hard-pressed to describe what happens to a subatomic particle as it approaches a black hole and how different that would be from what happens to any golf ball I hit as it rolls towards a virtual hole-in-one.

If only I could pull back the magic curtain to reveal what transpires at the exact

point where the curve of space interfaces with the warp of time. I'm sure this is the kind of dilemma that puzzled Albert Einstein when he came up with his General Theory of Relativity to show that time is somehow stretched by the forces of gravity. Mind you, if he was so smart, why was he almost never able to find a pair of matching socks to wear to his lectures?

In his opus A Brief History of Time, British physicist and philosopher Stephen Hawking has expanded upon Einstein's relativity theories by combining them into a latticework that includes the fundamentals of quantum mechanics and the Big Bang Theory. To date nobody has been able to decipher what any of his writings mean (including Hawking himself), but throwing his name into a conversation on just about anything will make you seem at least 30 points smarter on the IQ scale.

Nobody asked me, but I can't help but wonder whether it makes any sense anymore to argue about time and its meaning. We live in a world where it is possible to go back to the future or jump forward to the past. If you doubt that this is possible, just head on down to Centennial Park on any given Saturday market day. It will become very obvious to you that you have just time-travelled your way back to the 1970s.

Me, I'm sticking to good old Now, with a dash of past and a sprinkle of future. And, most importantly, shaken not stirred.

Holistic approach helps the whole world get along

BY RACHELLE LAMB

Feb. 7 marks three years since the death of Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, author of the highly acclaimed best seller *Nonviolent Communication: A Language Of Life*. Rosenberg's seminal work continues to be utilized as a powerful tool to help people effectively resolve conflict, and yet it was also his dream that NVC be a tool for social change.

After almost 20 years of offering NVC trainings and coaching, it would be naïve of me to say that it's an easy sell to focus on the social change dimensions of NVC when presenting. And that is because we in modern society are, for the most part, primarily concerned with our own lives and relationships. We want to fix and mend what's not working. We are less interested in the bigger picture, especially if it means making changes that are uncomfortable. It's understandable.

One of the things that sets a

physician apart from his or her peers is an ability to make an accurate diagnosis. When the patient seeks relief from an ailment, does the physician view the human body as a machine? If so, medication will likely be prescribed to treat the symptoms on the basis of physical symptoms alone. For example, anti-depressants for depression or blood pressure medication for hypertension. That's one approach.

Or does the physician view the human body and soul as belonging to a larger living landscape that influences and impacts the health of the individual? If so, the physician will likely question the patient about his or her life in various areas in order to make a more holistic diagnosis. Food choices, exercise, lifestyle, relationships, work environment and stress levels will likely be discussed.

Most of what ails us is broader than the symptoms that present to us. The loss of con-

INDEPTH

nection that prevails in so many areas of our lives can be attributed largely to the loss of connection between ourselves and the earth, and also to the more communal and mutually supportive ways of living that we might uncover in our ancestral lineage if we went back far enough. It could be said that we have become so accustomed to unnatural ways of living and being that we are hard pressed to know what we really need in order to lead healthy lives and cultivate healthy relationships. Would we even recognize genuine healthy connection and belonging if we saw it? Worse still, would we even want it?

Writer D.H. Lawrence wrote: "Oh what a catastrophe, what a maiming of love when it was made a personal, merely personal feeling, taken away from the rising and setting of the sun, and cut

off from the magic connection of the solstice and equinox. This is what is the matter with us. We are bleeding at the roots, because we are cut off from the earth and sun and stars, and love is a grinning mockery, because, poor blossom, we plucked it from its stem on the tree of life and expected it to keep on blooming in our civilized vase on the table."

Let's recognize that questions like how do I get my child to cooperate, or how do I get my partner to open up, or how do I deal with anger will be most effectively attended to when we approach them holistically. Interdependence and interconnection is the way of life. This means that our conduct with each other and the words we speak do not occur in isolation of something much larger.

For me, teaching NVC in these troubled times has become an exploration into the larger socio-cultural narrative that is the breeding ground for disconnection. It's all too easy to conclude

that it's our spouse or child or friend who is not behaving properly when things get frustrating between us. It's typically not the case. An expanded understanding and approach doesn't leave out or diminish the importance of taking a detailed look at what transpires between people and learning principles and techniques to improve upon our relationships. It's hugely relevant and core to what I teach.

However, I have found that people become much more discerning, generous, compassionate and resourceful when they explore the larger landscapes in which their lives and relationships unfold at the same time that they acquire the skills necessary to better navigate relationships.

The writer is leading a workshop in Nonviolent Communication on Salt Spring called Speak to me Like you Love me on Feb. 17-18. See www.rachellemamb.com/courses for more information.

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Medical travel expenses should be covered

I am a retired woman living in a small town. Like many seniors, I work part time to supplement my pension income. In 2016, I was diagnosed with cancer.

Okay, by now 90 per cent of you have stopped reading. Three of the most boring topics on the planet are cancer, seniors and

taxes. Most of you have already figured out that there are no amusing stories here, no rescued animals or abandoned puppies. But seniors, cancer patients and taxpayers should keep reading, particularly if you live in a small town or know someone who does. Everyone living in small communities must travel long distances for cancer treatment.

I spent the summer near a cancer centre, staying in motels while having chemo and radiation treatments. This is expensive and, worse, I could not continue to work.

Medical travel expenses are deductible against taxes payable. However, you have only one calendar year to claim the expenses on your taxes. If your income goes down because you were sick and unable to work, your taxable income drops. So you cannot recover your travel costs. That is one huge catch 22. By the time you are able to work again, you are no longer able to claim. Time has run out. These expenses cannot be brought forward and claimed in following years.

Canadians lucky enough to live in larger cities where cancer centres are located do not need to think about motels and meal expenses during treatments. About 20 million rural Canadians are not so lucky.

I strongly believe that rural Canadians should be allowed to bring forward reasonable medical travel expenses and apply them to taxes paid in the future until the costs are fully recovered.

There is a petition on the House of Commons website to protest this inequity in our tax laws. Please go to the House of Commons website at <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Home/Index>. Search for petition # e-1311 and sign it, please.

ANNE TANSEY ROULEAU,
PENTICTON, B.C.

Units not affordable

I realize that this is somewhat quirky, my responding to my own letter in last week's Driftwood, but surely quirky is the brand of any certifiable Salt Springer. (Here you will receive a deluge of letters of confirmation.)

It was wonderfully coincidental that my letter voicing concerns with Croftonbrook's proposed affordable housing should appear in an issue with this project featured on the front page. Since last week, I've spent some time scrunching numbers and now would like to address just how unaffordable these "affordable" rental units really are.

If we stick to the tried-and-true guideline of not spending more than 25 per cent of one's income on housing, then someone earning the minimum wage (\$11.35/hour here in B.C.) and working a 40-hour week has \$488 to allocate to putting a roof over his/her head. There are only eight units out of the proposed 34 at Croftonbrook that meet that need. Eight extremely tiny (375-square-foot) bed-sits. So don't take your grand piano. Or your spouse. And, for heaven's

sake, don't breed!

The next-sized unit is called a one bedroom. It is 530 square feet. No, not the bedroom, the entire unit. For this luxury, you need to be earning \$16.86/hour. Now, there's a jump! I suppose two people could conceivably squish into this, but I'm betting they won't stay friends for long.

For the remaining 22 units, the average size is 687 square feet and the average income needs to be \$21.89 per hour. I ask you, is this affordable housing?

I remember a cartoon from many years ago where the wife is saying to her husband, "I think that pizza delivery guy is our financial advisor." That came back to me last week when I went into the bank to meet my "new" financial advisor, my fourth one in three years. I expressed my skepticism regarding the efficiency of such an erratic system. He did his best to assure me of the longevity of his position to which I replied that he didn't even live on the island. He said, "I can't afford to."

So I have to ask, since Croftonbrook's "affordable" housing is not aimed at our needy minimum wage earner, is its intention to assist my financial advisor?




DIANE CLARKE,
SALT SPRING

We'd like your feedback on the 2018-2019 budget proposal

You can find it online at islandstrust.bc.ca/budget or request a printed copy by calling us at 250-405-5151.

Your comments will help the Islands Trust Council set its 2018-2019 budget at the public meeting on Salt Spring Island, March 13-15.

Please send your comments by **February 12th** in the following ways:

-  Take our survey at islandstrust.bc.ca/budget
-  200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8
-  budget@islandstrust.bc.ca



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The Islands Trust preserves the communities, culture and environment of islands in the Salish Sea. Learn more about what we do at islandstrust.bc.ca.

RANTS and Roses

Roses

Two humongous bouquets of roses to Windsor Plywood and Bellavance Welding for the huge donation of parts and materials. We could not have done it without you, and will use your gifts to build our 2018 competition robot. As well, a big bouquet of pixelated robotic roses goes out to the GISS robotics team mentors: Greg Slavkov, Doug Chapman, Kenn Danner, Lochinvar Roome, Dan Perry, Brien Anderson, Roland Kerr,

Curtis Horsburgh, Brad Bunyan and Rachel Fitz-Zaland. They are dedicating a lot of time and effort to this project. We thank (and apologize to) their families. Cyberscorpions GISS robotics team

We send 100 kettles of copper roses to Emma (and D.) for the generous donation. Our food program loves you too! Love, Copper Kettle Community Partnership

SSIWPA value for money question still not answered

BY DAVID J. RAPPORT

The Salt Spring Island Water Protection Alliance Jan. 24 response to my Jan. 17 query as to whether taxpayers were getting “value for money” from SSIWPA’s work was a masterpiece of evasion.

I had raised three issues in my piece titled “Watershed protection body: What value for money?”

- How were budgets allocated (to whom and for what)?

- What concrete results were achieved in terms of improving water quality and quantity on the island?

- What proven benefits have taxpayers received for the nearly \$500,000 expended to date?

Rather than answering these questions, SSIWPA took the opportunity to pat itself on the back for how much “buy-in” the alliance has received from other agencies, how “respected” it is and how “all of the vital decision makers” sit at the SSIWPA table. Then it made the truly surreal claim that it had saved taxpayers “several million dollars” already, because without SSIWPA’s fieldwork we might have agreed to pump septic sewage from St. Mary Lake properties to Ganges for treatment! Thus, SSIWPA’s response was not to clarify what it has actually done with

the funds, but rather to theorize about costs we might have incurred without its intervention.

Nor did I get any more of a direct answer when I raised these straightforward questions directly with SSIWPA last November. Instead, I got a reply two months later providing me with a list of a half dozen web links I might browse to find dozens of documents, from which I might, with luck and plenty of time, uncover some of the answers for myself.

I argued that before throwing good money after bad we should take a pause and have the SSIWPA initiative subjected to external arms-length scientific review.

Let’s cut to the chase: what does SSIWPA have to show for the half million dollars or so of taxpayer funds it has spent, other than holding monthly meetings and sitting around the table with represen-

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tatives of a handful of other agencies that might attend?

The extent of real “buy-in” by these agencies remains vague. SSIWPA states that it “leverages” at least the equivalent of its “less than \$100,000 per year” requisition “in grants and in-kind contributions from the agencies that comprise SSIWPA.” What proportion of those matching contributions comes from actual grants rather than from donated hours of staff time and the sharing of a few reports? Real buy-in should be measured in actual funds provided by these agencies to support SSIWPA projects.

Most disconcerting is that, while the stated rationale for SSIWPA’s existence lies in an “integrated approach to our water issues,” the alliance seems to be unaware of the “gold standard” for such undertakings — that is, the “ecosystem approach.” Well before SSIWPA came into existence, several highly qualified off-island senior scientists with in-depth knowledge of St. Mary Lake told us repeatedly that, unless and until we take an ecosystem (watershed) approach, we will be going

nowhere with “managing” drinking water on the island. Their advice, however, has gone roundly ignored. Instead, SSIWPA resorts to “old school thinking” — treating water as a “resource” rather than as a part of a living system. Their recalcitrance is costing us dearly: without an ecosystem perspective, it is impossible to identify the full suite of interventions that are essential to restore health to our watersheds — and thus to ensure water quality and quantity as a result.

SSIWPA’s in-house “research” does not, by any stretch, meet scientific standards. In my opinion piece, I singled out their flagship “field study,” which concluded, by sampling less than a handful of septic fields around St. Mary Lake, that leakage from septic fields is not a significant source of phosphorus loading into the lake. That may well turn out to be the case, but one could not in any way know “fairly conclusively” that phosphorus run-off from septic systems was not an issue” on the basis of such a wee effort — one that would fail to pass the test of Statistics 101. From such a limited study it would also be impossible to glean the relative importance of other stresses that human activities in the watershed are placing on St. Mary Lake:

from deforestation to housing development to roads and clearing for hydro, and so on.

I argued that, before throwing good money after bad, we should take a pause and have the SSIWPA initiative subjected to external arms-length scientific review. SSIWPA has steadfastly declined to agree to this. Why? If SSIWPA is indeed confident in its accomplishments, why would it balk at this suggestion? Such a review would serve to address many concerns in the community, whether openly expressed or not.

And it is high time that we hear from Trust Council what due diligence it does before approving repeated SSIWPA requisition requests.

To be clear: no one disputes the vital importance of a coordinated approach to water management. But achieving this outcome requires a far broader frame of reference than SSIWPA has been able to muster. The alliance needs a complete review, rethink and redress.

The writer served as senior scientist with the Government of Canada and as science advisor to Statistics Canada. He co-directed and co-authored Canada’s first National State of the Environment Report.

Preserve national wild salmon treasure at all costs

BY NANCY WIGEN

I’m writing in reference to Joe Akerman’s “Protection urged for wild salmon” Viewpoint in last week’s paper.

This is a matter that concerns me greatly. Growing up here on Salt Spring Island, wild salmon were abundant in our waters and much of our summer and fall recreation and food came from fishing for and eating the Coho grilse and occasional mature salmon that could be caught with hand lines from our row boat.

I left Salt Spring in 1953. When I returned 30 years later I was shocked by the lack of fish in these waters. What happened? Several things: the severe overfishing of local herring, the loss of spawning habitat in many streams and rivers, and more recently the open-net Atlantic salmon feed lots (fish farms) in the migratory path that our young wild salmon take as they leave their natal streams on their way to feed and grow to maturity in the open Pacific, and also when they return as adults to spawn. Many people were rightly concerned and appealed to government for help.

So 10 years ago we had the Cohen Commission to study scientifically the reasons for the decline of sockeye salmon returning to the Fraser River. Ordered by the federal government, this cost taxpayers \$26 million. The findings were that the open-net fish farms were a serious threat to our wild salmon, and it recommended that the open-net pens be removed from our wild salmon migration routes, includ-

ing the territory of the First Nations in the Broughton Archipelago, areas mentioned by Joe Akerman. The report also recommended a transition to closed containment fish farms only.

Closed containment is not only possible but it is practical and profitable and produces a healthier product. At the same time it leaves our ocean clean. Denmark profitably exports tons of salmon every year from its closed-containment salmon farms. There is no need for open-net pens.

Closed containment is not only possible but it is practical and profitable and produces a healthier product. At the same time it leaves our ocean clean.

Unfortunately, the federal government has procrastinated for 10 years and failed to require and enforce these changes, and the B.C. government has continued to provide fish farm leases.

The open-net pens allow effluent, parasites and disease organisms, chemicals, antibiotics and hormones to flow into the surrounding water and ocean floor. Recently on the news

there were pictures of fish blood and parasites being pumped into the ocean from a farmed fish processing plant near Campbell River. These things harm and endanger not only our wild salmon but other fish and sea life. Shellfish are filter feeders and they also are contaminated. These are the traditional food source of First Nations, and also for other coastal people who enjoy gathering and eating seafood.

Now with the added authority of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People it may be possible to get

the mostly foreign-owned open-net-pen salmon farms out of our waters and restore our wonderful wild Pacific salmon, which are surely a national treasure we should protect at all costs.

With Joe Akerman I urge people to write Premier John Horgan with your concerns as he is presently considering the upcoming decision of whether to renew the five-year fish-farm leases in First Nations territory.

The writer is a long-time Salt Spring resident.

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THEATRE ARTS

WordPlay group gets back in action after long break

Lettice and Lovage readings Feb 3 & 4

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An island theatrical tradition is set to return after a long hiatus when WordPlay presents *Lettice and Lovage*, an award-winning play by Peter Shaffer, in February.

Though the performers involved have long experience treading the boards, there will be no treading of the polished wood at Lions Hall during their Feb. 3 and 4 dates. WordPlay is all about the language of the script, and staged readings with little expressive movement beyond facial expression is the norm.

"The more we move, the less they listen," explained Ann Stewart, a WordPlay founder and frequent participant who has brought the group back with help from Mary Lowery.

Stewart and the late Richard Moses debuted the risky concept of performing full-length readings of plays with *The Importance of Being Earnest* in 2003. Their smash success led them to immediately start casting for their second outing, Tennessee William's *Glass Menagerie*.

A flurry of activity continued over



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring theatrical personages Ann Stewart, left, and Mary Lowery will take leading roles in WordPlay reading performances this Saturday and Sunday at Lions Hall.

the next five or six years, with multiple performances each year. Moses and Lowery both appeared in WordPlay's 17th production, Neil Simon's *I Ought to be in Pictures*, in 2008. According to Driftwood files, this may have been the group's last production before its hiatus, as Moses

moved on to help set up the island's first radio station.

Lowery said she joined shortly after moving to Salt Spring. Although she used to teach drama and has performed on stage, doing staged readings for an audience was a new experience.

"It was great because it opened up new possibilities for me, and it also allowed me to meet a lot of fun people who like words, language and performance," Lowery said.

"The really nice thing about doing WordPlay is for people who can't put the time in to learn scripts, it allows broader participation in theatre."

The interest in the words themselves is a key feature of WordPlay. Lowery and Stewart explained that in regular theatre performances the language often gets lost because so much else is happening on stage. WordPlay readings are prepared in advance, but the actors don't do anything that would take away from the playwright's skill in crafting the dialogue.

"If you see people in the audience with their eyes closed it's not because they're sleeping — they're listening," Stewart said.

The WordPlay leads have selected an interestingly timely piece for their return. *Lettice and Lovage* was written especially for Maggie Smith, after she complained to Shaffer that he only wrote plays for men. (He's the author of *Equus*, *Amadeus* and various other male-centred dramas.) The 1990 play ended up producing Tony Awards for both Smith

and co-star Margaret Tyzack, plus nominations for best play and best director.

Lettice and Lovage is about a tour guide at a 16th-century manor house and the visitor she butts heads with, with Stewart and Lowery facing off in the main parts.

"They're fun roles. They're very opinionated women," Lowery said.

Additional characters include a lawyer, who will be read by Lyle Petch, and an underling played by Lynda Jensen.

"It's about magic and truth and beauty — these three things — and the way they can be manipulated and the way that they work," Stewart summed up.

"Elizabethan dainties" to match the manor house setting will be served as refreshments at the shows, which run at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Lions Hall. Entrance is free, but donations toward costs are gratefully accepted.

WordPlay is hoping to resume its former busy cycle with at least two performances each year. Participation is by audition. Anyone who has ideas about plays for future readings should contact Stewart at ann.stewart@shaw.ca or Lowery at lowery-mary@hotmail.com.

BOOKS

Writer reflects on island life

Dan Jason shares songs and poetry from the '70s

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After living on Salt Spring Island for over 40 years, Dan Jason has a lot of stories.

Jason came to the island in 1976 and immediately got a job serving beer at the pub in the Harbour House Hotel. Back then, things were a bit rowdier at the Harbour House, which prompted Jason to write a book of pub songs called *West Coast Whimsy and Womanance*. Now, he has re-published those original songs in a collection called *Songs Sung Then: 40 Years on Salt Spring Island*.

"You'd walk in there through the same back door that exists now and immediately you just got hit by the smoke because you were allowed to smoke and everybody did smoke," Jason said about the old bar at the Harbour House Hotel. "The walls were yellow from the smoke and there were no windows. There was no air in the place. It looked just like going into a Star Wars bar somewhere with all of these crazy characters."

When Jason came to Salt Spring, it was a very different place. The Harbour House pub was often a wild place to work, with people playing pranks on the bartender, riding horses up to the bar, crashing trucks into the doors and other shenanigans. Jason was a young poet at the time and many of the mishaps and experiences went into his songs.

"It was pretty crazy, it was wild. A lot of things went on," he said. "It was a small town beer parlour, so you can imagine. I caught some of them in my songs and they became



DAN JASON

famous . . . the thing that really sold the book and was really popular at the time were those things."

The songs originally were all published in his earlier book, but the new collection is more of a curated version. Encouraged by his children — who he sang some of the

tunes to as he was putting them to bed — he decided to re-publish the songs into this new collection.

"I still think to this day that I captured some pretty good stuff with the words that I used. It has regular meter and rhyme, but the poetry was good. It was kind of hard to write a song. You listen to the lyrics of a song and many of them are just a few sentences repeated over and over. What I tried to do was make them a bit richer with richer language and yet still be songs."

The book is split into five sections, each full of songs related to a theme. Most are pub songs about the Harbour House. There are also love songs, introspective tunes, a Salt Spring Island anthem and a section of whimsical songs from the late 1970s. The sections of the book are divided by illustrations of mandalas drawn by Jason's daughter Naomi Jason.

"It's pretty cool. It sort of reflects the 40 years. I've been here for 40 years, so I can almost start to be called a local," he said.

The book is available through Salt Spring Books, and Jason is planning on doing a reading at the Salt Spring Public Library, but no date has been set.



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Open House

Tuesday, February 6
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Harbour House Hotel,
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Request for Comment

Thursday, February 8
12 p.m. Lions Club, Hart
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103 Bonnet Avenue
(During the Town Hall
portion of LTC meeting)

Who should attend?

Anyone affected by
the proposed
liquor license
application.



Enquiries?

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Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Application

License Amendment For:

121 Upper Ganges Road (Harbour House Hotel)

**OPEN HOUSE &
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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is the proposed liquor license application about?

If approved, the application would allow:

- Liquor Primary License for 209 patrons (80 indoor/129 patio)
- Food Primary License for 280 patrons (conference facilities)
- Entertainment Endorsement (conference facilities)

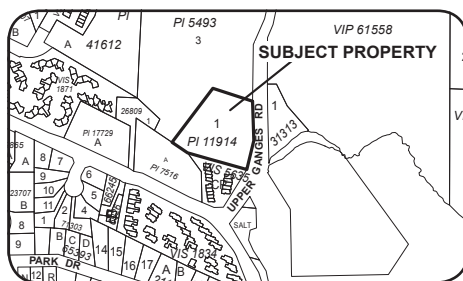
As the local government of jurisdiction, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is required to provide resolutions and comments on the application to the general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for consideration.

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26, 2018.

The Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution concerning this
application during the regular business meeting immediately following
the Town Hall on February 8, 2018, at the Lions Club, Hart Bradley Hall
on Salt Spring Island.



ARTISTS

Salt Spring craft-makers plan next Vancouver show

City event draws home island benefits

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's creative class is once again preparing to dress up and show off its best in the city, with the Made on Salt Spring exhibition booked at Vancouver's Heritage Hall during spring break.

The three-day curated show running March 23-25 features independent Salt Spring makers, designers, artists and artisans. Made on Salt Spring is the new edition, based on the model that a group of market vendors ran for three years as Salt Spring in the City. Jewellery maker Alvaro Sanchez, who participated in all three events, and original producer Cheyenne Goh have teamed up to relaunch the concept.

"It was the most fun I had at a craft show ever, and the sense of community was incredible," Sanchez said about wanting to recreate the Heritage Hall experience.

"I thought the model we had was excellent, so I'm sticking pretty much to what we had. The only thing I want to do especially is bring more people through the door."

One other change is the catchy acronym, MOSS, which speaks to the down-to-earth environment

"It was the most fun I had at a craft show ever, and the sense of community was incredible."

ALVARO SANCHEZ
Producer, Made on Salt Spring

from where the products come.

Sanchez said March is a good time of year for local vendors to go on the road. They're done with craziness of the Christmas season and have restocked their products, but Salt Spring's Saturday Market has yet to open.

Exporting Salt Spring to another location helps bring island creativity to a new audience but also reconnects a sense of community. Sanchez said many of the people coming through the hall either grew up on Salt Spring and want a taste of home, or they are frequent visitors or part-time island homeowners.

At the same time, bringing Salt Spring to Vancouver has the demonstrated effect of enticing people who appreciate arts and crafts to the island. Sanchez said he's seen

many customers from Vancouver turn up at his summer market stall. The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and Salt Spring Accommodations Group have had booths at Heritage Hall in the past to encourage visits to the island.

While some venues have been known to capitalize on the Salt Spring brand without actually representing pure island content, MOSS participants, producers and contracted supporters are 100 per cent local, including web design by Christina Heinemann and photos by Michael Levy. Salt Spring Arts Council is a key sponsor.

Sanchez was a longtime board member of the arts council and its chair for two years, during which time the organization introduced its showcase exhibition program. He's also done a lot of volunteering over the years, and feels that MOSS fits into that part of his life.

"This to me is much more than business; it's a community event," he said. "That aspect has kept me interested, and I also see it as a long-term venture."

MOSS is a curated show, ensuring quality and diversity. There is still room for more vendors to participate: visit the website madeonsaltspring.ca to download the application form or call Sanchez at 250-537-9102 to inquire.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEVY

Made on Salt Spring producer Alvaro Sanchez brings a wheelbarrow-ful of locally made goodies to the Ganges floatplane dock for transport.

CANADA 150

Klassen legacy project wins Canada Council support

Model fees to be distributed Sunday

People who took part in Greg Klassen's banner project We are Salt Spring, We are Canada last year can expect to receive a modest contribution for their time in addition to a month of local fame.

The Canada Council for the Arts has retroactively funded

the banner, which was displayed on Lower Ganges Road in October 2017. Project lead and photographer Greg Klassen had applied for support for his unique Canada 150 project, but died suddenly just four days after it was unveiled.

"The Canada Council doesn't normally fund projects retroactively, but they were making a special exception this past year due to some

delays with their new process," explained Klassen's wife Andrea Locke.

The banner was prominent for its vivid portraits of islanders, many of whom came from the disability community served by the Gulf Islands Families Together Society as well as other people representing a diverse community.

"Greg only started producing socially engaged art, or

art to promote constructive social change, after he arrived on Salt Spring, and I think the influence of the community here had everything to do with that," Locke said. "He would have been so thrilled to receive the Canada Council grant as he felt very strongly about the importance of the social statement it was making."

"I think 'bittersweet' is the right word to describe my

reaction to receiving that award letter the month after his death — I am a little bit heartbroken that he never got the chance to know what the Canada Council reviewers thought of his proposal; apparently they were pretty blown away by it. At the same time, I'm happy that they recognized the value of his work."

Funding was received shortly before Christmas.

The budget for the project included \$25 for each of the 160 models who were photographed for the banner. These payments can be picked up from Locke at the GIFTS open house taking place this Sunday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Other opportunities to pick up the model fee will be provided for those who can't make it on Sunday, with dates to be announced

RECITAL

Classical guitarist plays

Jane Sellwood at Tea à Tempo

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

The popular concert series called Tea à Tempo resumes for the 2018 season on Wednesday, Feb. 7 with the intimate music of classical guitarist Jane Sellwood.

A long-time amateur player, Sellwood started playing the guitar as a teenager and began serious study of classical guitar in her adult years both in Canada and Japan. Although there are musicians in her family, her own interest lies primarily in playing for pleasure and rising to the challenge of mastering the demanding music for the classical instrument.

Sellwood has enjoyed playing

in several guitar ensembles, most recently the Victoria Conservatory Guitar Orchestra.

Sellwood moved from Victoria two years ago to make her home on Salt Spring Island. Music Makers is pleased to welcome her to the island's musical community and her debut performance in the Tea à Tempo afternoon recital series.

Her chosen program includes a lively variety of 19th- and 20th-century pieces from the classical guitar repertoire by composers such as Francisco Tarrega and Leo Brouwer.

Music begins in All Saints By-the-Sea at 2:10 p.m. and is followed by tea and treats at a nominal cost.

Donations are gratefully received towards the performing artists and for the running of the series.

Spirit of Salt Spring



Cherie Geauvreau, right, accepts a \$5,000 donation from Emma-Louise Elsey of The Coaching Tools (a division of Simplicity Life Coaching Ltd.) for the Copper Kettle Community Partnership. Supported solely by Salt Spring Islanders, Copper Kettle offers emergency supplies to people without homes or shelter, has a food program to help low and fixed-income families and seniors eat and stay healthy, among other projects.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits. CALL DRIFTWOOD EDITOR GAIL SJUBERG FOR DETAILS.

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what's on this week



Wed. Jan. 31

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime at the Library. Wednesdays at the Salt Spring Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Best suited kids under 4 and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome.

Proportional Representation and How it Works.

South Salt Spring Seniors host talk by Bob Mackie. Public welcome. OAP Anderson Room at Fulford Hall. 2:30 p.m.

Book Launch: Precocious Twins – Crossing Literary Boundaries.

Nowick Gray presents two new genre-busting novels — Red Rock Road, Light Blue Sea, and The Last Book — at Salt Spring Public Library. 7:30 p.m.

SS Film Fest: Shut Up and Say Something.

Melanie Wood's film is a deep sea dive into the emotional pain and poetry of Shane Koyczan, revealing new shades of his colourful personality. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



Thu. Feb. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Thu. Feb. 1

ACTIVITIES

Cetacea Lab Talk with Janie Wray. The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club presents talk with Janie Wray, Cetacea Lab researcher, about her work with lab that specializes in listening to hydrophone recordings of whale activity on the northern coast. Lions Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

Open Poetry Mic with Christine Lowther. Salt Spring Public Library. Reader sign-up 6:45 p.m., open mic at 7 and reading by guest poet at 7:30.

Have Fun Learning Squash. Drop-in introductory sessions at the new squash court at the golf club (805 Lower Ganges Rd) every Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info at www.saltspring-squash.ca.

Removing the Mask: Rethinking the Culture of Masculinity. Spice of Life Sexual Health Education hosts two-hour discussion-style workshop led by Tuval Dinner Nafshi, a sexual health educator and violence-prevention facilitator from Edmonton who specializes in healthy relationships, consent, gender equity and healthy masculinity. A men-only event at All-Saints-By-the-Sea Church. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Forum presents Alex Butterfield. Former senior U.S. defence intelligence official joins SS Forum for conversation "Are We Headed Toward a Nuclear War?" ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jessie of Arcadian Suns. Indie, folk, rock and reggae at Woodley's at the Harbour House Hotel. Every Friday. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Sculptural Felting. Guest artist Connie Morey leads a day of creative play with felting. No experience necessary. Ages 12+. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Intuitive Abstract Painting. Art class for kids aged 9-12 at Ocean Art Studio + Gallery in Merchant Mews. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

StoryTime at the Library. Fridays at the Salt Spring Public Library in the library children's corner. Best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers. 11 a.m.

Family Literacy Day Party at the Library. This year's theme is Fun With Cooking. Practise literacy skills by making playdough, mixing a mocktail, writing a recipe, listening to a story and more. Plus free books and door prizes. Best suited to kids aged 3 to 8 and their caregivers. 1 to 2 p.m.

Imbolc Public Ritual. Ritual calling on great Goddess Brigid, who rules Imbolc, to show how to craft words of liberation, sharpen the tools of resistance and find inspiration to move forward toward a world of peace, justice and connectivity. Hosted by Seraphina Capranos at Beaver Point Hall. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Patrick Zelinski. Instrumental music featuring shades of jazz, classical, folk and soul. Woodley's at the Harbour House Hotel. Every Saturday. 6 to 9 p.m.

WordPlay Presents Lettice & Lovage. Staged reading of play made famous by Maggie Smith. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.



Jack Mancor. Australian singer-songwriter performs folk and roots music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Breathwork & Botanicals Retreat. Taught by Vancouver guest artist, Nicole Roosen at Ocean Art Studio & Gallery. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

WordPlay Presents Lettice & Lovage. See Saturday's listing, except time is 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Breathwork & Botanicals Retreat. See Saturday's listing.

SS Unitarian Fellowship. Singing Service with Barbara Slater. No special talent required; children and visitors welcome. SS Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m.

GIFTS Farewell & Welcome Party. Farewell to manager Denise Devlin and welcome to new manager Elizabeth Dow. GIFTS building. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Super Bowl LII. Viewing party at Woodley's, Harbour House Hotel. 3:30 p.m.



Jessie of Arcadian Suns plays on Fridays at Woodley's at the Harbour House.

Mon. Feb. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Remi Bolduc Jazz Ensemble – Swingin' With Oscar. Tribute to Oscar Peterson, with Rémi Bolduc on saxophone, Fraser Hollins on double bass, Dave Laing on drums, and special guest pianist Taurey Butler. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Bar open at 6:30.

ACTIVITIES

Scottish Country Dance Club Open House. Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dance Club invites all interested to a no-charge, no-obligation, "give it a try" dance session from 6 to 7 p.m. All Saints upper hall. Info: duplma1@outlook.com.



Music Bingo. Every Monday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Tue. Feb. 6

ACTIVITIES

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

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



Wed. Feb. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Jane Sellwood. Popular concert series resumes for the 2018 season with the intimate music of classical guitar player Jane Sellwood. All Saints. 2:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime at the Library. See last Wednesday's listing.

14,000 years at "EkTb-9": A Heiltsuk First Nation Village Site. Salt Spring Island Historical Society hosts presentation highlighting the intersection of archeology and First Nations oral history on Triquet Island. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

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CINEMA

- **Darkest Hour** — With the threat of Nazi invasion imminent, and his own party plotting against him, Winston Churchill must rally a nation and attempt to change the course of world history. Stars Gary Oldman as Churchill. Nominated for six Oscars, including best picture and best actor.
- **Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** — With no culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes paints three signs with a message for the town's chief of police. His assistant — a violent man — gets involved, making things worse. Also nominated for six Oscars, including best picture and best actress (Frances McDormand).
- **The National Theatre Live - Young Marx** — The creators of One Man, Two Guvnors launch a new London theatre with 'Young Marx,' an epic farce about the political theorist in his boozy young troublemaker days, starring Rory Kinnear. One day only: Thurs., Feb. 15 with shows at 3 and 7 p.m. Email thefritz@hotmail.ca to reserve tickets.

EXHIBITIONS

- Long-time Fernwood-area resident Bruce McPhee holds an art show at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through March 17.

EXHIBITIONS

- Looking Up is a display of art by **Suzanne Prendergast** and photographs by **Bill Underwood** hanging in the **ArtSpring** lobby through February.
- Art display for How a Dream Became a Book, "**7 Billion Angels Whispering We Love You**," by **Kim Tebbutt** (author) & **Sarah Penhale** (illustrator) runs at the Salt Spring Library Program Room until Feb. 2.
- Forgotten Females of Salt Spring Island, an exhibition featuring how four self-taught female artists, **Florence Walter, Sophie King, Beryl Weatherell** and **Gwen Ruckle**, built community through their artistic practice, runs in the **Library Program Room** from Feb. 6 to 28. Curated by **Regan Shrumm** through the Salt Spring Arts Council's Artist in Residence program. Opening reception on Feb. 10 features a curator's talk.
- Paintings by **Jeff Lederman** are on display at **Dragonfly Art Supplies & Gallery** until Feb. 10.
- **Judy McPhee** has photographs hanging in **TJ Beans** through February.
- **Tina Spalding** shows her work at **Barb's**.

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BC HISTORY

Ancient Heiltsuk village at heart of talk

Alisha Gauvreau on 14,000 years at 'EkTb-9'

SUBMITTED BY SS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Salt Spring Historical Society is hosting a presentation highlighting the intersection of archaeology and First Nations oral history at its Feb. 7 meeting at Central Hall.

Alisha Gauvreau, a PhD student in the Department of Anthropology at UVic and fellow of the Hakai Institute, will speak about her work at an ancient Heiltsuk village. "EkTb-9" is one of the oldest and longest-occupied sites on the northwest coast of North America with a 14,000-year record of repeated human occupation.

With the Hakai Ancient Landscape Archaeology Project team led by professor Duncan McLaren, Gauvreau explored layers of shell midden and peat deposits, some rich with wooden tools and other objects found only in this rare type of wet site. In 2016 the team uncovered an ancient hearth 2.5 metres below the surface that was associated with a cache of discarded stone tool fragments. Flecks of charcoal were collected from the hearth and radiocarbon dated, confirming the deep history of the site.

Next Wednesday's presentation will illuminate the various layers excavated at EkTb-9, describing some of the methods used and the interesting artifacts recovered. Preliminary ideas about resource use and landscape management are explored, as well as the ways in which this site contributes to a broader understanding of human settlement on the northwest coast of North America following the end of the last glacial maximum.

The project has been conducted through ongoing collaboration with the Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management Department and other Heiltsuk community members. Heiltsuk oral history and traditional ecological knowledge are interwoven with archaeo-



PHOTO COURTESY SS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PhD student Alisha Gauvreau works at an ancient First Nations site in northwest B.C. Gauvreau will talk about her research at next Wednesday's Salt Spring Historical Society event.

logical methods to enhance the collective understanding of the history and life ways of the first peoples to inhabit Triquet Island, and

the broader Nulawitxv tribal area.

The Central Hall presentation begins at 2 p.m.

GARDENING

Growers ramp up for Seedy Saturday

Annual event starts garden season on Salt Spring

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This year's Seedy Saturday will be on Feb. 10 at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute.

The event marks the beginning of Salt Spring Island's growing season, with local vendors, speakers, workshops and other exhibitors who will bring the excitement of locally produced food to the island. A workshop series will also be held at the institute on Sunday.

Dan Jason from the Salt Spring Island Seed Sanctuary will be at the event to launch the new seed library and seed allotment gardens. The library is similar to a traditional library, but containing seeds instead of books. The seeds, which include a number of local varieties, will be available to members of the

sanctuary society. Seed allotment plot details will also be given out.

"That's going to be the big moment when people will have the opportunity to sign up if they want plots," said Jason.

The event's main attraction is the seed sale and exchange. Saving and re-using seeds goes back thousands of years to the beginning of agriculture. The practise promotes local food security and keeps food free from genetically modified organisms, pests and any other additives. People are invited to bring their seeds to the exchange to continue the food security tradition.

"Expect really good food and a lot of camaraderie," said Jason. "Everybody's sort of on the same page, it's not competitive. Everybody's working together for seed security and food security. It's pretty special."

Seedy Saturday is expected to bring in 300 to 400 people, said organizer Ben Corno in an email. Some of the

exhibitors include Eagleridge Seeds, Brother Nature, Metchosin Farm and Salt Spring Apple Company, among others. There will also be booths promoting agricultural advocacy, plants for sale and three free talks. A hot breakfast will be provided by Hips and Haws Catering.

Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Sunday schedule sees two workshops offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.: saving seeds from the cucurbit (squash) family, and basic soap making. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. an apple tree grafting workshop takes place.

An irrigation workshop runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while from 1 to 3 p.m. a session titled How to Make a Small Fortune in Farming is offered by Rod Martens of Chorus Frog Farm.

Workshop preregistration is appreciated with an email to [ssiseedysaturday@gmail.com](mailto:ssi-seedysaturday@gmail.com).

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VOLUNTEERISM

Carol Biely's volunteer legacy leaves strong foundation

Island woman's commitment to philanthropy and service celebrated

BY LESLEY REYNOLDS

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION

It's a well-known fact that volunteers are the life blood of our island community, supporting the many non-profit organizations that keep Salt Spring functioning as a vibrant, involved and caring community.

Some volunteers leave a profound and lasting legacy, shaping and growing the organizations they serve. For the past 11 years, Carol Biely was such a volunteer for the Salt Spring Island Foundation, the local community foundation that supports island charities. Now that Biely has officially retired from the foundation board, she is due much recognition for her years of work for Salt Spring and her commitment to philanthropy and service.

As board chair from 2006 to 2015, Biely adeptly guided the foundation's growth as its community endowment fund grew from \$2 million to over \$6 million and the amount granted to community charities climbed to \$1.6 million. She was a strong leader through economic ups and downs and built an effective team, increasing the number of volunteer committees and opening a staffed office. Through it all, Biely



PHOTO COURTESY SSI FOUNDATION

Carol Biely in her rose garden. Biely has retired from the Salt Spring Island Foundation board after many years of service.

maintained a personal touch, frequently communicating with foundation donors and fostering connections in the community.

Current foundation chair Kees Ruurs said, "Carol has been the driving force behind the Salt Spring Island Foundation for the past decade. Many people in the community know and respect Carol, and this helped her grow the foundation

from a relatively small organization to an important player in community philanthropy."

Biely's commitment to non-profit work began when she was only 20, when she took a job with the Greater London Fund for the Blind. What followed was a career in non-profit management and promoting volunteerism and service to her community. Biely worked in Richmond for many years, retiring from her position as executive director of Richmond Connections (now Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives) in 1995.

Following her move to Salt Spring in 1997, Biely immediately began volunteering.

She said, "As a newcomer, volunteering made me feel like a real community member. It gave me a life here."

Despite busy work and volunteer schedules, Biely and her husband Bob have raised two daughters, travelled widely, built a house with a splendid parklike garden, provided a second home for their daughter's beloved Labrador retriever — and kept interested in all aspects of life and living.

Reflecting on her years at the helm of the foundation, Biely notes that it was an opportunity and a privilege to be part of the organization. She gives credit to those preceding her who recognized the importance of a community foundation.

"We built on the ideas that others had brought forward. A small group of former board members like Bob Rush, Tom Toynbee, Patrick Lee and others did every-

thing themselves. They worked hard to keep the foundation going and some of them are still involved after decades of service."

She is most proud of building and maintaining a team and system that worked well.

"It was a huge amount of work when I started, but we brought talented people together and let them get on with it. It's all about supporting community in a concerted effort, in a way that's professional but fun and lighthearted as well. We had a good time doing it and felt good about what we achieved."

Biely believes that the Salt Spring Island Foundation is extremely important to the vitality of the community and the future of the island.

"Our donors have confidence in us to use their gifts wisely. We help people do what they want to do with their money," she said.

Promoting volunteerism will always be a passion for Biely.

"People who have any kind of skill can put it to good use and the community will benefit and thank you. Everyone has something to give."

And while Biely may be spending more time with her roses next summer, no doubt she will continue to give, raising awareness of the importance of our community charities while staying in touch with the organization she served so well.

"People don't walk away from the foundation, but stay connected in some way."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Film festival anticipation begins

BY THERIN GOWER

SS FILM FESTIVAL SOCIETY

Passes are now available for the 19th annual Salt Spring Film Festival that will run March 2-4 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The festival features documentaries from around the world focused on social justice, human rights, the environment, gender issues, arts, culture, science, farming, education and more.

Why would someone choose to come to a festival instead of curling up at home and watching docs on Netflix?

First, these are not just any documentaries. They are chosen for their excellence by a selection committee of Salt Spring Islanders. We gather over 100 films through research, recommendation and submission. Some are quickly discarded because they clearly don't meet our quality standards. The full committee watches about 10 minutes of the rest, and then at least three members watch each film fully and report back. Next, the winnowing begins. Films are passionately defended, range of topic is zealously guarded, docs are moved up or down the scale of desirability. We emerge with a list we know will be too long.

It's too long because the second reason to come is to see films you can't see anywhere else. It's not a hard and fast rule, but we will drop some films because they will be shown on TV, online or on Netflix prior to the festival. What remains is unique. At the 2018 festival, you will be able to choose from 45 of these special documentaries and shorts.

The third reason is the special buzz you get from watching films in a group. At the opening gala Friday night, hundreds of us gather in the multi-purpose room to watch one great film together (and to buy yummy food to savour). Saturday and Sunday, there are six docs to choose from in each of four time slots per day. You will see every film you pick with other people who also chose it, people who share your curiosity and anticipation.

This leads to reason #4: the fun and stimulation of discussing the films. In some cases, there will be filmmakers in attendance to answer your questions. Otherwise, the multi-purpose room downstairs has lots of seating and delicious food and drink for purchase. Gather with old friends or make new ones as you spark fascinating ideas and inspiring visions.

And if all those aren't reason enough, come to experience the social justice bazaar. There is no need to purchase a pass for this part of the festival. Just come to GISS between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday to see eye-opening displays and talk to islanders about amazing projects to improve our world.

For more information, see www.saltspringfilmfestival.com.

Meanwhile, don't forget the showing of the profound documentary *Shut Up and Say Something*, featuring spoken word artist Shane Koyczan, at ArtSpring tonight, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The writer is a Salt Spring Film Festival Society board member.



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Changes to agricultural policies and the regulation of farming in Rural Watershed 1 and 2 Zones

Bylaws No. 487 and 496

PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaw changes about?

Bylaw No. 496 amends Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan policies to allow the Local Trust Committee to introduce new farm regulations on lands outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve for reasons of water quality and environmental protection.

Bylaw No. 487 introduces new regulations for farming in the Rural Watershed 1 and 2 zones. Specifically, Bylaw 487 will:

- Prohibit "intensive agriculture" in the Rural Watershed zones;
- Introduce a 15 metre setback for agriculture from the natural boundary of all water bodies in the Rural Watershed zones; and
- Make several additional minor changes concerning agricultural regulations.

How do I get more information?

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A one hour Community Information Meeting will be held at Meaden Hall, Salt Spring Island Legion (downstairs) on the day of the Public Hearing from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to answer any questions the public may have about the proposed bylaw changes. Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

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ECOLOGY

Environmental groups looking out for killer whales

Charities recommend new protective regulations

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Environmental charities Raincoast Conservation Foundation and the Watershed Watch Salmon Society are recommending the government of Canada impose an emergency order to help save the vulnerable southern resident killer whale population.

The charities have sent a petition to the federal government recommending Cabinet issue an emergency order under the Species at Risk Act to protect the whale population. The recommendations detail ways to boost the amount of chinook salmon that make up the whales' food as well as reduce noise pollution by reducing fishing and boat traffic in areas around Vancouver Island. The whales' biggest threat is the reduction of their prey and noise caused by vessel traffic.

While there are many whales in the area, southern resident killer whales are distinct from other killer whale populations.

Misty MacDuffee, a biologist

with the Raincoast Conservation Foundation, explained that the whales are "classified as a distinct ecotype. There are killer whales all over the world and they tend to specialize on certain species . . . Resident killer whales all over the world are fish eaters, but depending on where in the world, they are eating different fish."

The southern residents eat chinook salmon, which have been decimated by human fishing in the area for years.

"What we know now is that there are these really strong bonds and social cohesion amongst pod members," said MacDuffee. "We know now that these are matrilineal family units, these pods of whales that make up the southern residents . . . We know they have a distinct language."

The whales not only share a language but also share their food and only breed within their specific populations.

After being attacked by the aquarium boom in the 1960s and 1970s, the population of the southern resident whales has not been able to recover.

Whales rely on their ears the way humans rely on their eyes. Increased shipping, whale watching and commercial activity in the Salish Sea have essentially



PHOTO BY NOAA

Part of the southern resident killer whale population that two environmental charities aim to protect.

drowned the area in white noise from boat engines. Higher levels of noise have reduced the area in which the whales can hear each other to a fraction of what it would be naturally.

Greg Taylor, senior fisheries advisor for the Watershed Watch Salmon Society, said that "what's happening when you put high RPM engines all around them is that it disrupts their ability to communicate. They can't echolocate and the result is that it reduces their ability to effectively

forage."

The louder noise has also caused the whales to raise their communication volume, which takes more energy and creates the need for more food.

The current population of the southern resident killer whales is 76. According to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, that number has fluctuated from 71 individuals in 1974 — when the population assessments began — to 96 individuals in 1996.

"These small populations

become really vulnerable to random events and inbreeding," said MacDuffee. "The population just can't withstand the large kinds of events that more robust populations could."

According to a study published in June 2017, up to 69 per cent of all detected southern resident killer whale pregnancies failed. The study linked this to a lack of food, caused by the inability to hunt effectively.

"They rely on sound for everything they do," MacDuffee said.

CELEBRATIONS

GIFTS hosts open house

Managers' farewell/welcome party set for Sunday

Gulf Islands Families Together Society is holding an open house to thank outgoing manager Denise Devlin and welcome new manager Elizabeth Dow.

Everyone in the community is welcome at the event, which takes place this Sunday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the GIFTS building, 152 McPhillips Ave.

Devlin joined GIFTS as manager in the summer of 2012. Information provided by the society states she is looking forward to new challenges in the gerontology field and is currently studying towards a nursing degree.

"We are truly grateful for her years of service to the society and thank her for the many important projects she undertook on our behalf," Andrea Locke said for the GIFTS families.

"Denise intends to remain on Salt

Spring and to continue to be involved in projects at GIFTS."

Dow began her assignment as GIFTS manager on Monday, Jan. 29. According to the society, she brings four decades of experience in the social services field to her new position. She is a registered social worker with experience in community settings, as well as an academic who has been director of social work at the University of the Fraser Valley and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Dow has been involved in Salt Spring Hospice Society, Salt Spring Island Community Response Network, Salt Spring Island Social Justice Committee and the Canadian Federation of University Women (Salt Spring chapter).

Distribution of model fees to GIFTS members and other individuals who were photographed for the We are Salt Spring, We are Canada banner will also happen during the open house. See the related story on page 11.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Fun activities at Friday party

Cooking is theme of 2018 celebration

Family Literacy Day will be celebrated this Friday when the Salt Spring Public Library and Salt Spring Literacy Society once again invite community members to the party.

"Celebrate Family Literacy Day is an annual event that celebrates literacy in all its many forms," information from the two groups explains. "This year, Family Literacy Day is all about cooking."

Everyone is welcome. Kids ages three to eight and their caregivers in particular are

invited to come practise literacy skills by doing things like making playdough or mixing a mocktail from recipes. Writing a recipe and listening to stories are other activities to get involved in.

The event runs from 1 to 2 p.m. on Feb. 2, and includes free books and door prizes.



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INDUSTRIAL LANDS PROJECT

Proposed Amendments to the
Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan and
Land Use Bylaw to Implement the Outcomes of the
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
Industrial Lands Project Review and Consultations

Bylaws No. 488, 489, and 490

PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaw changes about?

Bylaw No. 488 amends the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan by introducing a new definition of "General Employment" as a basis for zoning changes in Land Use Bylaw No. 355 (LUB 355). Proposed policy changes will allow the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to consider future rezoning applications in specified areas of Salt Spring Island and will modify development permit guidelines to address new uses envisioned in Bylaw No. 489 including the addition of new guidelines for the protection of farming.

Bylaw No. 489 amends LUB 355 by replacing Section 9.7 with a new "General Employment" zoning structure which reworks the existing industrial land use framework by adding permitted uses, amending site coverage and setback regulations, as well as adding new zone variations.

Bylaw No. 490 amends LUB 355 by correcting the zoning classification of some existing Waste Management Facilities to more accurately reflect the uses and siting of these community facilities.

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EDUCATION

GISS student vetted for Loran prize

Interviews take place in
Toronto this week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School student Junan Adam-Gordon will be in Toronto this weekend along with 88 Loran Scholar finalists from across Canada.

Adam-Gordon has made it to the top tier from a list of 5,000 applicants, based on evidence of character, commitment to service in the community and leadership potential.

"It's a really big deal and I think it's really exciting, too. It's a big opportunity," Adam-Gordon said from his Salt Spring home on Saturday.

Each Loran award is valued at \$100,000 over four years of undergraduate study. The prize includes annual stipends, tuition waivers from a partner university, mentorship and summer internship funding as well as annual retreats and forums.

The Loran directors will select the 34 scholarship recipients for 2018 after two days of working with the finalists this weekend.

"To find Canada's next generation of leaders, we must look beyond grades and rankings to find the promise of character," the Loran website explains.

"At the Loran Scholars Foundation, we identify and support young people who have the integrity and courage to make difficult decisions, the perseverance to work towards long-term goals, the curiosity to better understand the world around them and the drive to make positive change in their communities."

Adam-Gordon had a varied education before entering GISS in Grade 9. From Montreal, his family had several moves before settling on Salt Spring when he was seven. Many of his early years on Salt Spring saw a combination of homeschooling and the WOLF Kids outdoor education program, although he attended Grade 5 at Fulford Elementary and Grade 7 at Salt Spring Middle School.

In the WOLF school Adam-Gordon learned traditional First Nations skills such as how to live off the land, build shelters, and build kayaks and canoes. He did academics at home with his mom during the same period.

"I've always been really interested in learning," Adam-Gordon said, adding his particular passions include history, social sciences and earth sciences such as ecology, geology and plate tectonics.

Grade 6 was spent travelling with his family while his father, a University of Victoria professor of religious studies, undertook a one-year sabbatical. Much of that year was spent in India and Nepal, as well as time visiting family members in Europe and Montreal.

"I think travelling is honestly one of the best educations you can get," Adam-Gordon said. "Just knowing what's going on around you and being aware is so important."

Joining a more traditional education for high school has also been a good experience for Adam-Gordon. He enjoyed Grade 9 and found the school environment to be extremely positive. His past two years have included being part of the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts in the music stream, where he plays violin and piano.



PHOTO COURTESY JUNAN ADAM-GORDON

Junan Adam-Gordon, a Grade 12 GISS student who is a Loran Scholarship finalist.

"Working with the actors and dancers together is a really cool thing," he said. "I really like that dynamic, and working together to form one united production is a really cool experience."

In terms of leadership potential, Adam-Gordon has much to offer as Loran-worthy material. He is one of a group of students to revive the idea of student council at GISS this year, mainly with the intention of providing an official avenue for voicing student wishes and concerns to the administration.

As part of the Our Roots group, Adam-Gordon and other friends walked 40 kilometres in one day to raise money for students in Kenya, recognizing that children in many parts of the world value school so much they take walks like that on a daily basis. The group intends to continue its work and look at other places to support.

"Clearly for us it was a long walk, but it was interesting and it was fun," Adam-Gordon said, adding the experience reminded him of his time in India and Nepal. "For kids over there, education is so important to them. When I came back I realized there's so many things we take for granted here."

Another project Adam-Gordon is involved in is getting a peer counselling program back in place at the high school. Like student council, it has been done before but faded out when the students who were most interested and involved graduated. To get prepared to offer confidential and non-judgmental counselling to their peers, students have been training with Christa Campsall, author of My Guide Inside, and sponsor teacher Sarah Hook-Nilsson.

Adam-Gordon said the program will be aimed at offering service to students who may feel more comfortable talking to someone close in age rather than an adult. He hopes to see

it up and running by April so that he and other Grade 12 students involved can be part of the action, and also to provide a good base for the student counsellors who will be continuing on next year.

Adam-Gordon will fly out from Victoria on Thursday and then meet up with other Loran finalists from Western Canada on a flight from Calgary. They'll be given extra time to rest before the intensive interview program starts on Friday. Two one-on-one interviews with different directors are scheduled for that day, with a third on Saturday, to be followed by a group lunch interview with other candidates. In the final session Adam-Gordon will face a panel comprising the four directors who individually oversaw his other interviews.

"It's going to be interesting. It's going to be really exciting," said Adam-Gordon, who has already passed interview sessions via Skype to get to this stage. He has also taken time to consult with GISS grad Cole Smith, who earned a Loran Scholarship in 2013.

The weekend also includes dinners and social events, so the finalists can get to know other youth leaders from across the nation. Flights and most of the expenses are covered by the scholarship program.

With partner universities located across the nation, Loran Scholars will find mentors in just about any institution they choose. The program encourages students to travel outside their home province for a broader experience unless there is a unique program that can't be found elsewhere. Adam-Gordon is considering UBC's archaeology department, with its focus on West Coast First Nations sites, for that reason.

If not selected as a Loran Scholar, Adam-Gordon will be eligible to receive a \$5,000 finalist award.

ISLANDERS

Pool manager Jim Raddysh retires



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Rainbow Road Indoor Pool manager Jim Raddysh, left, jokes with masters swimmer Susan Huber at the pool on Monday. After more than four decades spent working in aquatic facilities and 10 years at the Rainbow Road pool, Raddysh is retiring at the end of March. A farewell party is planned for Feb. 10.

Jim Raddysh has been working in pools for 42 years

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Visitors at the Rainbow Road Indoor Pool will no longer be seeing a familiar face as of March 31. Long-time pool head Jim Raddysh is retiring after 10 years at the facility.

Raddysh has been in and around pools for his whole life. He started swimming as a kid and like many waterlogged teenagers became a lifeguard. He then went on to create an aquatic facilities career. Now, after 42 years of working in pools around B.C., he is ready to slow down.

"I moved to Salt Spring in 2000, took over the outdoor pool in 2001 and the indoor pool opened in 2008. I've been operating it for the last 10 years, so it's time," he said.

Raddysh's retirement comes as the pool is undergoing a change in management. It has been run by a company called Recreation Excellence based in Surrey. Recreation Excellence operates the pool as an outside contractor paid by the Capital Regional District. As the current contract with the company is ending, the CRD has decided to take over management of the pool.

Raddysh's love for the pool prompted him to get two post-secondary degrees in recreation. He also worked as program coordinator for the Canadian Red Cross Society and oversaw the operations of all pools in northern B.C. and the Yukon. Though he has moved a lot

in his career, Salt Spring has been his home for close to two decades. He started working at Shelby Pool, which was the outdoor above-ground pool at Portlock Park. When the new building came on stream in 2008, he was asked to manage it.

"One of the things that I think is the most rewarding about this work is when you take that little person who doesn't want to put their face in the water and then they put their face in the water and then they start to swim, because now that person, number one, is safer in and around the water, and also the world of activities opens up to them."

"There's a lot of things about my aquatic time here on Salt Spring that I'm very proud of and one of them is that swim meet."

JIM RADDYSH
Manager, Rainbow Road Indoor Pool

Through his time at the Salt Spring pool, Raddysh contributed a lot to the programming and day-to-day function of the facility. One of the accomplishments he is most proud of is the Salt Spring Island swim meet. Because of Shelby Pool's size, it was not a suitable venue for a swim competition. Pools must be exactly 25 metres long and have enough room for at least six lanes for swimmers. However, St. Mary

Lake was a perfect option for an outdoor event. The pool became a staging area for the meet and the competition was held in the lake.

"There's a lot of things about my aquatic time here on Salt Spring that I'm very proud of and one of them is that swim meet," he said. "They still call it the open water swim meet and they still do races in the lake as a result of that."

Now that Raddysh is retiring, he plans to take some time for himself on his sailboat, slow down and enjoy life a bit more. A lifeguard's job is difficult in that there is always a niggling feeling of dread that something could happen at the pool. Raddysh is looking forward to being able to enjoy the water without that worry.

More than four decades of work has given Raddysh enough memories to fill a swimming pool. Some of the times on Salt Spring were the best of them all.

"A real rewarding and memorable day was the day that we opened [the Rainbow Road pool]. It took 39 years to get that pool built," he said. "So I was very proud to be heading the ship of that operation. I had never run a brand new pool before and I'd always moved into facilities that existed. That was a real milestone."

Beyond swimming, Raddysh is an accomplished musician. His group, Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band, will be playing on Feb. 10 at Lions Hall to celebrate his retirement. Admission is free and music starts at 8 p.m.

If you have a fond memory of Raddysh at the pool, or were taught how to swim by him, he would love to see you there.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Month # 2 of Year # 11 begins. 11 is the primary Master Number in Numerology and can be understood not only as a metaphysical number but, more accurately, as the Number of Metaphysics. Generally, 11 can be understood as a number symbolic of higher levels of intelligence and creativity. This can be understood as the balance and dynamic interaction of the right and the left brain. This is the high side of 11. This is not to say that every person who has 11 in their birth date or astrology is a creative genius. In fact, 11 can also be understood as 'a number to be mastered'. People born on either the 11th day or, perhaps to a lesser extent the 29th day, or month (November) or during an 11-year, such as 2009 and 2018, or who have the sign of Aquarius strongly activated in their chart or with the Sun, Moon or several planets in the 11th House are, or will be (children born in 2018), challenged to learn to listen deeply and pay closer attention to what others are saying and doing. This is important to overcome the pitfalls of making assumptions based on subconscious overconfidence in their interpretation, which has the tendency to produce fixed convictions and polarized perspectives which often result in interpersonal conflict and subsequent frustration and insecurity when others react to these strong assertions. In other words, they may be guilty of creative thinking that is fabricating reality or fudging the facts without realizing it and then assumes an attitude or stance of certainty and conclusion in their convictions. This may also prove to be generally true for us all in 2018.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Social involvements with friends of late are a source of entertainment and new realizations. You are inspired to take action on some of these, which could include travel plans. Financial interests and/or concerns remain prominently on your mind. You yearn for a breakthrough or is it a break-away? Adventure is calling.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

You yearn to shake-things-up in your public and professional life. Your ambitions are strong these days and increase and expansion are topping your list. Brainstorming for new ideas and strategies may feel necessary. Adding to your tool list or implementing fresh approaches and strategies is likely. Meanwhile, measurable changes in your usual approaches are brewing.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Some rather serious and sobering events last month have shifted to give way to more exciting and enjoyable times including cultural events. Big changes continue to percolate, however, and represent a deep process of change – a veritable metamorphosis. The process will continue for many months but you may already be able to detect it.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

New commitments that began as early as December have required more discipline, patience and commitment than perhaps anticipated. These are all a feature of big changes in your overall public status. Positively, these have produced some pleasant, unexpected turns. One thing seems certain, everything feels different somehow.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

New developments are stirring on relationship fronts. Experimenting with new approaches is a source of excitement. These may be linked to innovative and technological strategies. You have recently entered an important cycle linked to knowledge and the cultivation and refinement of latent skills and talents.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

If noticeable changes are not unfolding in your life, you may want them to be and they likely will be soon. It may take until later in February, however, before they become really evident. So, anticipate that and make your preparations accordingly. Covering a lot of ground implies multi-tasking and/or having a variety of projects on the go.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

You are in a creative cycle and it just got a boost of inspiration which is serving to ignite your intuitions. You are on a search for new talents, skills and investment opportunities. Dreams of activating new financial streams linger day and night. Contending with inner resistance, perhaps linked to hidden fears, is important for success.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Gathering facts, outlining a plan and setting clear and strong intentions, continues as a central theme. Whether in your actual lair or the lab of your mind, the drafting process is underway. A learning curve is implied, but the pace is slow and steady. This is an expansive time and your ambitions are strongly set on achieving a breakthrough.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

You are beginning to see the world as with new eyes. The currents of change are pushing you to achieve new perspectives of both yourself and the world and yourself in the world. If you have fixed convictions about these things you may be undergoing a lot of internal conflicts. Focus to identify fears causing you to reactively control and trust the flow.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Many fresh starts are underway. These come on the heels of many changes and probably of endings that culminated late last year. The pace of change since has been fast and you may have and continue to feel challenged to catch-up. Positively, you are excited regarding the prospects of exploring new possibilities and on a variety of fronts.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

The coming Solar Eclipse New Moon in your sign on February 15th is certain to activate measurable changes in your life. This is especially true if you were born on or between February 11 and 19th and probably even more so if between the 14th and 16th. As ever, there are many factors to consider. In any case, enjoy the current pace and get ready for things to accelerate.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

A busy time behind the scenes continues. Things have probably taken off early for you this year. A push in your public and professional life is indicated. By now, it has lead you to do the work. A steadily changing financial picture is motivating your focus, either by inspiration or necessity, or both. Persevere patiently by working on your core strengths and foundation-building projects.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA MARSHALL

PHOTOGENIC: Six members of the Penelakut Nation and one from the Tsawout Nation gather in the Salt Spring Public Library beneath photographic panels depicting the Grace Islet preservation campaign of 2014 and several First Nations elders. The photos are part of a permanent display, not an exhibit as indicated in a cutline in last week's paper. From left, back row, are Heather Sylvester, Lavinia James, Myrus James and Kenny Thomas, and front row, from left, August Sylvester, Laura Sylvester and Erik Pelkey (Tshawout). The elders and knowledge-keepers were at the library on Jan. 20 to give a presentation as part of a speakers series.

IDEAS

Forum gauges risk of nuclear war

Alex Butterfield in conversation Feb. 1

BY JULIAN PAQUETTE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Last week, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved the Doomsday Clock — which indicates how close we are to nuclear holocaust — to just two minutes from midnight.

This is the closest the clock has been to midnight since the Soviet Union and U.S. were testing hydrogen bombs in 1953. The escalating threat of a nuclear war involving

North Korea is the reason for this change.

With U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issuing direct threats to each another, are we really headed towards a nuclear war?

How dangerous is North Korea and, for that matter, the United States? Are sanctions against North Korea having any effect? What might China and Russia do if the crisis worsens?

To help us understand the North Korean nuclear crisis, the Salt Spring Forum hosts Alex Butterfield this Thursday, Feb. 1 at ArtSpring. Until

recently, Butterfield was one of the most senior defence intelligence officers in the United States.

From 2012 to 2017, he served as senior defense intelligence advisor to the U.S. Pacific Command. He briefed senior U.S. and international government officials on security issues, with special responsibilities for China.

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GEORGE IRWIN BREWER
August 15, 1931 – November 8, 2017



Born in New York to his surgeon father, Francis Brewer, and mother, Esther Irwin, George died peacefully after a brief stay in Lady Minto hospital. He leaves behind his beloved partner of 46 years, Honor Griffith; his sister's husband, Arthur Berlowitz; nephew, Colin; niece, Antonia Bramble (Bill), and their two children, Isabelle and Orion; brother-in-law, Michael (Rusi); sister-in-law, Margaret Bohannon and the entire Griffith clan; his goddaughter, Emily Paddon Rhoades, as well as a host of amazing friends who adored him.

Pre-deceased by his parents, his brother John, and his sister Sara, George comes from old New England stock on both the Brewer and Irwin sides of the family. His mother Esther was the daughter of missionaries and grew up in China. At the age of one, Esther and her family were rescued in a small gun boat by the Governor of Shantung two hours before the Boxers arrived with an order to kill all foreigners. She returned to teach in a girl's school in her hometown in Shantung, where she met Francis, a medical missionary. Recognized as a highly skilled surgeon, Francis would, on occasion, be kidnapped by local warlords to operate, without anaesthetic, on their wounded soldiers. The couple married and subsequently returned to the United States.

George spent his childhood in Connecticut and on the family estate in Westfield, New York. He studied for a BA in Economics at both Oberlin and Wooster (his mother's Alma Mater) colleges, and for an MA in Sociology at the University of Toronto.

A man of many parts, George served as a captain in the Marine Corps, ran a small furniture factory in Kentucky, built ships in Seattle, cathedral pipe organs in Washington, DC, and designed and crafted the interiors of classic wooden boats in Toronto. As a teacher and mentor, he inspired others with his keen sense of proportion and beauty, his love of fine tools and his excellence in craftsmanship.

Immediately after moving from Toronto Island to Salt Spring, when George was in his early 50's, his health became seriously compromised, preventing him from functioning at the level which he had enjoyed. In spite of this set-back, he re-fashioned himself as a blacksmith and was instrumental in the formation of the Salt Spring blacksmithing group. With his large capacity for friendship and his wonderful sense of humour, he quickly became part of the fabric of island life. Typically, he could be spotted emerging from his white VW camper van with his signature green 'frock coat' flapping behind him.

Music was an integral part of George's life. He played the guitar, cornet, bass horn, and accordion. Rarely did a day go by without hearing the strains of an aria from Aida or of a traditional Irish folk tune floating through the house: most often coming from his accordion, but latterly, when he could no longer play, emanating from his I-pad.

That he lived to the ripe age of 86 is astonishing. Although he was struck with a rare disease five years ago which robbed him of the use of his hands and his feet, his unabated zest for life kept him engaged, researching and writing to the end. His sweet temperament, in the face of frustrating physical challenges, continues to be an inspiration to all who knew him. And with his engaging personality and deep appreciation for those who tended him mornings and evenings, he formed meaningful friendships with many of his caregivers.

Philosopher, craftsman, inventor, activist, with a droll sense of humour, George was an enormously entertaining and fun person to be around. He had a sharp mind and quick wit, but he will be remembered above all for his unique turn of phrase, his kind heart, and for being entirely his own person.

George had great respect and admiration for the work of his brother-in-law, Michael Griffith and wife, Rusi, whose organization is dedicated to serving the needs of mothers and children at risk in the Taita region of Kenya. In lieu of flowers, any donations to angelspringsreliefkenya.wordpress.com would be greatly appreciated. The donation website is <https://paypal.me/pools/c/80XRehhiNs>

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MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys splash their way to victory against Vic West

Salt Spring players score all goals in 6-2 half-game win

BY FRASER HOPE
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The portents were there for everyone to see. A depleted Vic West side with five travelling players. A tsunami warning that never materialized. A waterlogged pitch with a forecast of heavy overnight rain. Warnings of rising world sea levels. A lack of enthusiasm by several players anxious to avoid further injury. A field inspection protocol that was ambiguous

at best. A call for more “volunteers” to enable a game to be played — inside or outside!

Despite an improved phone tree, the decision to play or cancel was not made in sufficient time to allow the “intrepid five” of Vic West to make alternative arrangements for their Sunday entertainment. After a conference between the refereeing officials and the two teams the decision was made: “Game on!”

Manager Tweddle decided to loan five Old Boys to Vic West (Kerry Walker, Martin Thorn, Ben Cooper, Mike Berndt and Grigor Hope) as

it was still inside the January transfer window. Vic West provided the defensive five and Old Boys the offence. Some speed to trouble the Old Boys? I am amassing a vast collection of opposition shirts as he is yet to appear on the Old Boys side of centre line.

GISS looked in perfect playing condition from the stands and press box but as soon the ball was kicked off it was obvious that the speed of the passing moves would depend on the tides and currents and the depth of standing water cunningly concealed in the grass. Knowledge of the laws of fluid mechanics would also be a distinct advantage in weighting the strength of pass to overcome the surface tension of the surface water.

The underfoot conditions made it difficult for the teams to play their natural game and strengths, but pressure from Old Boys saw three goals for Mike McCormick (one goal a definite pass that fooled all the defenders) and two assists; and two goals for Dave Toynbee. Mark Aston, despite sickness, travel fatigue, tweaked hamstring and a shock Liverpool

defeat to West Bromwich Albion, laboured manfully in support of the team and got a goal and an assist.

Scott Howe, our “rock,” managed to get on the scoreline after “rocketing” in a superb one-yard shot from a Ben Cooper cross. Unfortunately the “rocket” was into his own net. An own goal but an assist in the Golden Boot Award! Kerry Walker combined with assistance from Grigor Hope for Vic West’s second goal.

As the half-time whistle blew, spectators and press alike knew as soon as the teams and officials milled about at centre that abandonment was the likely decision. In deference to the ground staff at SD 64 it was decided not to inflict any further damage to the playing surface and the game was abandoned with a scoreline of Old Boys FC 6, Vic West 2.

Thankfully no pitch invasion or rowdy home or visiting fans brought about the decision. Two of the fans (the only two fans) demanded their entrance fee back, but management managed to persuade them to take a “rain check” for the next home game with the added bonus

of entrance to the luxury hospitality suite.

Although played under deplorable conditions, the game was entertaining in the quality of the play. It may have been the case that for once the player was faster than the ball, allowing the over 48s on both sides to appear to be faster than they were in reality.

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Ben Cooper seemed to make light of the deep water but he had to ensure his snorkelling mask was mist free, allowing him the opportunity to find his fellow attackers.

Was this game a first for the archives? All goals, assists and own goals were scored by Old Boys players. A Guinness Book of Old Boys Records entry!

On reflection, both sets of players seemed happy to head for the dressing rooms to relieve the aches with a hot shower. A hot shower? Forgot most municipalities have proper recreation facilities! So in compensation we all enjoyed the homemade cookies that Vic West brought to the after game festivities.

What obstacles would next week’s scheduled game vs. Cowichan Classics 48s bring to the home game at GISS? Teams in the South Vancouver Island Soccer Association are finding it difficult to field full teams plus substitutes, Old Boys included. Is this a sign that “the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak?” (Matthew 26:41) There were enough enthusiastic “volunteers” on Sunday willing to ensure that soccer still remains strong amongst senior players on the Island.

Next game is on Sunday at GISS at 10:30 a.m. or at Frances Kelsey v Cowichan Classics 48s at noon, depending on the portents!

OUTDOORS

Hiking book author gives presentation

Trail and Nature Club activities for February

Presentation

On Thursday, Feb. 22: From 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Public Library, Charles Kahn will give a presentation titled *The Beautiful Gulf Islands*. This month we will see the launch of the fourth edition of his well-known guidebook called *Hiking the Gulf Islands*. Charles is well known for his writing, hiking, kayaking, work to acquire land for public recreational use and for his efforts in developing and maintaining walking trails on Salt Spring.

Hikers

Feb. 6: Sue Lehmann will lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry oak meadows. Some sections will be steep and may be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Road. Drivers be aware that Mountain Road is a single-lane winding dirt road.

Feb. 13: Tudor will lead a hike in Ruckle Park. This will be an “easyish” hike. We will join the trail near the farm at Trail marker #10 and up to the high point #6 then to the

ocean #5 and along to Grandma’s Beach via #2 and #1 and back to the cars. Bring binoculars, we might see whales! Hazards, muddy stretches and greasy rocks. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or the heritage parking area at Ruckle Park (just after the turkeys) at 10:15 a.m.

Feb. 20: Angie will lead an easy four-hour hike from ArtSpring to Vesuvius. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Feb. 27: Gary Quiring will lead a hike to Mount Tuam area Crown lands from the ocean. Lots of rough terrain and great trees and views. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

Feb. 6: Kees Visser will lead a moderate walk at the Peter Arnell Park plus a part of the Linear Trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at Stewart Road behind the concrete barrier at the Peter Arnell Park trail head at 10:15 a.m.

Feb. 13: Rob Mason will lead a moderate walk along Reginald Hill Road to the Tsawout Reserve where we will walk the Tsawout trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool to the parking area where Morningside Road meets Reginald Hill Road, or meet us there at about 10:20 a.m.

Feb. 20: Elaine Senkpiel will lead us on a Channel Ridge walk, with some moderate hill climbing and some steep sections.

Walking poles may be handy, and we will have lunch on Elaine’s deck. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the trail head near Broadwell Road and Tern Road at 10:20 a.m.

Feb. 27: Come and join Kathleen Maser and birder Ken Mugridge on a walk to scout out the birds of Ruckle Park. There are a number of exciting species of waterfowl that shelter in the bays throughout our winter months. Don’t forget to bring your binoculars. Carpooling, we will depart from ArtSpring promptly at 10 a.m., or meet us at the middle parking lot at Ruckle about 10:20 a.m.

Ramblers

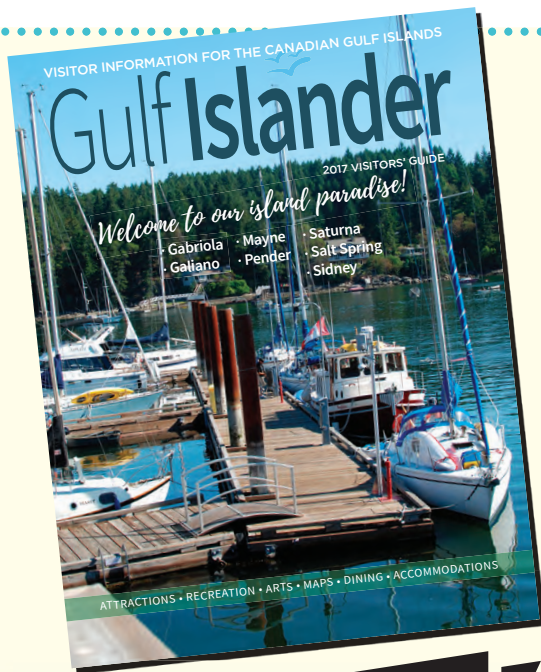
Feb. 6: Marjorie and Brian Radford lead a ramble at Shepherds Hills Road.

Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. for carpooling.

Feb. 13: Ramble on North End Beach Road with Frauke Prystawik. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. for carpooling or Fernwood Dock. Coffee or Lunch at Fernwood Road Café.

Feb. 20: Betty Ball takes us on a ramble to Tripp Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. for carpooling. Coffee or lunch at the golf club.

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