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**FIRE**

## Dramatic fire consumes vessel

Sailboat towed away from  
Russell Island to prevent  
spread of flames

**BY MARC KITTERINGHAM**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Bellingham, Wash. family is safe after their sailboat caught fire while at anchor near Russell Island on Wednesday, July 25. According to the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, the distress call went out at around 6:30 p.m. The 35-foot sailboat was fully engulfed in flames when the Eagle Eye Marine Vessel Assist crew arrived 15 minutes after the call.

Nick Boychuk, owner of Eagle Eye, said his crew threw an anchor into the burning ship and towed it to the far side of the island.

"We towed it further off the beach and down she went," Boychuk said. "There was more of a risk to Russell Island than anything. If it did touch land it would have caught the whole island on fire."

The sailboat burnt to the waterline and sunk at around 7:40 p.m. The fire had melted the anchor line, which caused the burning boat to drift towards the island.

Gary Doyle, a witness to the fire, was surprised at how quickly the boat burned.

"This thing went from no fire to complete fire on the boat in five minutes. It shocked the hell out of me," he said. "Other people who were there who had been boating their whole lives, some 20 or 30 years, could not believe that a boat could go up that fast, burn that long and not sink."

According to Doyle, the fire was started by the kerosene cook stove on board. The fire spread quickly, engulfing the entire boat and melting the aluminum mast. At the time the fire started, one person was on board. He escaped the fire. The rest of the family was already on Russell Island.

"The flames were just wild," Doyle said. "There were five- or six-foot flames coming out of that thing from the bow to the stern." He described the smoke as "the black toxic sticky smoke like when you burn a plastic pipe . . . Toxic stuff."

Boychuk said that while Vessel Assist gets called out every day to help boaters in distress, fires are more rare.

"A boat fire we probably get once a month, but we get boats sinking, people hitting rocks and all sorts of stuff," he said. "Boat fires are probably the worst emergency on the boat because it spreads so quickly. They lost everything in a matter of minutes."



PHOTO BY GARY DOYLE

A 35-foot sailboat burns off Russell Island near the south end of Salt Spring on the evening of July 25.

**BOAT FIRE** continued on 4

**WATER**

## NSSWD reconfirms moratorium policy

Dry summer impacts drinking water lake levels

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District is hoping to eliminate confusion through an update of its hook-up moratorium policy.

District manager Ron Stepaniuk explained that the wording of the previous policy made it sound like "a waiting list" could exist, which made people erroneously believe they might receive NSSWD service at some point in the future by being on a waiting list. No such list exists under the moratorium.

"It is simply a matter of clarification," Stepaniuk said about the policy update.

All property owners who currently pay a NSSWD parcel tax on bare land still have the right to a water hook-up for a single residence or commercial unit.

"There are no changes relating to the criteria on which a connection will be approved, but the new policy explicitly states that properties not on the parcel tax roll will not be approved for a connection," added NSSWD environmental manager Meghan McKee. "There was also some additional explanation added to the background section about the reason for allowing each property on the parcel tax roll to have one 3/4-inch connection."

NSSWD trustees passed the amendment at their July 26 public meeting.

The policy reads that "decisions on applications for water service connections made after the implementation of the moratorium on Oct. 4, 2014, will be made in accordance with the following guidelines:

**NSSWD** continued on 4

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RCMP

# Disappearing man could be on Salt Spring

Two previous incidents reported

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring RCMP are still seeking the public's assistance in locating 46-year-old Jeremy Daniel Oakley after an appeal was issued last Wednesday.

Local detachment commander Sgt. Ryan Netzer confirmed Tuesday that Oakley had not been found.

Police state they received a report from Oakley's ex-girlfriend advising that she had not heard from him in several days.

"The last contact with Oakley was on June 22. He possibly moved to Salt Spring Island to work on a construction site in the south end of the island, but that has not been confirmed," notes an RCMP release.

Anyone who may have seen Oakley should contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-7250.

A man with the same name and



Two current photos on the left are of Jeremy Daniel Oakley, provided by RCMP. The photo at right is from an RCMP appeal to find Oakley when he disappeared in 2016. He had also disappeared after faking his own death in 2004, according to a Maclean's magazine article in 2008.

age was the subject of a Maclean's article in December of 2008. The story described how Jeremy Daniel Oakley, then 37 and of Halifax, was alleged to have faked his own death in 2004 to escape charges of sexually assaulting

a nine-year-old girl in Nanaimo.

According to Maclean's, he was determined to be alive after being arrested for possessing child pornography in 2008.

Oakley was also reported missing

in Victoria in 2016. An April 7, 2016 Victoria Times Colonist story made a public appeal for help to find him.

Salt Spring RCMP confirmed they are aware of Oakley's past disappearances.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## Housing campaign shares stories

Group hopes housing becomes number one topic in upcoming election

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Housing Action Committee has started their "Summer of Storytelling" campaign through public outreach, posters and storyboards to be posted around the island, at businesses, markets and public events.

The group hopes to reach people who are unaware of the scope of the crisis.

"The island has circles," said group member Rhonan Heitzmann. "There are a lot of segments of people whose jobs, homes and friends are secure, so they know that it's hard to find a house, but they don't know how bad it is. We want to still engage people to share their stories and to hopefully find a way to reach out past the audience that has already been reached."

The group plans to have information booths at the Tuesday Farmers' Market in order to get the attention of more local people. Booths will have posters with stories of people affected by the crisis and a petition that will be presented to local governing bodies.

**"We need to work together to find solutions and be creative."**

RHONAN HEITZMANN  
Salt Spring Housing Action Committee

SHAC intends to build awareness about the issue over the summer and to help it become a major issue in the upcoming municipal election.

"I'm hoping it'll be the major issue," Heitzmann said. "If people want to talk about governance or the environment,

I hope they're talking about it from the point of view of how we house people sustainably... We want people to be serious about solutions and not just give lip service."

Local elections will be held across B.C. on Oct. 20.

Though the situation is complex, Heitzmann believes that it can be solved, even if the solutions are complicated. The end of the crisis will come from a willingness to act and to do the work necessary to make change, he said.

"We're hoping that creating the solutions to this crisis is a cultural shift. We need to work together to find solutions and be creative," he said. "We need elected officials who are willing to do the hard work of shaking up the bureaucracy, and I think that's what the next term is really going to be about."

SHAC is looking for volunteers to help with the Summer of Storytelling campaign. Those interested in volunteering can sign up at [saltspringolutions.com](http://saltspringolutions.com).

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# NEWSBEAT

## Heads up!

### BC Day Long Weekend

It will be busy all over the island and at ferry terminals from Friday through Monday!

## WILDLIFE

# Calf death lends urgency to southern residents' plight

Increased starvation rates observed by researchers

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The death of a newborn calf from the southern resident killer whale population's J-pod last week has alarmed wildlife lovers and scientists in the coastal region, putting new emphasis on the urgent nature of the endangered species' situation.

According to the Center for Whale Research based in San Juan Island, Wash., the newborn whale was reported alive and swimming with its mother J-35 and other members of J-pod near near Victoria on July 24. A research team was in Haro Strait at the time and immediately responded to photograph the newborn calf.

"Unfortunately, by the time the CWR crew arrived on scene, the newborn calf was deceased, and the pod had travelled several miles eastward of the reported sighting location. The baby's carcass was sinking and being repeatedly retrieved by the mother who was supporting it on her forehead and pushing it in choppy seas toward San Juan Island," a CWR report published Thursday states.

J-35 was seen pushing the dead calf near San Juan Island at sunset on July 25 and had not given up as of Friday afternoon. The mourning behaviour has been known to last for up to week among killer whales and dolphins. Educators with the Soundwatch program run by the Whale Museum at Friday Harbor were monitoring the situation and keeping vessels away, but they worried J35 might be taxing her strength more than she could withstand.

Saturna resident Priscilla Ewbank is used to seeing the SRKW group as they feed close to the island, with the waters off East Point providing the whales with a favourite hunting ground. She said once-frequent sightings are becoming more unusual and recent whale activity also seems off.

"They look desperate for food. They're engaging in behaviour we haven't seen before," Ewbank said.

"After being out at East Point this week, it really struck me that we are witness to the extinction of an iconic species."

According to CWR, approximately 75 per cent of southern resident newborns in the past two decades have not survived, and 100 per cent of the pregnancies in the past three years have failed to produce viable offspring.



PHOTO BY KEN BALCOMB

Dead newborn orca observed on July 24 with mother J-35 in Victoria-area waters. J-35 has continued to carry the dead calf with her.

Scientists with the Vancouver Aquarium and others have singled out prey availability as the biggest threat to the orcas' survival. Their ability to use echolocation is severely impacted by vessel noise, while their food source, chinook salmon, is also declining.

"The SRKW population cannot survive if it is unable to reproduce, although with the naturally long life-span of living whales of this species we may be able to see the survivors for a while. The ultimate cause of the SRKW population decline and poor reproduction

is food related," the Centre for Whale Research stated in Thursday's bulletin.

A study published last fall in the journal *Scientific Reports* found that recovery of the southern resident population would require either a 30 per cent increase in chinook returns above average levels, or else 15 per cent more chinook and a 15 per cent reduction in vessel noise. Without those measures, the researchers said there was a 25 per cent chance the SRKWs would be gone within 100 years.

Ewbank said Saturna residents are greatly aware of the whales' plight as they are perhaps the most closely connected human community. Moby Doll, the orca that changed public perception about the nature of the "killer" marine mammal, was captured off East Point in 1964. More recently, islanders founded the Saturna Island Marine Research Centre, which offers education, outreach and citizen science including hydrophone stations. They held the Moby Doll Orca Symposium on Saturna in 2013.

New regulations on how close boats can get to orcas that were introduced on July 11 are apparently getting some enforcement support. Ewbank said a Strait-watch vessel and a DFO boat were each seen on the water last week and that whale watching boats were behaving "perfectly."

Katie Dentrie is another islander who is gravely concerned with the situation. She is spearheading a campaign to promote whale-watching from Saturna's shore.

Select fishery closures also went into effect this year, but Ewbank and others are wondering if they came too late.

"We're on the brink. Maybe we can do something," Ewbank said. "Sometimes every once in a while humans are able to do it. Really the time is now."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Meeting with minister

At the request of MLA Adam Olsen, electoral area director Wayne McIntyre and local trustees Peter Grove and George Grams attended a July 26 meeting with the Municipal Affairs Minister Selina Robinson to offer their perspective on the post-referendum situation on Salt Spring.

They also made recom-

mendations regarding next steps to improve local governance service delivery.

"The four elected officials' principal recommendation was that the ministry assemble a task force to determine what improvements were necessary and could be made to our local governance model that respected the electorate's ruling to remain unincorporated and that honoured the mandate of the Islands

Trust," the officials said in an emailed statement.

Robinson's office confirmed that she has directed ministry staff to gather more information on the issues raised.

Also attending the meeting were assistant deputy minister Tara Faganello, executive director of the ministry's Building and Safety Standards Branch Andrew Pape-Salmon, Robinson's ministerial assis-

tant Craig Ashbourne and Olsen's chief of staff Aldous Sperl.

### RCMP report

Salt Spring RCMP responded to more than 80 calls last week.

On July 24, police responded to a break and enter at a business on Upper Ganges Road. An outbuilding was entered where several items were stolen.

The same business was broken into again on July 26. The suspects broke into the outbuilding again, though nothing appeared to be missing after the second break-in. RCMP are reviewing CCTV footage to identify any suspects.

A hospitality business reported the theft of two row boats that had occurred in the past two weeks. The investigation into the theft is ongoing.

On July 28, RCMP stopped a vehicle travelling south on Fulford Ganges Road for a traffic offence. The driver was given a roadside sobriety test and issued a 90-day suspension. The vehicle was impounded.

Also, at a check stop on July 29, RCMP arrested a man for failing to provide samples of his breath. The driver will appear in provincial court in September.

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**BLINDED BY THE LINES:** Newly painted road lines have graced Salt Spring roads in the past week. Yellow lines appeared on the morning of July 26 while white fog lines were visible on Tuesday morning. The Ministry of Transportation had confirmed in June that painting would take place sometime this summer.

## Distress call prompts response

### BOAT FIRE

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Fires are particularly dangerous on boats because of the high flammability of materials.

"Most boats, the interior is made of some sort of plastic... Have you ever tried to put out something that is plastic and burning? It drips fire that's hot. If you get it on you you're going to get a heavy burn because it doesn't come out very easily," Doyle said. "It's always a good idea to have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen close to the stove because that's the one thing that will burn your boat down."

The JRCC spokesman said that the family was unharmed, but their belongings on the boat were destroyed.

The Ganges Canadian Coast Guard vessel Cape Naden, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 from Vesuvius, RCMSAR Station 36 from Sidney and the BC Ferries' vessel Queen of Cumberland also responded to the call for assistance.

RCMSAR 25 members were just beginning a scheduled on-the-water training session in Vesuvius Bay under coxswain Ken Squirrell when they heard the distress call on Channel 16.

# Lake levels dropping fast

### NSSWD

continued from 1

It is the policy of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District that:

- Each property on the NSSWD parcel tax roll, regardless of zoning, will be entitled to only one 3/4" (19mm) water service connection to either a single residential unit or a single commercial unit; and

- Where the application for service is for the subdivision of a property on the NSSWD parcel tax roll, only one lot will be served with a 3/4" (19mm) connection and all other lots created must provide potable water by other means; and

- Where the building inspector requires an increase in the size of an existing service connection in order to issue a building permit for a renovation to an existing structure, the application for a larger diameter service connection will be denied; and

- Where the application is for new cottages or secondary suites located on a property that is already served, the application will be denied; and

- Where the application is for the legalization of an existing secondary suite or seasonal cottage, approval will be given only if proof is provided of the existence of the suite or cottage prior to implementation of the moratorium on Oct. 1, 2014; and

- Where the property is not on the NSSWD parcel tax roll, the application will be denied.

"We need to share this with realtors and other local government agencies," Stepaniuk said at last week's meeting.

The policy and its rationale is on the NSSWD website.

Moratorium policy came into play when a

request for service by a new West Eagle resident was denied by the board Thursday. Peter Gladstone said when he purchased his property this spring he was under the impression he had potable drinking water from a well, but discovered instead that it provided a "toxic brew" of cadmium, iron and other elements. Because the property is not within the district's boundaries and therefore not on the parcel tax roll, he is not eligible to receive NSSWD service.

Trustees briefly discussed whether or not they could make any exceptions to the moratorium for Gladstone or any other property owner and confirmed that they would not do so.

### Lake levels

Despite Salt Spring Island receiving ample rainfall in June, St. Mary and Maxwell lake levels are dropping rapidly, reported the district's environmental manager Meghan McKee.

As of July 25, Maxwell Lake was just below the 2009 level but still above the 2015 level, which was the lowest since levels have been recorded in detail.

"We're not in great shape," said McKee.

She also explained that beaver activity around the outlet to Duck Creek had resulted in a blockage so that the St. Mary Lake level is probably lower than indicated during readings done on July 25. Its level was closer to last year's less concerning scenario.

"We may be going to Level 4 [restrictions] this year," said McKee.

The district is currently at Level 3 restrictions.

On Monday the provincial government declared Level 3 restrictions for the west coast due to lack of rainfall.

### HARBOUR NEWS

## Harbours at full throttle

New building at Centennial dock not a 'jail'

### BY KATHY SCARFO

HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF SSI

The summer is definitely in full swing. Anyone overlooking or near Ganges Harbour will be familiar with the incredible amount of activity coming and going through this one area of the island.

Between the fish boats, sailboats, kayaks and stand up boarders, not to mention the buzz of speedboats, you can easily spend a day sitting on the dock of the bay, or on one of the beaches, and just watch the boats go by!

The docks have been a hubbub of activity as we welcome back our regular returning visitors and get to know new arrivals. The boats come in all shapes and descriptions, with avid well seasoned travellers and greenhorns on their first adventures.

The docks are fully utilized and our feedback from customers has been very positive.

All other facilities like Fulford and Musgrave

### DOCKTALK

have also been at full capacity most days of the week.

HASSI also manages the aerodrome and are pleased to work with our airlines stakeholder group and their efficient staff. Last year, it was agreed by all to test a bigger plane. After a reconfiguration of the floats at the breakwater dock, Harbour Air brought in a significantly larger plane.

With growth to now over 18,000 customers in the last 12 months, this is obviously a popular alternative to the slow travel on overloaded summer ferries.

There have been some changes at the main Centennial dock. We'd like to correct a rumour going around. The trailer at the top of Centennial dock is not a small CRD bylaw enforcement jail! This is badly needed temporary additional office space for HASSI. Many of you will be have become familiar with our manager standing out in the parking lot (rain or shine) just to be

able to hear the other side of a phone conversation. The office was crowded with dock staff, maintenance crew, bookkeeper, wharfingers and customers. It may not be a thing of beauty but it's cost effective and even has air conditioning!

Looking into the fall, the HASSI board has been working on finding workable dates and a location for our annual open house which had to be postponed from the spring.

In addition to the open house, and to encourage and facilitate additional public input, the regularly monthly board meetings will take an approach similar to local CRD commissions by being open to the public with some business, such as contracts, having to be done in camera.

Also at Centennial dock, many of you may have seen the artist working on the mural by the boat launch. The extreme heat has not deterred his progress and it is most definitely worth a stroll down the boardwalk by Grace Point to the park to have a look.

Safe boating.



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## PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

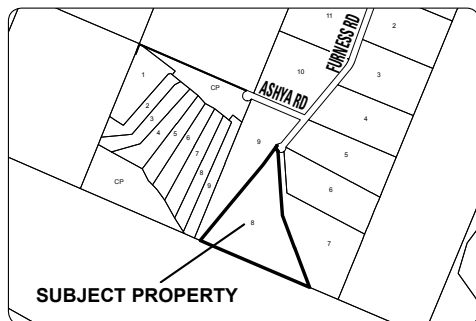
### What are the bylaws changes about?

Bylaw No. 500 amends the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan to:

- Change the Land Use designation from Forestry to Rural Neighbourhoods;
- Add the property to Development Permit Area 2 - Non-Village Commercial and Industrial, so that new development will be subject to the requirement for a development permit.

Bylaw No. 501 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to a new Rural zone variant to allow the following:

- A single-family dwelling unit;
- Four dwelling units up to 50m<sup>2</sup> (538 sf) each;
- A tasting room up to 90m<sup>2</sup> (969 sf);
- Beer and liquor production, sales, and storage;
- Accessory retail sales in a floor area up to 10m<sup>2</sup> (108 sf); and
- Accessory buildings to a maximum floor area of 20m<sup>2</sup> (215 sf).



### How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information are available at the Islands Trust office from August 1, 2018:

- #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8
- Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays. Written submissions are welcome until the end of the Public Hearing.

Go to: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/saltspring/applications> for more info.

EMERGENCY PREP

# Marine search and rescue exercise seeks missing vessel

Some Salt Spring volunteers get first taste of multi-agency event

An inter-agency training event led by the Canadian Coast Guard had marine search and rescue crews from Salt Spring, Pender Island and Ladysmith, and two Parks Canada vessels busy all day on Saturday, July 28.

According to Mike Murphy of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 on Salt Spring, the exercise began with a classroom session for the emergency crews held in Fernwood Elementary School. After the morning classroom sessions, crews moved to the water to participate in a simulated search for a missing vessel with several people onboard.

Water training took place near the Fernwood Dock in Trincomali Channel.

For several new crew members based on Salt Spring, this was the first chance

they had to participate in an inter-agency training event.

RCMSAR-25 unit leader Paul FitzZaland said the training was “an invaluable experience for our volunteer rescue crews.”

The event gave rescuers a chance to practise communications and coordination skills, as well as more concrete skills like shoreline extractions, water recoveries, triage and treatment of injuries.

“For several of our new crew members this was their first exposure to a multiple vessel, multiple-casualty inter-agency event,” FitzZaland said. “For the more experienced crew it’s also a valuable opportunity to expand their leadership skills. For everyone involved it’s also a hell of a lot of fun.”

SAREx events are held regularly to keep skills up to date. The Salt Spring detachment will be sending a crew to an event at Albert Head in September where they will work with other agencies like the Canadian Forces and other search and rescue crews.



PHOTO COURTESY RCMSAR STATION 25

RCMSAR 25 crew members take part in a SAREx on Saturday. From left are Christopher Strong, Alex Ford, Tom McKeachie, Rose Bateman, Rod Martens and Tim Slaney.

FUNDRAISER

# Island woman swims around Salt Spring for orcas



PHOTO BY HEMMIE LINDHOLM

Rama DelaRosa blows out sea water during a recent swim off Salt Spring Island.

Second round-island swim by Rama DelaRosa

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island resident Rama DelaRosa started her second six-day swim around the island on Tuesday, to raise awareness for the southern resident killer whale population.

DelaRosa will be swimming around Salt Spring every day this week, finishing on Sunday. Last year she was the first person in history to accomplish the 86-kilometre open water swim. DelaRosa is travelling counter clockwise around the island, starting in Vesuvius Beach. She will return to Vesuvius Beach on Sunday Aug. 5.

The goal of the swim is to raise awareness for the critical state of the southern resident killer whales. The population of the whales is down to 75 after the death of L92, also known as “Crewser,” was presumed dead by the Center for Whale Research on June 15.

On July 24, a newborn calf died a few hours after being born. The last successful birth of a SRKW was in 2015.

The whales are facing starvation, noise pollution, disturbance from vessels and toxic contamination. Their primary food source is chinook salmon, the population of which has also been dropping.


“Recently suffering nine deaths in just 18 months, including stillborns, miscarriages and emaciated babies washing up on shore. At this critical time, it’s not enough for me to just love orcas, I have to do something about it,” DelaRosa said in a video released before her swim.

The swim is a fundraiser for the Georgia Strait Alliance, a group that has been addressing the threats to the SRKWs and other marine life in the area since 1990. The group has been working on the recovery strategy for the orca population, as well as bringing the killer whales under the Species at Risk Act. Funds raised will go to the group’s legal funds.

On Aug. 2, Tsawout elder Seliliye Claxton will lead a prayer for the Salish Sea at Kingfisher Cove near the WSÁNEC 13 Moon sign.

Those interested are invited to join the crew on the ship as DelaRosa swims up

Trincomali Channel on Saturday and to be part of the flotilla escorting her back to Vesuvius Beach on Sunday. Anyone wanting more information can contact Marilyn Guile at skipper@mvwindwalker.com.



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## PUBLIC HEARING

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- Two seasonal cottages over the entire lands; and
- Authority for an amalgamation of the three lots into two.


Have Your Say

**Open House**  
Thurs. Aug. 16th, 2018 at 9 a.m.




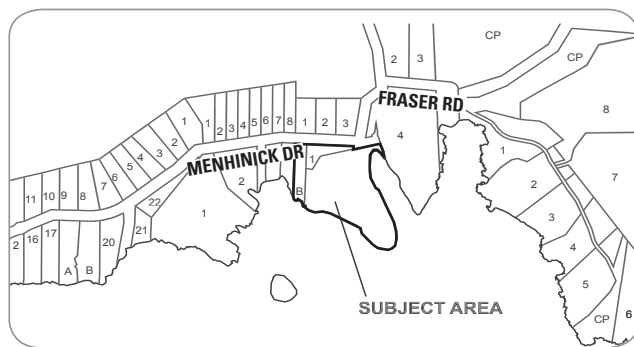
**Public Hearing**  
Thurs. Aug. 16th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

**Lions Club,**  
Hart Bradley Hall  
103 Bonnet Ave.



**Who should attend?**  
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws.






**How do I get more information?**  
Copies of the bylaws and other information are available at the Islands Trust office from August 1, 2018:

- #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8
- Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays.

Written submissions are welcome until the end of the Public Hearing.

Go to: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/saltspring/applications> for more info.

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# OPINION



**2018 CCNA Awards**  
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**EDITORIAL**

## Seeing is believing

**S**alt Spring Islanders are used to complaining about the state of the island's roads, and for good reason.

Paving of our main "highway" and shoulders is overdue, potholes and crumbled road edges are rampant, and our road lines are often faded beyond usefulness. Many people state they will not drive at night, especially in winter months, due to the perceived dangers.

When Minister of Transportation Claire Trevena visited the island this spring, she commented that she frequently hears from Gulf Islands residents about their dissatisfaction with road conditions and maintenance.

The Driftwood recently reported from transportation ministry sources that Salt Spring was due to receive about \$50,000 worth of road line painting this year, "sometime" before the end of the summer. In the past that timing would mean "just before Halloween."

**THE ISSUE:**

Painted road lines

**WE SAY:**

Hooray! But more work still needed

That's why it was surprising to see yellow lines magically appear on Fulford-Ganges Road and beyond last Thursday morning, and white fog lines joining them on Tuesday morning.

We thank the powers that be in the transportation ministry and any other

government officials who contributed to this quasi-miraculous event.

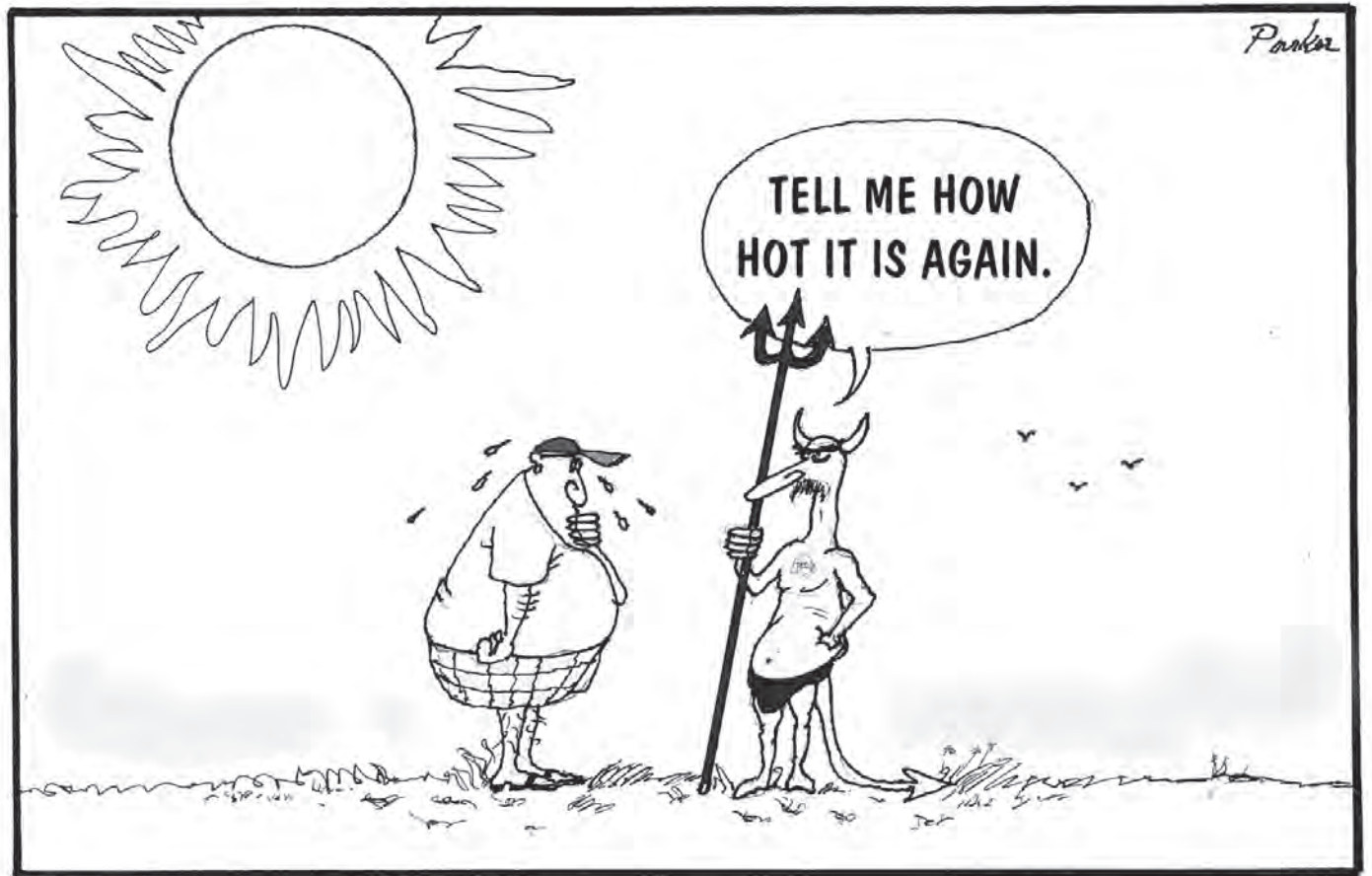
At the same time, repairs to Walker Hook Road, which suffered a major failure in one area last winter, are also well underway, proceeding sooner than expected.

Could we be seeing a tangible shift in how Salt Spring is treated when it comes to road maintenance issues, or is this not really unusual?

At the risk of becoming too complacent, though, we can't help press for the transportation ministry to find a way to pave the road between Ganges and Fulford, and with a decent-sized shoulder. A promise to do that was part of the provincial government's "offer of assistance" made to Salt Spring as an inducement to incorporate last fall, but it is something that should be done regardless of our governance choice.

With increased property assessments in the past two years, the provincial government should have received a nice windfall from our "rural" community. Spending some of that money on an upgraded Fulford-Ganges Road would be the right thing to do. Letting the island's main road continue to deteriorate is irresponsible.

In the meantime, we will enjoy those bright road lines — for as long as they last.



**VIEWPOINT** by Carlos Grooms

## Island in need of more farmers

Future food security is looming as one of the most pressing issues facing us today.

On Salt Spring:

- Our farmers' average age is about 60 years old;
- over 80 per cent of our arable land is seriously under-utilized or worse (according to a survey done by the Agricultural Land Commission in 2017);
- farmland has become impossibly out of reach for young farmers to attain;
- amidst a full-on drought we still flush most of our drinking water down the toilet.

What can we do?

Paradise Within Farm has submitted — upon request of our Islands Trust — an application to the ALC. This application requires the approval of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to advance it to the ALC.

That proposal would have allowed four new farmers to stay and lease two acres each, converting a low-producing hay field into eight acres of intensive food production, clearly benefiting local agriculture and more on so many levels.

Our farm's current 3.5 acres in production will keep our crew busy forever. With 18 arable acres sitting there under-utilized it remains irresponsible of us not to attempt to farm it.

We need more farmers and their resources, as our application suggested.

Therefore, we felt shock, bewilderment and frustration upon hearing that our proposal was rejected due to "not enough farming being done there presently."

With all of the information in our 1.5-page executive sum-

mary and the detailed 24-page submission it challenges us as to how the trustees and the Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission could not catch this error in process.

Farm workers can come and go, be they local or from far away.

There is systemic confusion about their housing on farmland and yes, oddly, it is all called "non-farm use."

However, this is all about farmers, not farm workers, and why we all need more of them.

We had many pages of signatures on our petition, letters of support and a great gathering at the LTC meeting. Many of those islanders spoke up, and every single voice and letter supported this initiative. I know of only one person who expressed a concern over the perceived residential densification of farmland, something I am vehemently opposed to. It only took a few minutes of explaining the checks and balances we were proposing before he was satisfied and agreed that it was a solid plan.

Some farm wells are right now going dry, and our maple and cedar trees are suffering from drought conditions. Yet there is little movement towards a water management reduction plan/incentives for new or existing buildings. However, there is a massively expensive expansion plan of our sewage treatment facility in order to accommodate more of our drinking water.

I would like to suggest it is time for a change in focus.

Let us all support more farming and save us some water to do it with.

*The writer owns Paradise Within Farm.*

**Farm workers can come and go, be they local or from far away.**

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should more SSI farm-worker housing be allowed?**  Yes  No

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

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should a new fire hall be considered a priority?**

NO	YES
52	91

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We need elected officials who are willing to do the hard work of shaking up the bureaucracy . . ."

RHONAN HEITZMANN, SALT SPRING HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What is your favourite thing about B.C.?



**GREG BOOTH**

*It's the people. We're a blend of very old Indigenous and worldly new. We work hard to get along even with our imperfections.*



**GLEN ORAM**

*The diversity. There are so many places to travel around the province.*



**RUTH PURDY**

*I like the arbutus trees and the large slugs. I've been trying to find a banana slug, but haven't been able to yet.*



**STEPHEN PURDY**

*For me it's the ocean.*



**MARGIE KORRISON**

*The natural beauty, especially on Salt Spring and in the small community that I've lived in for 50 years.*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to [news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

### Free thought and action

Many of your readers will no doubt have recently heard about the young Swedish student, Elin Ersson, who refused to sit down on an airplane to prevent it taking off with an Afghan asylum seeker on board who was being deported to Afghanistan against his will. Amid both support and some abuse from fellow passengers, she eventually prevailed and the man was left behind in Sweden.

Ah, the idealism of youth, right? Its impetuous faith.

There was little point, you might say, to her "beau geste." The man will surely be put on another plane before long and be sent on to his fate regardless of Ersson's noble intentions.

But the point is not totally about success or effectiveness or utility of outcome, but about the action itself, its value as an assertion of non-capitulation.

Look at this quote from Jean Paul Sartre written shortly after the liberation of Paris: "We were never

freer than during the German occupation. Since the Nazi venom was poisoning our very own thinking, our every free thought was a victory. The circumstances, often atrocious, of our fight allowed us to live openly this torn and unbearable situation one calls the human condition."

Surely our ability to think freely and to be openly human are what should matter most to any of us, regardless of time and place.

And how simple and eloquent the gesture from this young student — to refuse to

sit down. Not because doing so will solve anything, except temporarily, but because the act itself, in its very simplicity, constituted for her a moment of freely lived humanity.

Jean-Paul Sartre would understand for sure, and applaud her. I hope the rest of us do too.

**GEORGE SIPOS,**  
SALT SPRING

### Water woes

I am not surprised that there is a team visiting Salt Spring to measure the groundwater and the aquifer

("Groundwater monitoring project provides quality data," July 25 Driftwood.)

Groundwater is also finite and many wells here dry up in the summer. What happens in a community if there is a multiplex of, say, 74 units on a well that can only sustain 78 individuals and it dries up in the summer?

The concept of having a well is that the issue of maintaining the supply is an individual responsibility as there have been no large housing projects on well water so far on Salt Spring Island. So the issue of when the well dries

up is dealt with from the one property owner. This type of dense housing in town is required to be on "municipal" water, that is, to have a hook-up from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Until now.

There is a sea change afoot by allowing a huge development near Ganges on one aquifer. I honestly wonder what will happen if that water does not sustain every summer.

**JENNIFER MCCLEAN,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Vitamin infusions a health topic battleground

What's with all this infusion confusion diffusing through the fitness training rooms and health spas of the nation these days? Have the forces of anti-aging and eternal wellness tapped into the latest "Fountain of Youth" mania to deliver yet one more chance to sidestep the inevitable?

Indeed, it appears that the sudden profusion of vitamin infusion technology is about to pave the way for instant health and well-being for anybody willing to shell out enough coin to keep those employed at the wrinkles and belly fat brigade at bay for a few more calendar pages. And if it can chase away a bad hangover, bonus!

You may have seen YouTube videos of celebrities like Miley Cyrus getting vitamin infusions (trying to somehow squeeze the IV needle into a vein hidden among a camouflaged background of extremely loud and distasteful tattoos). This obsessive trend, however, is not limited to rock stars and internet celebrities. Even for ordinary, past their "best before due date" plebs like yours truly, who are old enough to have learned how to drive before Neil Armstrong took a giant leap for mankind with the original moonwalk, vitamin infusion is not really a wholly new concept. It's been around at least since the 1960s when Dr. John Myers, an internist at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, came up with the idea that our digestive, absorptive and detoxification systems were just not good enough to supply all the nutritional needs our imperfect beings craved. He proposed that a mixture of essential nutrients, hence called the Myers' Cocktail, could be "main-lined" or IVed into the bloodstream on a regular basis to enhance the overall performance

level of our bodies and turn us into biologically more efficient machines.

In the half century since, the cocktail has become increasingly popular, especially among naturopaths worldwide, with soaring claims that the increase in metabolization acts as an anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory and anti-aging agent, thus giving the recipients more energy and making them look younger. Instead of having to ingest vitamins A through Z in pill or powder form, as well as popping a myriad of minerals as supplements from every corner of the Periodic Table, a megadose infusion of the cocktail can do the job in a matter of 30 minutes to two hours a week (depending on the size of the vein and the volume of the cocktail).

Although it may vary from cocktail to cocktail, a typical highball vitamin infusion contains ascorbic acid, calcium gluconate 10%, dexpanthenol, hydroxobalamin, magnesium chloride, niacinamide, pyridoxine, riboflavin-5-phosphate sodium, and thiamine HCL in varying amounts and proportions. Don't be surprised if reading this list triggers night sweats and induced deliriums hailing back to days gone by when you walked in to a Chem 12 exam room totally unprepared.

Of course, where you find supporters of vitamin infusions, you will also discover equal amounts of naysayers and detractors of this recent phenomenon. In fact, the U.S. health-based watchdog Quackwatch, which monitors medical related frauds, myths and fallacies, has found these vitamin infusion treatments to be, at



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

best, highly questionable and the mainly anecdotal results likely attributable to the placebo effect. In addition, at between \$150 to \$500 a pop, the most visible sign seen by people who receive these treatments is probably how quickly their bank

accounts decrease and disappear. Nevertheless, the infusion cocktail is gathering steam and spreading across the globe. Established boutique clinics such as Vita Squad, The Drip Room and The Hangover Club, equipped with registered nurses, are proliferating in upscale urban neighbourhoods. Mobile IV vitamin clinic buses (I kid you not) trawl the downtown streets in search of unsuspecting wellness freaks with both bulging veins and wallets.

What's next? Believe it or not, we already have mobile IV units doing "home" deliveries. Call it a whacked-out version of "IV Drips on Wheels" or the friendly, neighbourhood "Wellness Welcome Wagon", technology is more than happy to come to you if you can't get your ass out the door. It's only a matter of time before we see drive through infusion lanes at local "fast fusion" franchises. With a little bit of imagination, you can visualize MacFusion competing for your cocktail dollar with IV King. Not far behind, the Colonel will be offering 11 secret herbs and spices . . . er . . . vitamins and minerals to make your taste buds come alive with a sense of well-being.

You'll be able to choose from among 49 delicious flavours of cocktails at IV's "R" Us

or go next door to Pokey's where the "Hole in 1" special offers you your own personal La-Z-Boy recliner with its 39 customized settings and an advertising slogan that promises "1 poke fits all!"

So what's the verdict? To IV or not to IV? Are you going to get rid of all that unwanted fatigue and general disorientation in your life by keeping on a healthy, nutritional diet and getting plenty of exercise? If that doesn't work to your satisfaction, are you willing to augment the overall results by ingesting a boatload of pills and powders while you lather your body with oodles of salves, creams and ointments?

Or, are you ready to take the newest route to eternal health and beauty by plopping your butt down in the La-Z-Boy recliner infusion throne for up to two hours per week and making that intravenous drip into your bloodstream do the work for you?

Nobody asked me, but it appears to be a matter of choice. Social media sources are chock-a-block full of raving testimonials praising the benefits of the infusions. At the same time, critics from the medical establishment continue to pile on the measurable results, dismissing the findings and miraculous cures as part of a nationwide hoax and sham.

Of course, there is no reason why you have to choose any one particular route to good health. You just have to mix and match: eat organic foods properly, get plenty of rest, jog, lift weights, do yoga, pop pills, hydrate, moisturize skin, breathe essential oils and top it off with a weekly IV cocktail.

Now you're really exhausted. Not only that, but you realize you've just kissed your retirement fund bye-bye.

# Reflections on business and fair wages

BY VERA ROBINSON

While reading Jeremy Milsom's July 25 response to Hannah Brown's July 4 Viewpoint, I couldn't help thinking of a Charles Dickens novel where the boy in the poorhouse dares to ask for seconds at the dinner table.

It also reminded me of a rather naive Marie Antoinette, who suggested her subjects should "eat cake if there's not enough bread to go around." Well, maybe the comparisons are a bit harsh, but nonetheless the writer seems to me to be somewhat out of touch.

Employees asking for a raise don't usually aspire to drive luxury cars or to purchase waterfront mansions. Instead they have trouble making ends meet while working many hours. To say that those in business are there because of their hard work and the courage to take risks sounds great, but in real life most have had financial (e.g. family) support and connections, a good education, a good portion of luck and yes, all those workers who make it happen with minimum wage

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hours. Rather than feeling entitled and hubris, those of us who "have" may show more appreciation to those who helped us get there and find ways to share the spoils or profits at the end of the day.

While a whole generation had been brainwashed into believing that unregulated free enterprise is good for all society, many cannot shake a creeping cynicism because since its conception there has been an exponentially widening gap between rich and poor. It has hurt small and medium-size retail businesses. It enables Walmart, the pharmaceutical industry, animal factories, Amazon, etc. to swallow up small enterprises. Its practice of paying slave labour wages forces those struggling to stay in business to follow suit.

In light of all this, most of us have this nagging feeling that something has to give in the form of an epic natural disaster or a societal paradigm shift. Includ-

ing GNH (gross national happiness) as part of our GDP (gross domestic product) may be a start but that would require a living wage guarantee to all citizens. I do not embrace or believe in communism as it's been demonstrated to date and would rather see a social-capitalism model with a healthy dose of governmental oversight and high-quality schooling for all.

To suggest that we need "more widespread existence of exceptionally profitable businesses" here on Salt Spring seems weird since I believe islanders clearly stated in our last referendum that this is not what we want. We want to support our local entrepreneurs, small-scale businesses and above all affordable housing. But even this can only be afforded by those who enjoy living wages or pensions.

I know and meet many people who come here escaping the urban rat race and are glad to live a simpler life, not expecting high incomes or returns while achieving their version of "life betterment."

Not having to feel the pressure of competing with friends and neighbours in appearance or showing off flashy toys alone can be liberating. This sense or willingness is what makes our community special for the most part and has attracted droves of people to come and hang their hats here.

I agree with the author that "morality" and "greed" are open to interpretation, guided by which side we stand on, but to spin the argument and suggest retail employees are greedy and unreasonable because their demands would ruin successful local retail businesses is hard to accept.

However, I would like to reiterate Milsom's comment regarding the necessity for islanders to support local businesses as much as possible to ensure survival for all of us on our "wee island nation," as last week's guest columnist Greg Ast described us.

*The writer is a past business owner, former wage earner and now a farmer on Salt Spring.*

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Bbq.....Farmer's Institute	Book sales.....Usha Rautenbach
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Butter churning.....Iris Fulker, Kelly Hayes	Community spirit...Country Grocer for their continued support of the Farmer's Institute and Elizabeth Nolan and Rick Neufeld for the words and pictures in the Driftwood newspaper.
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### Peace and music

When the world seems absolutely nuts, it's good to remember "we shall overcome." As Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us, "The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

Song has often played a key role in struggles for justice, peace, liberation. Think of the "Singing Revolution" in Estonia and other Baltic states, the hundreds of thousands of Danes who responded to the Nazi invasion with song, or the role of music in the struggle against apartheid.

For decades, Salt Springers and visitors have gathered on Hiroshima Day to remember the horrors of war and rededicate our efforts for peace and justice. This year we are blessed to be joined by several gifted musicians: singer-songwriters Susan Cogan and Cheryl Cohen (accompanied by guitarist Aaron Bethune), and Barbara Slater and Kevin Wilkie, who have a way of making singing delightfully irresistible.

Global peace can seem elusive, but when we gather together and remember all the people who make peace real, we do our part to strengthen that effort.

This year's commemoration (Aug. 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the Peace Park-Japanese Heiwa Garden across from ArtSpring) begins just after the celebration of life for Josie Clement Lake, which seems fitting, for Josie was involved in the Voice of Women for Peace group which has played a key role in creating the Peace Park and in commemorating Hiroshima Day over the years.

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
SALT SPRING

### Pleasant fable appreciated

I just read Frants Atorp's very nice and also nicely written story titled "Saturna visit illuminates island time" in the July 25 Driftwood.

After all I have heard and seen on CNN the last few weeks, it was a pleasant fable placed on a beautiful island, Saturna. I really enjoyed it.

**ROBERT VAN OEVEREN,**  
SALT SPRING

### Crown land protection valuable

The protection of Crown lands on Salt Spring by the provincial NDP government is welcome news, and one more step in a long history of successful land conservation efforts on this island.

The first organized advocacy for the protection of Crown lands on Salt Spring began with the Crown Land Use Coalition, which commissioned a study evaluating the non-timber values of these lands.

Many of these Crown lands also lie within the area targeted by the South and West Salt Spring Conservation Partnership, a locally based, inter-agency organization formed to coordinate conservation efforts. After years of planning, many of the local, regional and provincial agencies and organizations participating in the SWSSCP joined in a campaign that acquired about 2,600 acres of land owned by the Texada Land Corporation.

An incredible community effort led by The Land Conservancy of B.C. and other local conservation groups involved over 1,000 donors and vol-

unteers, and helped raise over \$20 million (about half from the NDP government of the day) to acquire all of Burgoyne Bay, and lands around Mount Bruce and in the Maxwell Lake primary and secondary watersheds. CRD Parks was a major funding partner, acquiring hundreds of acres of green space. During this campaign, another CRD department also purchased Salt Spring's 18-acre liquid waste disposal site.

The newly protected Crown lands include the Cusheon Lake parcel, long advocated by the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee and by the watershed management plan they were instrumental in developing. Other Crown parcels are adjacent to lands acquired by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, one of the most successful land trusts in B.C. Islands Trust property tax exemptions to encourage conservation of private lands, a tax incentive still unique in B.C., has also helped protect many private lands with conservation covenants. Altogether, Salt Spring has now protected over 20 per cent of its land base, about 6,500 acres since 2001.

There will be more to this story, for example, the possibility of future land management partnerships with First Nations. There are other exciting opportunities for further land conservation on Salt Spring that not only protect rare ecosystems but provide valuable services such as carbon sequestration, drinking water protection, recreation opportunities and storm water retention.

The protection of our Crown lands is another, recent example of what Salt Spring can and has achieved through planning, collaboration and community support.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
MCLENNAN DRIVE

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# Salmon need stronger protection

With every passing day, and each new generation of British Columbians, the power of the wild Pacific salmon is quietly diminishing. Our shifting baseline of what is normal for wild salmon returning to our rivers is slipping from millions to thousands, thousands to hundreds, hundreds to dozens. The future of these economically important, environmentally vital and culturally essential species is not bright.

The threats to fish stocks are many: habitat and ecosystem degradation, poor management, fish farms and climate change. With expiring tenures and notice of the B.C. government's new aquaculture policy, all eyes have been on fish farms.

On June 20, government announced that effective 2022 the province will only grant tenures to fish farm operators who have satisfied Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) that their operations will not adversely impact wild salmon stocks,



Adam Olsen

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and who have negotiated agreements with the First Nation(s) in whose territory they propose to operate and pollute in.

If government's goal is to protect wild salmon from fish farms, this is not a strong policy. It is already DFO's job to "sustainably manage fisheries and aquaculture and work with fishers, coastal and Indigenous communities to enable their continued prosperity from fish and seafood." Yet our wild salmon stocks are crashing.

In April, the Auditor General of Canada summarized their audit of fish farms and DFO by saying: "We concluded that Fisheries and Oceans Canada did not adequately manage the risks associated with salmon aquaculture consistent

with its mandate to protect wild fish." The official audit cites DFO failings related to pollution, pesticide use, the spread of infectious disease and parasites, the control of escaped fish, and compliance reporting and enforcement.

Likewise, if government's goal is to support First Nations, this is not strong policy. Post-2022 industry will need to have benefit agreements with the First Nations whose territories they are operating in. That sounds good, but it has the potential to create a lot of problems.

The province is pretending that salmon do not migrate thousands of kilometres across our province and through numerous territories. My nation, the Tsartlip First Nation, doesn't have any fish farms in its territory, but the salmon we have traditionally harvested migrate past dozens. We rely on these fish, but have stopped fishing because there are so few salmon.

This new policy is trying to be all things to all peo-

ple, but avoids making any tough decisions and looks to Ottawa for B.C. leadership.

As an alternative, we could have given industry the 18 months needed to grow and harvest smolts already in their pens, an additional 60 days to decommission their sites, and then we would have cancelled their provincial tenures. During that transition we could have consulted with the leadership of every First Nation — with the recognition that wild salmon are foundational to First Nations in B.C. — and coastal community.

We do not have until 2022 to sort this out. Salmon are the lifeblood of the province and B.C. needs to be more involved in decisions concerning this iconic species. We cannot let decimated salmon stocks become the new normal.

*Adam Olsen is the BC Green Party MLA for Saanich North and the Islands and spokesperson for agriculture.*



PHOTO BY SUSAN GORDON

**MAD BUT HAPPY:** Karen Curtin, organizer of the 6th annual Mad Hatter Fun Run and Walk for MS, has fun with the decorations for the July 29 event at Fernwood. She said about 40 participants have raised \$1,400 so far, with more amounts to come in. People can contact her via [madhatterfunrun@hotmail.com](mailto:madhatterfunrun@hotmail.com) to donate. Curtin thanked all participants, volunteers and sponsors who helped with the fundraiser for the MS Society.

# FIPPA could force Trans Mountain pipeline to proceed

BY FRANTS ATTORP

A couple of months ago, our MP Elizabeth May wrote an article in The Guardian outlining why the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion is wrong on so many fronts and why she went so far as to get arrested for opposing the project.

Her article was very well written but failed to mention one very salient point: the investment treaty former prime minister Stephen Harper agreed to with the People's Republic of China in Vladivostok in 2012.

The FIPPA (Foreign Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement) with China was ratified two years later, without debate in Parliament, largely to ensure that bitumen from the Alberta tar sands is delivered to our west coast. China is massively invested in the tar sands and needs the bitumen to fuel its industrial growth far into the future.

Chinese state-owned corporations are not interested in the refined product (e.g. gasoline and kerosene) as that is not where the jobs lie, but want the bitumen transported to their shores so they can do the refining using their own cheap labour. They are very shrewd business people with a strategic plan to secure long-term access to raw materials and create employment in China.

For Canada, there is no logic in the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline: it is an unmitigated disaster from both an environmental and financial perspective. We haven't the slightest chance of meeting our climate commitments if the project goes ahead, while the actual purchase of the aging pipeline will cost Canadian taxpayers \$4.5 billion with an additional \$7 billion for the expansion.

As technology has advanced, there have been fewer and fewer jobs in the tar sands. Even truck drivers are becoming redundant, and that trend will undoubtedly continue into the future. And let's have no illusions as to what will happen many years from now when big oil is done with Alberta: Canadians will be left with one of the biggest toxic messes on the face of the planet. Imagine the Sydney Tar Ponds multiplied by a thousand.

The FIPPA with China specifies that any decisions by Canadian governments that change the original terms of the agreement and reduce the expected profits of Chinese corporations can be challenged in a quasi-judicial court system known as the Investor State Dispute Settlement. The powers of that court, which is run entirely by corporate lawyers, supersede those of Parliament and the Supreme Court of Canada, and may well be unconstitutional. However, most experts agree it is far too

late to do anything about it now.

Because of a secrecy loophole in the agreement, Canadians may never be made aware of multi-billion dollar payouts their governments make to foreign corporations. To say that we have forfeited our sovereignty to China is an understatement.

All this raises the question of why our elected representatives, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier John Horgan, MP Elizabeth May and MLA Adam Olsen have so little to say about the true pickle we

are in: either let the Trans Mountain project go ahead or get set to have our pants sued off.

We also have to ask what kind of prime minister would deliberately expose his country to massive lawsuits to essentially tie the hands of future administrations and ensure his pipeline dream is fulfilled.

The legacy of Stephen Joseph Harper lives on and on and won't expire until 2045.

*Frants Attorp is a Salt Spring writer.*

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## Youth focus and visibility added to Salt Spring RCMP priorities

IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS SHARED FOR 2017

BY SGT. RYAN NETZER  
DETACHMENT COMMANDER, SALT SPRING RCMP

Another year has come and gone since I last wrote about the priorities and personnel of the Salt Spring Island detachment.

It is this time of year when a majority of transfers take place across the country. Leaving this detachment in the very near future is Const. Alex Upshall and Const. Ian Gray. Both have served the community well for the past four years. The detachment wishes both Ian and Alex, along with their families, well wishes for the future and thanks them for the dedicated service they have provided.

Replacing Const. Upshall and Const. Gray will be Const. James Elliott and Const. Bruce Verhaeghe. They will both be arriving in the coming weeks and are excited to be coming to the Salt Spring Island detachment.

In addition to Const. Verhaeghe and Const. Elliott, the detachment is staffed currently with Sgt. Ryan Netzer, Const. Kyle Belton, Const. Ian Hastie, Const. Andrea Fitzpatrick and Const. Kyle Van de Sype. Our hard-working detachment services assistants are Loretta Rithaler and Josie Ripley, both having served the community for several years. Katie Watters heads up the Victim Services program. The cell block at the detachment is managed by a team of dedicated casual commissioner guards.

The priorities for the detachment remain relatively the same as years past with this year's focus being on road safety, visibility and youth.



### Road Safety:

As in years past, impaired driving continues to be a priority, not only on Salt Spring Island but throughout the country. As part of regular duties, officers will be setting up road safety check stops and enforcement activities related to distracted driving and school zones, to name a few.

In 2017, 23 drivers were issued 90-Day Immediate Road Side Prohibitions, seven drivers were charged under the Criminal Code for impaired driving, and 26 drivers received other provincial prohibitions related to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Officers conducted 38 proactive road safety check stops.



### Visibility:

Police will continue in their efforts to become more visible within the community, making efforts to attend community events, attend local schools, patrol the waters on the police vessel, as well as continue with foot patrols and bar walks. Local officers conducted 180 foot patrols throughout the year through the numerous parks within the community in an effort to reduce nuisance behaviour and create an atmosphere that allows all to enjoy these locations. In an effort to reduce intoxication and offences that often accompany over-consumption, 92 bar walks were completed through the local licensed establishments.

### Youth:

Local police will focus efforts on improving engagement with the local youth. Come September, every member of the detachment will be assigned a local school with an expectation that they will attend on a regular basis in the hopes that positive relationships can be built, not only with the youth but also teachers, administrators and other staff at the school. Local officers will strive to attend events in the community, particularly those which are geared to youth.

Much of the efforts of the detachment could not happen without the cooperation and participation of the community. With the combined efforts of both, Salt Spring Island will continue to be a safe place to live. If you have information that may assist officers in this endeavour, we invite you to contact the detachment at 250-537-5555, through email at saltspring@rcmp-grc.gc.ca, or feel free to stop by the detachment.



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**PRETTY AS A PICTURE:** Salt Spring Painters Guild members use plinths to display a number of small works that form part of their annual Summer Show and Sale at the ArtSpring gallery until Aug. 5.

**ART EXHIBIT**

## Wheston expands on 'stuff' themes



IMAGE COURTESY NICOLA WHESTON

One of the paintings in Nicola Wheston's exhibit opening at ArtSpring on Tuesday.

Art shows at ArtSpring and San Juan Island

Salt Spring artist Nicola Wheston is holding an art show at ArtSpring next week, before she takes her beautiful "stuff" to the San Juan Islands Museum of Art this fall.

Wheston will share her latest work in an exhibit called The Beginning and End of Stuff, which runs from Tuesday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 12. An opening

reception is on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Show hours are otherwise 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show is made up of large-scale paintings about where people buy and accumulate "stuff" and where it all ends up.

Wheston's San Juan exhibit — called Stuff: We Become Our Things and Retrospective — runs from Sept. 15 to Nov. 26.

"Cutting close to the bone, Wheston's work expresses her desire to illustrate the rapid rise of the norm of consumerism in the era of plastics and how the system

is showing its cracks," explains a press release.

"We now live in a society where we are drowning in 'stuff,' said Wheston. "Plastic fills every inch of our homes and we are building bigger and bigger homes to accommodate all this stuff. In the end, 'stuff' ultimately entraps us."

One of Wheston's paintings in her series was the people's choice winner at the inaugural Salt Spring National Art Prize competition in 2015.

The SJIMA show is her first in the U.S.

**OPERA**

## New Met Opera productions announced

Popular series features range of shows

ArtSpring has announced the shows for the 2018-19 Metropolitan Opera Live on Screen program.

The season opens on Oct. 20 with Camille Saint-Saëns's biblical epic Sam-

son et Dalila, conducted by Sir Mark Elder and starring mezzo-soprano Elina Garanca and tenor Roberto Alagna in the sensual French opera.

A week later, people can see La fanciulla del West by Giacomo Puccini. Soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek sings Puccini's gun-slinging heroine in a romantic epic of the Wild West, with the her-

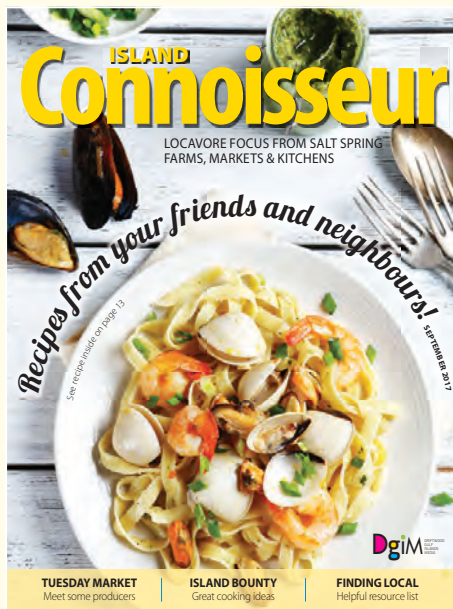
alded return of tenor Jonas Kaufmann in the role of the outlaw she loves. Baritone Željko Lucić is the vigilante sheriff Jack Rance, and Marco Armiliato conducts.

The Nov. 10 show is Marnie by Nico Muhly. His second new opera for the Met is described as a gripping reimagining of Winston Graham's novel, set in the 1950s, about a beautiful,

mysterious young woman who assumes multiple identities.

Other shows are: Verdi's La Traviata on Dec. 15; Adriana Lecouvreur by Francesco Cilea on Jan. 12; Carmen by Georges Bizet on Feb. 2; La fille du régiment by Gaetano Donizetti on March 2; Die Walküre by Richard Wagner on March 30.

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## TEA À TEMPO SERIES

## Eric Bogle music saluted in Patricia Flannagan recital

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The stage at Tea à Tempo next Wednesday, Aug. 8 again welcomes the enchanting songstress Patricia Flannagan, a perennial favourite with a penchant for Celtic and particularly Scottish music.

This time her choice of music comes from the copious composer's

pen of the Scottish-born Australian folk singer-songwriter Eric Bogle. This prolific composer is probably best known for his memorable World War II anti-war songs, such as And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda and The Green Fields of France (No Man's Land). The song called As



PATRICIA  
FLANNAGAN

If He Knows widens the theme of the wastage of war to describe the sadness of mounted soldiers ordered to shoot their horses before embarkation from Palestine in 1918.

Bogle's songs are not restricted to the wastage of war by any means. They cover a wide range of subjects and themes. Including comedic songs (The Aussie Bar-BQ and I Hate Wogs, which are two songs referring to his parents), a love song of a simple man and one about the

Dalai Lama, Flannagan will exploit the total Bogle with her pure, strong, expressive voice and her enchanting smile. On some songs she will accompany herself on piano or her ukulele.

In addition to soloing at various private occasions, care homes and the like, Flannagan has been singing for years with the popular Women of Note choir as well as the busy Bach on the Rock choir; she soloed in the role of cousin Hebe in their

recent production of HMS Pinafore at ArtSpring.

Flannagan will begin her Tea à Tempo concert with the hauntingly beautiful Scottish folk song Wild Mountain Thyme, which has choruses to which the singers in the audience can warm up their tonsils.

The venue is at All Saints By-the-Sea church on Park Drive. Performance begins at 2:10 p.m., followed in the hall by optional tea, coffee and goodies.

## WRITERS

## Edmonton author at poetry night

Rayanne Haines shares  
verse and spoken word  
performance at the library

## BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Aug. 9 open mic poetry night at the public library will offer a special guest reader in Rayanne Haines, an Edmonton-based writer who is on Salt Spring for the summer.

Haines wears multiple artistic hats. Her novel-in-verse Stained with the Colours of Sunday Morning will form the "page" part of her reading at the library, and she'll also have a spoken word "stage" component. She is midway through a four-book deal writing paranormal romance novels for SoulMate Publishing in New York. She is doing that at the same time as executing her full-time day job as executive director of the Edmonton Poetry Festival.

Haines and her family have been visiting the Gulf Islands regularly for the past decade, rotating between a few islands. This year she decided to make a summer out of it instead of just two weeks so she can focus more time on the third book in her Guardian series.

"Being out here I'm finding a lot of inspiration being in the forest and standing by the ocean," Haines said. "I find that I am very inspired by nature. Being out here to write is more conducive than being in the city."



PHOTO COURTESY RAYANNE HAINES

Rayanne Haines, the special guest reader at Salt Spring Open Mic Poetry Night on Thursday, Aug. 9.

es a one-day youth poetry conference and holds competitions several times a year to determine what poetry will be featured on the city's buses.

"One of the things that's great about Edmonton is it has a really strong and vibrant literary community," Haines said.

She feels that may be partly because the University of Alberta is located there, but that the city's independent, grassroots community is also a factor.

She noted that unlike many platforms, the literary arts are extremely accessible because they require basically no supplies or seed money.

"So the entry point is quite open to everybody, and the 'I can do it' kind of feeling in Edmonton makes it easy for people to find their way to the literary arts. For writers, I think it's a very vibrant place to be."

Haines said poetry is still going strong as an art form and demand for it actually appears to be increasing, especially among youth. The spoken word scene is a popular introduction for many young people, who may then gain the confidence to refine their language and get more precise

with work meant for the page.

In her own life, Haines works on her poetry and her fiction interchangeably, but her manner of working is quite different. When writing fiction she's sitting down at her laptop, but her poetry often starts with one of her walks with a notebook. She can only compose poetry with pen and paper, never on the screen.

Haines grew up on an Alberta horse farm and said being a prairie girl has had a definite impact on her work, in a way that has to do with culture rather than landscape.

"I think being raised where I was has absolutely influenced how I write and how I work when I write — perhaps to the point of maybe taking on too much," Haines admits.

Stained with the Colours of Sunday Morning, the poetry collection she will read from next week, is a fictional story told by three generations of women. Poems are written from the voice of a woman, her daughter and her granddaughter in a moving tapestry of memory, love and pain.

Haines' romance series is a linked world featuring a different pair of characters in each. They might be immortal warriors, vampires, dragons or witches. Although her mother was a hardworking farm woman and feminist role model, she spent her evenings relaxing with a romance book, giving Haines a taste for the genre (with a twist).

"When sitting down to write a novel it just seemed like the appropriate thing to write," she said. "Although I was trained to be a poet, I have always enjoyed sitting down with a happily-ever-after book."

Haines sees no contradiction between being a strong woman and finding true love.

"Everything I work on has an undercurrent of empowering women," Haines added, explaining she spent 10 years as a young single mother trying to make it in the arts before finding success as an author, excelling at a really good job and meeting her husband.

"Hopefully I've given my children the experience of a strong woman who can follow her passions and make something out of them," she said.

The Aug. 9 poetry reading will also feature special guest Alessandra Naccarato, who will read her poem that won the 2017 CBC Poetry Prize. Reader sign-up is at 6:45 and readings start at 7 p.m.

**"Hopefully I've given my children the experience of a strong woman who can follow her passions and make something out of them."**

RAYANNE HAINES  
Edmonton author

Haines' work with the Edmonton Poetry Festival includes coordinating the annual eight-day event that brings 60 poets to the city each April. She also works year-round to bring poets to city classrooms, organiz-

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Aug. 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea a Tempo: Marianne Grittani & Friends.** Singer-songwriter Marianne Grittani performs at All Saints with Rose Birney, Tyler Lieb, Bob Delion and Kate Bragg. 2:10 p.m. By-donation music followed by optional tea and treats.  
**Sasha Rose.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.** Museum open at the Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every Wednesday through Sunday through Sept. 2.  
**Movies in the Park: Jurassic Park.** Movie shown in Centennial Park at dusk — approximately 9:45 p.m.



## Thur. Aug. 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Barley Brothers.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Open Mic Night.** Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

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

## Thur. Aug. 2

### ACTIVITIES

**Donation Drop-off Day for Giant Book & Jewellery Sales.** Bring good-quality donations of books and jewellery for Salt Spring Literacy's fall sales to drop-off day at the Country Grocer parking lot — north side, around the corner from the liquor store — from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Summer Reading Club.** Drop-in program for ages 2 to 12 with crafts, games and fun runs Thursdays at the Salt Spring Public Library to Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. Kids who read or are read to 15 minutes a day can come back weekly to get a prize. Sign up at the library information desk.  
**Bats of Salt Spring Island.** Provincial biologist Purnima Govindarajulu gives a talk on Salt Spring bats at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

## Fri. Aug. 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Davey White.** Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards happy hour. 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Live Music at Woodley's.** Harbour House Hotel. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Auntie Kate, Brent Shindell and Dave Roland.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

## Fri. Aug. 3

### ACTIVITIES

**August Karaoke.** At the Legion beginning at 7:30 p.m.  
**Tom Hooper and the Angry Hippies.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Summer Movie Matinee.** Family-friendly movies every Friday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room at 2:30 p.m. Today's movie is The Boss Baby.  
**Art Show Opening: Wax & Steel.** An exhibit of new work by Steve Paterson and Rosalie Matchett opens at KiZmit Galeria / Cafe from 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Art Show Opening: Coastlines.** Reception for show of work by Joanie Paterson and Alison Sparshu on the Showcase stage at Artcraft at Mahon Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.



## Sat. Aug. 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Buck Dodgers String Band.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Boomshack.** Great dance music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

## Sat. Aug. 4

### ACTIVITIES

**Saturday Market in the Park.** Famous market of locally made, grown and baked goods runs every Saturday in Centennial Park through the last week of October. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Family StoryTime in the Park.** Saturdays in the summer in Centennial Park Gazebo. 1 p.m. All ages welcome but best for 3 to 6. Parent supervision is required. Free program presented by the Salt Spring Public Library.



## Sun. Aug. 5

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Synergy.** Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**Chamigos.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Art & Nature Fest.** An afternoon of performances, play, workshops, crafts and a picnic at Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. 3 to 7 p.m. (Rescheduled from June 30th rain-out.) Also includes Family Adventures in Nature program from 3 to 6 p.m.

## Sun. Aug. 5

### ACTIVITIES

**Artists in the Garden.** Free fine art, live music and lively conversation every Sunday in the summer at Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies. (Weather permitting). 12 to 4 p.m.  
**SS Forum presents Bryan Kolb.** Dr. Bryan Kolb — one of Canada's most distinguished brain specialists — joins the Forum for discussion in an event called Unlock the Mysteries of the Brain! Beaver Point Hall. 7:30 p.m.



## Mon. Aug. 6

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Vargo.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Lions Commemorative Bike Park Open House.** Stunt rider performances, new riders orientation on safety and trail sharing, bike checks, food served by the Salt Spring Lions Club, plus a prize draw. At the new bike park in Mouat Park. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bike stunt shows by the Beshano Bike Trials Club will be at 11:40 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. and run for approx. 20 minutes.



## Mon. Aug. 6

### ACTIVITIES

**Hiroshima Day.** Hiroshima Day commemoration with song: continuing to work for peace & justice. At the Peace Park Heiwa Garden at 4:30 p.m.  
**Music Bingo.** Every Monday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.



## Tue. Aug. 7

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic With Richard Cross.** Tuesdays at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday Farmers Market.** Food-only market that specializes in authentic, local, fresh and seasonal products. Runs every Tuesday through October at Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Shut Up and Write Salt Spring.** Silent focused writing in 25-minute intervals, with 5-minute breaks. SS Library in Room 106. Every Tuesday until Sept. 4. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Art Show Opening: The Beginning and End of Stuff.** Opening reception for exhibit by painter Nicola Wheston at ArtSpring. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Trivia Tuesday.** Every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

## Wed. Aug. 8

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea a Tempo: Patricia Flanagan.** Singer performs music of Eric Bogle at recital at All Saints By-the-Sea beginning at 2:10 p.m.  
**Sarah Osborne.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

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

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- **Won't You Be My Neighbor?** This documentary about Mr. Rogers goes past cardigans and the land of make-believe into the heart of a creative genius inspiring generations of children with compassion and imagination.
- **Indian Horse** — A Canadian First Nations boy, Saul Indian Horse, a talented hockey player, survives residential school and the racism of the 1970s.

### EXHIBITIONS

- Artist **Joanie Paterson** and **Alison Sparshu** present their **Coastlines** exhibition on the **Artcraft Showcase** stage at **Mahon Hall** beginning Friday, Aug. 3, with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Show runs until Aug. 22.
- **Wax & Steel**, new work by **Steve Paterson** and **Rosalie Matchett**, opens at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** on Friday, Aug. 3 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### EXHIBITIONS

- **Nicola Wheston** presents paintings in **The Beginning and End of Stuff** series at **ArtSpring** from Aug. 7 to 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and with an opening event on Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Island Painters Guild** members present the **Summer Show** at **ArtSpring** daily until Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Fault Line Projects** Presents **News From Flowers: First Annual Salt Spring Island Flower Show**, curated by Robert Kleyn, until Aug. 8.
- Wednesday, Aug. 1 is the last day to see 'Harvest gather Nature nourish' at **Artcraft in Mahon Hall**. The show features paintings by **Margarite Sanchez** and basketry and natural curation by **Joan Carrigan** running daily through Aug. 1.
- **Lesley Burke** presents her "Life should be a carnival" exhibit in the **ArtSpring** lobby through the month of August.
- **Out of the Blue: Indigo, Rust and Cyanoprints** by **Island Textile Artists** is in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** until Aug. 30.

### EXHIBITIONS

- **redbeards:** an exhibition featuring Vancouver sculptors **David Robinson** and **Doug Taylor** runs at **Duthie Gallery** through Aug. 28.
- **Hakeme Head** is an exhibit of new work by **Deon Venter** at **Venter Gallery**.
- **Artcraft** show and sale of work by some 100 Gulf Islands artisans is open daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Artists in the Garden** runs every Sunday at **Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies** at 155 Rainbow Rd. with live music, fine art and more from 12 to 4 p.m.
- **Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies** shows new work by **Edward Sauve** to mid August.
- **Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery** presents **Inspired Salt Spring**, new paintings of Salt Spring by **Jill Louise Campbell**.
- **Avril Kirby** shows photos at **Country Roasters Cafe**.

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**AWARDS**

## Filmmaker gets Wildscreen Panda nod



PHOTO AT LEFT BY JAKOB DULISSE; PHOTO AT RIGHT BY ISABELLE GROC

From left, filmmaker Isabelle Groc holding a western toad; close-up of a western toad, the subject of Groc's Toad People film.

Salt Spring resident's Toad People film nominated for esteemed award

**BY MARC KITTERINGHAM**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island-based filmmaker has been nominated for this year's Wildscreen Panda Awards for her film entitled Toad People.

The awards are held every year in Bristol, U.K. and are considered the "Academy Awards of wildlife films." Isabelle Groc, the director of Toad People, is honoured to be named among industry heavy hitters like David Attenborough and National Geographic.

"It's truly a great honour to be nominated for this festival," she said. "There are 37 films nominated and for us to be among that group is quite special. We are also the only fully Canadian production represented. It's an extra honour for us."

The western toad is an unlikely champion for conservation, but the yearly struggle faced by the species during its migration has gotten the attention of communities across B.C. The toads are born in the wetlands and need to migrate as juveniles each year to the forests, where they live out their lives. Their migration paths are

often criss-crossed by roads and highways, which pose a significant danger for the small creatures. Each year, a large number of toads are killed by cars when crossing the road. The film looks at the ways people in grassroots organizations have been working to save the toads.

"What was interesting about this story is that local residents, not biologists or scientists, but just regular people, saw all these toads being killed on the road. They felt very compelled to do something about it," Groc said. "We felt that there was a story there about people of all ages feeling compassion for the toads... It's called 'Toad People' because it is not just about the toads, it's about the people who care about species at risk in their backyards."

Since the toads are a migratory species that is being threatened, they have been compared to other creature like salmon. Both species are being cut off from their different habitats by human construction, and they are an important part of a vital ecosystem.

"They really play a role in the ecosystem especially because they move from different habitats... They transfer nutrients because they move around between different environments. It really highlights the need for better habitat protection," she said.

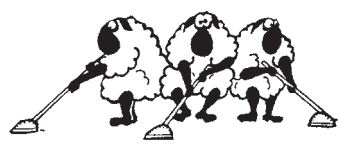
The film has been nominated in the

Small Budget Impact category. The category had originally been smaller, but after seeing the submissions, the festival organizers divided the entries into small and big budget classes. Other films nominated were a film on poaching produced by Al Jazeera and a short film on hedgehog conservation by U.K.-based Zest Productions. Large-budget nominees include BBC's Blue Planet II and other similar films.

The festival takes place from Oct. 15-19 and gives wildlife photographers, storytellers and filmmakers a chance to collaborate and learn from each other and celebrate their achievements in the past year.

"Bristol is a bit of a green Hollywood," Groc said. "It brings in a lot of people from the wildlife films and natural history films industry from all over the world. I'm excited to be there for sure."

Groc is a writer, photographer and filmmaker focussing on wildlife and environmental science stories. Her interests include the relationship between people and their environment as well as the way people care for the natural world. She divides her time between Vancouver and Salt Spring Island, choosing the island when she is working on her creative projects.



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**FESTIVALS**

## Outdoor Blackburn festival runs Sunday

Art and nature activities for all ages

After being rained out on June 30, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy is looking for sunny skies for this Sunday's second annual Art & Nature Fest.

Running from 3 to 7 p.m., the festival at the Blackburn Nature Reserve is an afternoon of performances, play, learning and picnics.

"The Art & Nature Fest will connect people and

wild places by inviting people to enjoy numerous activities in nature," explains a press release. "Festival goers can listen and dance to musical performances by Wesley Hardisty and Andy Meyers, the Ruwadzano Marimba band, and during the community picnic, Peter Prince. Lorraine Lowry will open and close the fest with her masterful bagpipe playing."

Attendees can also take workshops: yoga with Jayne Lloyd-Jones, drawing with

Lisa Lipsett, writing with author Ahava Shira, or creating cordage with Salt Spring Island's Basketry Guild.

Guided walks will be led by Linda Gilkeson, John Borst and Christine Torgimson, where people can learn about bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects, the Cusheon Lake watershed and wetlands restoration. Adults and kids can play with clay to make tree spirits and origami to create seed packets and

can enjoy a scavenger hunt. Other interactive activities include a labyrinth and an eco art mosaic.

People should bring picnic foods for the community picnic. A limited menu for purchase will be provided by Vital Kitchen. The festival will provide water, but people should bring a water bottle.

The Aug. 5 festival is a zero-waste event.

See [www.saltspringconservancy.ca](http://www.saltspringconservancy.ca) for a full schedule of events.

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## WEDNESDAY

**SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP** is on hiatus for the summer months. Need info? Email [cloudie48@gmail.com](mailto:cloudie48@gmail.com)  
**STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD** is on hiatus for the summer. Usually it meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, around the back.  
**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lions Hall.  
**SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS** meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**BOOMERFIT** South End. On hiatus for the summer. All aspects of fitness are addressed in these classes. Info: [trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com).  
**BRIDGE CLUB** at the SS Library program room from 12:30 to 4 p.m.  
**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.  
**COMPUTER HELP** — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone problems at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing [coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org](mailto:coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org).  
**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start).  
**FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY** offers free access to premium genealogy websites at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.  
**KIRTAN** at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.  
**MEDITATION GROUP** suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333.  
**MEDITATION MEETINGS** and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Teachings offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S BRIDGE** at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**PILATES CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. IS TAKING A SUMMER BREAK. Info/register: [anna@bonesforever.com](mailto:anna@bonesforever.com) Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance.  
**SSI ROTARY CLUB** meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Salt Spring Baptist Church, around the back, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**SENIORS YOGA** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**SWING DANCE** at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**YOGA** - Mixed levels with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. PLUS Level-1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**YOGA** with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.  
**ZEN MEDITATION** at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome.  
**ZUMBA TONING** with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

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

## EVERY THURSDAY

**AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS** classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; [alanwardroper@gmail.com](mailto:alanwardroper@gmail.com).  
**AL-ANON** for friends and families of alcoholics meets at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 noon.  
**BRIDGE** at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 12:45 p.m.  
**DANCE TEMPLE FOR WELLNESS** at Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre. 3 to 4 p.m.  
**DANCE TEMPLE** at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**LUNCH** at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 to 12:45 p.m.  
**MEN'S YOGA** with Ken Katz at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
**NIA** - is on hiatus for the summer. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca)  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**STAY & PLAY DROP-IN** at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Come for a bowl of soup! Toy library also open. 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**WOMEN'S YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
**YOGA WITH JIM DICKINSON** at Salt Spring Seniors is on hiatus for the summer.

## EVERY FRIDAY

**COFFEE TIME** for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.  
**DRUM CIRCLE** meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 4 p.m.  
**ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING.** Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## EVERY FRIDAY

**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info/register: [anna@bonesforever.com](mailto:anna@bonesforever.com).  
**GAMES NIGHT** at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**MAH JONGG** players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.  
**MIXED LEVELS YOGA** with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE** with Kaya Reiss at SSI Wellness Centre. 4 to 5 p.m.

## EVERY SATURDAY

**BRIDGE** at the Legion. 1 p.m.  
**DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.  
**FAMILY STORYTIME IN THE PARK** - a Salt Spring library program best suited to ages 3-6. Centennial Park gazebo. Parent supervision required. 1 p.m. Until Aug. 25.  
**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 p.m.  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS** with Lee Sigmund. SSI Wellness Centre. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

## EVERY SUNDAY

**KUNDALINI YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**SUNDAY SATSANG** at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.

## MONDAY

**SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the SS United Church hall at 7 p.m. See [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com).  
**SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Portlock Park Portable. 5 to 7 p.m. Public welcome. But confirm meeting dates at 250-537-4448. Summer recess may be in effect.  
**SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the SS Public Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m. Summer recess is in effect.

## EVERY MONDAY

**ACTIVE LEARNING** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2:30 to 4 p.m.  
**BOOMERFIT SOUTH END.** On hiatus for the summer. All aspects of fitness are addressed in these classes. Info: [trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com).  
**CHESS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca).  
**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.  
**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 9 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, [alicef@saltspring.com](mailto:alicef@saltspring.com).  
**ISLAND INFANTS PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP** at Family Place. A drop-in for parents of babies prenatal to 1 year with weekly speakers. Pre-register ([familyplace@ssics.ca](mailto:familyplace@ssics.ca)) for childcare. Lunch provided. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**PEPPER WALK WITH MOVEMENT INTELLIGENCE CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 1 to 2:15 pm. This innovative movement class features the work of John Pepper and is suitable for people with Parkinson's and other neurological conditions that are highly motivated to learn solutions for movement difficulties. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, [anna@bonesforever.com](mailto:anna@bonesforever.com)  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**READERS' THEATRE** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.  
**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.  
**SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS** is on hiatus for the summer.  
**SALT SPRING YARNIES KNITTERS CLUB** meets to knit, crochet, or do other handcrafts. Free. Newcomers welcome. Penny's Pantry on the Green. 1 to 3 p.m.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD** at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.  
**THE CLINIC by OPT:** Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Çore Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.  
**TOASTMASTERS,** a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. Guests are always welcome.  
**YOGA** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre (yoga studio).; Level 1 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Mixed Levels - 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.  
**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

## TUESDAY

**YOUTH BOOK CLUB** for ages 9 to 12 meets at the Salt Spring Public Library on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 3:30 to 5 p.m.

## EVERY TUESDAY

**ACTIVE LEARNING** - the Tuesday Edition. Global Issues and Current Events in Historical Perspective, a discussion group. Dawson Lounge, Seniors Centre. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS** classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 4 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; [alanwardroper@gmail.com](mailto:alanwardroper@gmail.com).  
**ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE.** All are welcome to join the tango group, Por el Amor del Tango, at weekly practicas. All Saints By-the-Sea. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: [ssi.tango@gmail.com](mailto:ssi.tango@gmail.com)  
**ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.  
**CHESS GROUP** plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:00 p.m.  
**LIFE DRAWING GROUP.** After a brief hiatus, the Lions Hall life drawing group will continue through the summer. 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.  
**NIA** - is on hiatus for the summer. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca)  
**MEN'S GROUP** - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, [reinless@mender.ca](mailto:reinless@mender.ca) or [meetup.com/reinless/](http://meetup.com/reinless/)  
**PICKLEBALL** games are played at the court behind the Fulford Fire Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**SHUT UP AND WRITE** sessions are silent focused writing for 25-minute sessions, with 5-minute breaks, led by Jane Eaton Hamilton at the Salt Spring Public Library in Room 106. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**SS SEARCH & RESCUE** - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**STAY & PLAY DROP-IN** for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6 at Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m. Come for a bowl of soup!  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**UBUNTU** sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE** with Kaya Reiss at SSI Wellness Centre. 4 to 5 p.m.  
**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** — All levels at Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; and Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.



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AGRICULTURE

# Farmers' Institute donates to The Root

Total needed for facility keeps shrinking

A \$50,000 donation by the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute has brought funds needed to complete The Root down to \$510,000.

"The Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute fully supports the leadership role the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust is taking in local food production, and we are pleased to donate \$50,000 to the Farmland Trust for the Root, a very worthwhile agricultural initiative," said Farmers' Institute president Bruce Marshall in a press release.

"This project meets our goals to sponsor community projects that promote agricultural education and infrastructure. The project also responds to the recommendations and priorities outlined in the Salt Spring Island Area Farm Plan."

"We are so grateful to the Farmers' Institute for their



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At The Root site, Farmers' Institute president Bruce Marshall presents \$50,000 cheque to SSI Farmland Trust president Patricia Reichert. In the back row, from left, are farmland trust board members Trish Robitaille, Mike Lakin and Larry Starke.

donation to The Root," said Salt Spring Farmland Trust President Patricia Reichert. "Their support really means a lot in our community, and I hope it will encourage others to support this amazing advancement in local food production on Salt Spring."

The new building will

include a licensed teaching and processing kitchen and temperature-controlled storage for local produce. This certified Food Safe kitchen will be available to farmers, small-scale food processors, individuals and community organizations. Training programs such

as chef certification and food education programs for youth, families and the community at large will be a focal point at The Root.

A permaculture food landscape will demonstrate food production in a changing climate. The Farmland Trust is working with the Community Energy Group to incorporate the latest strategies for renewable energy and energy conservation into the design of the site; there will be solar energy, a water catchment system, and vehicle charging stations.

Residents can help by making a donation at [www.ssifarmlandtrust.org](http://www.ssifarmlandtrust.org) or by cheque payable to the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust and mail to P.O. Box 738, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W3. The Farmland Trust will issue tax receipts for donations over \$50.

They can also host a Gathering Place dinner party from now through the end of October. More information is available at [www.ssifarmlandtrust.org](http://www.ssifarmlandtrust.org).

ECOLOGY

# Volunteers needed for sea star bioblitz

Low-tide exploration from Aug. 10-12

BY DAVID DENNING  
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During the lower low tide sequence from Aug. 10-12, Salt Spring Islanders can participate in a citizen science project called the Sea Star Recovery BioBlitz, which involves surveying the beaches of Salt Spring Island for juvenile sea stars.

The event will be a fun and interesting way to explore our beaches, and your participation will contribute to an ongoing research project to explore the ecological health of our seashores. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and the Salt Spring Ocean Stewards, the event is open to members of those groups, and to anyone else interested. This is a one-time citizen science research event, and your participation can be as little or as much as you wish.

Why?

Starting in 2014, sea star populations along the Pacific coast of North America (southern California to mid Alaska) were decimated by a plague known as sea star wasting disease. Local studies in 2015 and 2016 showed that the plague wiped out 80 to 100 per cent of our intertidal sea stars in local populations. In the last three years, we have observed very little recovery from the wasting disease plague. The large stars we now see along our shores are not "sea stars coming back." Rather, they are survivors of the plague. We know this because it takes at least four years for a sea star to reach eight to 10 centimetres in diameter, so these larger stars made it through the plague times.

So far our citizen science research project has been limited and we would like to get better coverage of the Island's

shores to answer the question: How much new recruitment of sea stars is happening? This summer, we will concentrate our effort on a three-day low tide sequence in August. This is a one-off study — a "bioblitz" — and our results will contribute to the bigger picture of the science of sea star recovery, which is actually relatively confused right now.

Where?

We will sample as many ecologically appropriate beaches as we can with our participating citizen scientists. We'll use a map and you will choose a beach you'd like to explore on the island. If you explore just one beach for an hour, that will be useful to the study. If you want to check out two or more different beaches, or put in an hour or two each day of the three-day bioblitz, that will also be great. The survey needs to take place at the lowest low tides of the month.

What's Involved?

We will start with a short (less than one hour) training session where you will learn how to look for juvenile sea stars with minimum disturbance to the intertidal environment. These small animals are not easy to find, so the training session is a requirement to participate in the bioblitz. After the training session you will choose a location on our map, where you will carry out your survey. A form for data collecting will be provided, and these will be collected with your results by dropping them off later at the Information Office in Ganges.

How Much Time Will You Need to Commit?

You'll need to commit to the one-hour training session and likely at least one hour of survey, and you'll have the travel time on top of that. If you can

afford more time, then carrying out a two-hour survey or surveying more than one location will be a great contribution to the study. You don't have to commit beyond the training if you decide that the survey work is not for you.

Training Sessions

Only one session is necessary — three sessions are offered to give participants options. Training sessions are scheduled early in the low tide cycle, so that you can carry out a survey immediately after the training at your chosen beach if you desire. The sessions will be given by myself as project leader for the SSTNC Shoreline Health Project.

People must choose one training session:

Training Session A: Thursday, Aug. 9 at 8 a.m. at Ganges Harbour directly in front of Harbour House.

Training Session B: Friday, Aug. 10 at 8:30 a.m. on the shore beneath Fernwood Dock.

Training Session C: Saturday, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. at Baker Beach. (Foot of Baker Road and down the stairs.)

The bioblitz should take place within approximately one hour before and one hour after low tide. The low tides (Fulford, other locations similar times) are:

Friday, Aug. 10: 0.27 feet at 9:47 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11: 0.42 feet at 10:35 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 12: 0.97 feet at 12:07 p.m.

How To Sign Up:

Please RSVP me via email ([ddenning@telus.net](mailto:ddenning@telus.net)) and provide the following information:

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## Juanita Vale Brown

SEPTEMBER 8, 1914 - JULY 19, 2018

Nita came to the end of her long life at the age of 103. She fell a little short of her 104 birthday this coming September. Her family has agreed that their Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother will be given the benefit of a few days, and will be given, in memory, her 104 years.

Nita arrived on Saltspring Island from Prospect Lake and Victoria with her husband Buzz and 3 of their (to be 4) children in 1947. They arrived in a model T Ford on the ferry which sailed from the very small wharf at the end of an unpaved road surrounded by dark forest. The Cy Peck was the only ferry sailing from Swartz Bay to Saltspring in 1947. It docked in Fulford Harbour where the few cars that it carried drove off at a village consisting of Pattersons General store, a gas pump and a few scattered cottages. The families pet cat "Ginger" escaped the car and began her life in the "wilds" of Fulford while the saddened children travelled through the Fulford Valley and along empty small winding roads until they were coasting down the Fulford Ganges hill and into a slightly larger village of Ganges.

Ganges became, over the years, a bustling rural village but on that day was rather bleak, very empty and housed only the Ganges Wharf, feed shed, Mouats General Store, Saltspring Trading Company, 2 garages, the Cenotaph, a few small retail stores, the Tides Inn and Rita's Restaurant. The sea filled the present day Thrifties parking lot and Post Office area. The sea also crept over the narrow road leading to Mouats Store when tides and wind sent it flowing over the road. The side streets feeding into Ganges were residential with cottages and tidy gardens behind picket fences. The population on Saltspring was 2500.

Nita's husband Buzz [Alfred Martin] was bringing his family to Saltspring where he was to be the new Provincial Governments Municipal clerk, Assessor and Tax collector. Buzz was also to manage the same for the outer Gulf Islands, issue drivers licenses, marriage, burial and fishing licenses. His office was in the 2 story old white boarding house sitting beside Mouats Store.

After settling in to her rented home Nita enrolled the school aged children at the Saltspring Elementary and High School. The building held grades from one to 12 and enrolled 325 students. Mahon Hall was the gym used by students while across the road was a logging dump.

Rural living on Saltspring in the late 40's and early 50's provided all kinds of experiences for the family. Nita slowly became involved in her new community and, over the years, while raising her children became active in outer island pottery and craft classes. This, over time developed with a small group of friends into Art Craft. Today Art Craft is a very vibrant organization with many talented artists showing their work at various venues and culminating in a summer show in Mahon Hall.

Nita, with her friend Kay Booth conceived and developed the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop. They began with \$250, space in Mouats basement and a portable sewing machine that was used to mend donations. Today the Thrift Shop is run by many volunteers and contributes \$180,000 to the Lady Minto Hospital. Many people benefit from this small beginning.

Both Nita and Buzz were to become eager participants in many community events and organizations. Buzz became involved in the Chamber of Commerce, improving ferry service, the Golf Club and establishing Ruckle Provincial Park. Golf, fishing, badminton and Sea Capers were events that Buzz enjoyed. He always entered the walk-the-greasy-pole-event. It provided many laughs for islanders, his children and later his Grandchildren.

Nita and Buzz also contributed to the island-style social life by organizing and participating in island Masquerades that were heavily attended, [Fulford Hall] eagerly anticipated and always involved a great deal of hilarious behaviour and outrageous home made costumes.

After Buzz retired Nita started her Cottage Tea Shop in Mouats Mall. She spent many happy days serving her friends, family and tourists. Grandchildren loved to drop in when they were visiting the island and eat as many butter tarts or fresh blackberry pie as they wished. Nita's friends enjoyed the daily gossip and the "laced" tea that she served from a tea pot on festive occasions.

Nita is predeceased by her husband Buzz and son, Lyle.

She is remembered fondly by her 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 18 grandchildren. Nita lived a full life and leaves behind many accomplishments and a great many memories.

Nita's family would like to thank the angels/staff of Extended Care, who were her caregivers for almost 4 years. They each and all showed great care, love, compassion and patience.

The family will be spreading her ashes in fondly remembered locations on her island home of many happy years. A memorial bench will be placed in the village outside her tea room and will provide another pleasant spot to sit and reflect on how sweet island living can be when you participate, contribute and savour with friends, community and family.



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**TIP OF THE WEEK**

The retrograde summer continues. Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and Chiron all continue to appear to be in reverse orbit. The implications of this are deep and complex. As well, from the standpoint of the 'cosmic chemistry' that astrology reveals, the effects must ever be assessed on an individual level. By early September, Mercury, Mars and Saturn will be direct again.

Meanwhile, Eclipse Season continues and comes to what may be deemed its peak on August 11 as the Sun in Leo is eclipsed with the annual Perseids meteor shower in the background. The exact degree of the Moon conjunct the Sun will be 18 Leo 42. The effects of it are always dependent upon the deeper themes of one's destiny. Yet, on the surface, what your Sun Sign is, what house it occurs in and what aspects it makes to the planets in your Natal, Progressed and Relocated charts are important considerations as well.

As tempting as it is to assert that the retrograde planets and the eclipse season are linked to the devastating fires occurring all over the world, it is not that simple. However, it is worth noting that Mars, the mythic planet of fire, remains much closer to earth than usual. In any case, it is tragic, terrifying and sad due to the loss of life, property and livelihood experienced by so many at this time. Unfortunately, these waves of destruction are likely to continue and these are harsh reminders of the relative frailty of life and we are wise to be extra vigilant regarding our proximity to dry forests and grasslands.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)**  
Balancing business with pleasure remains a central focus as summer comes to its official peak. To succeed, you have had to give more than you would like. But, this is about to shift. In the short term anyway, opportunities for fun, sun, love and romance are also entering a peak period. Yet success in this regard may require some measure of innovation.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**  
You may find yourself poised at a unique juncture. It may be better described as a crossroads. On one hand, you feel confident and abundant as returns for past efforts continue to flow in. On the other hand, you feel challenged to acknowledge and face some very real fears. It may help to consider that the future beckons and forward you must go.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)**  
'Home is where your heart is' is probably an ancient saying spanning many cultures. It can also accurately be said that home is where your work is, and ideally that means your 'right vocation'. Doing what you love and loving what you do and getting paid for it is ever ideal and a central theme now. This is an expansive time and promotions are indicated.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**  
Some major events are unfolding in your public and professional life. Some of these have not yet been fully activated. But, the wait is just about over. In the next several weeks you will experience some important shifts and activations. Some of these will challenge you to integrate new perspectives. Balancing a deeper sense of responsibility and surrender is featured.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**  
The drama of life has a way of presenting a mixed bag of experiences and emotions leaving us feeling that we are never quite 'out of the water'. This is probably quite evident now. As important as freedom is to you, current cycles are pushing you to be more empathetic and conscientiously aware than usual of the important people in your life.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**  
Leo time generally represents a power cycle for you. This year this theme will be amplified by the Leo Solar Eclipse. Success requires that you learn to 'think with your heart and feel with your mind.' This may be described as becoming more empathetic and more intuitive. In doing so, you will feel more connected to others and aware of who they truly are.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)**  
A steady process of building upon new foundations continues. This includes the equally important task of clearing the old to make way for the new. This is where the slope gets steeper due to instinctive tendencies to be tenacious. Yet, with awareness, you can be more determined and deliberate as you thank, forgive and release the pasts hold on you.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**  
A process of purging what you no longer need is underway. On the flip side, this clearing is meant to clarify to you what you need from others. Accessing their talents and resources is implied. With Mercury retrograde, you will be inclined to think twice before you admit what you feel you need or commit to anyone in particular before you feel more certain.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**  
The time has come to enter new territory. This theme will become much stronger yet due to the Solar Eclipse in Leo on August 11th. How you will be impacted depends on the finer details of your destiny and those of your outer circumstances too. Positively, your confidence levels are steadily rising and this trend will continue.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)**  
You are on the eve of an extra creative cycle. To harness its full potential, you will have to exercise discipline and focus. So, set your intentions now and clarify what you would like to achieve. The influence of this cycle could last up to six months. Whether this is a long time or not depends on your goals. Intention and organization are key containers to capture the flow of creative genius.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**  
Opportunities for new relationship encounters are now becoming apparent. This trend will extend into the coming weeks and possibly even months. Genuinely liking who you meet and whether or not you will want or choose to deepen any given relationship, is another question. In the short term, you might find yourself on best behavior.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**  
You are in the mood to learn again. Whether by way of reading books, attending classes or watching documentaries or educational productions, you are determined to nurture your mind. Allowing new knowledge in, can have the effect of changing your perspectives and interpretations. For best results, focus to direct this new input into creative self-expression.

# sports & recreation

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**RALLY ON!** Enthusiasm was high at the fourth annual Tomorrow's Champions junior tennis clinic held at Portlock Park on July 20. Thirty-three Salt Spring youngsters attended the event that saw Oded Jacob, Tennis Canada's head national coach of junior development, and seven other high-level pros volunteer their time to coach and inspire the players. At left, Jacob gives Shyanna Spencer a high-five for her perfect rally exchange. Above, group shot of the whole crew at the Portlock Park courts.

## DRAGON BOAT RACING

# Salt Spring paddler part of world championship team

Victoria's Gorging Dragons team brings home nine medals

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island paddler can add "world champion" to her accomplishments after this year's Club Crew World Championship Dragon Boat racing event in Szeged, Hungary.

Sabine Georgy, 60, raced on two teams at the event, competing in the Senior B and C

categories. The Senior B team, which is for ages 50-59, placed third in the 200- and 2,000-metre races, as well as gold in the 500-m race. The Senior C Team is for ages 60-69 and they placed bronze in the 200-m, silver in the 500-m and fourth place in the 2,000-m events. Racers are allowed to paddle in younger age groups, so Georgy was able to compete in multiple events.

"Our goal was to be on the podium in all events and we achieved that," Georgy said. "Becoming world champion



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Medal-winning Vancouver Island Gorging Dragons team, of which Salt Spring's Sabine Georgy is a member.



## Salt Spring Lions Commemorative Bike Park GRAND OPENING

### Activities include:

- New riders orientation on safety and trail sharing by the Bike Club.
- Food served by the Salt Spring Lions Club
- Prize draw
- Stunt riders expo performance by Beshano Trails.
- Free bike tune-ups and helmet fittings by the Bike Club

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was the icing on the cake."

The event was Georgy's first time competing at the highest level. At the event, 140 teams from 30 different countries were in attendance, with around 6,000 paddlers braving the hot and humid weather in Szeged.

"Crossing the finish line you didn't know how you finished because the races were so close. We had to wait for our coach to tell us, he held up fingers on shore," Georgy said. "The wait was nerve wrecking. It took minutes. We thought we had an excellent race in the gold medal 500-m Senior B final but we just couldn't tell if it was good enough for first."

Georgy started dragon boat racing with Salt Spring's Spir-

it Point Dragons. After about six years with the local team, Georgy sought a higher level of competition and began training with the Gorging Dragons in Victoria. However, she missed three years of training and competition after being hit by a car and suffering a massive concussion.

"I didn't know if I would be able to paddle and work out again, never mind on a high-performance team," she said. "I fought my way back, so this success is huge for me, a very personal victory."

Leading up to the event, Georgy commuted to Victoria on Sundays to practise. When she was on Salt Spring, she would row in an outrigger canoe on St. Mary Lake. She

also worked with coach Gus Oliveira, an accomplished paddler himself, to keep up her fitness level.

"We got a program for every week with work-outs to do," she said. "It's on the water paddling, also cardio and strength. We also had time trials about once every six weeks in [outrigger canoes]."

After the world championships, the team is taking a break until the end of September. They practise through the winter preparing for nationals. Next year's national competition will be in Regina, Sask.

"Hopefully we can qualify again for the next Club Crew World Championships, which are in 2020 in France," Georgy said.