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**PUBLIC FACILITIES**

## Citizens' group takes laundry needs to park

Primitive system highlights the need for a local laundromat

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Salt Spring Islanders has taken to “airing” their dirty laundry in public in an effort to draw attention to the desperate need for publicly accessible facilities.

Laundreaction Salt Spring is a new grassroots organization that has formed to promote the need for services and to support the ongoing work of the Copper Kettle Community Partnership and the Wagon Wheel Housing Society to find a solution. This past weekend marked their second appearance at the Saturday market, where Centennial Park became home to an alternative solution based on large buckets, water and biodegradable soap.

Flynn Scott was one of the people to take her clothes to the park on Saturday.

“It’s not that we’re not willing to pay for things, there’s just nothing within a reasonable price range,” Scott said. “And of course if you can’t clean your clothes, you often can’t get work. It’s like a dog chasing its tail in a lot of ways.”

Salt Spring has been largely without laundry services since Mrs. Clean Laundromat closed its doors after 25 years in business at the end of February in 2016. Ganges Harbour Properties bought out the final owners because of plans to renovate the Ganges Alley complex that was home to the laundromat, and a conflict with the number of water lines and fixtures available for other units. The business owners had meanwhile struggled with unsustainable water, sewage and equipment costs.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Flynn Scott, left, and Kajin Goh of ‘Laundreaction’ wash clothes using a bucket system in Centennial Park.

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**HEALTH CARE**

## Three new physicians added to island ranks

Some other family doctors change on-island locations

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents currently without a family doctor will benefit from the addition of three new practitioners to

the island in September.

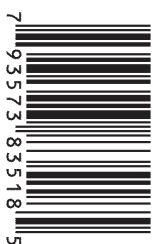
Island Health and the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice – Salt Spring Island Chapter stated they “are pleased to extend a warm welcome” to the doctors, all of whom have joined the medical staff of Lady Minto Hospital and will be providing primary care services within the community.

The Eagle Ridge Medical Clinic is now accepting names for a new patient wait-list for anyone currently without a local family doctor. Clinic doctors David Beaver and David Butcher will be joined by Peter Verheul on Sept. 1. Originally from Bristol, UK — known as the “wettest city in England” — Verheul said he is excited to experience a Salt Spring winter.

Verheul moved to Alberta after meeting his Canadian wife. He completed his residency in Calgary and Whitehorse. He is a keen cyclist and outdoor enthusiast, a violinist in the band Lighter than Arrows and a father to two young boys.

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## CRD Capital Regional District

## Notice of Applications for Scrutineers &amp; Advance Voter Registration

## South Galiano Fire Hall Assent Voting (Referendum)

Public notice is hereby given that the assent of voters is required with regard to:

- ▶ Bylaw No. 4240, "South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993, Amendment Bylaw No.3, 2018"; and
- ▶ Bylaw No. 4239, "South Galiano Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2018".

Qualified electors of the South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Area within the **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area**, will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, October 20, 2018**:

- ▶ Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting both of the following bylaws:
  - ▶ Bylaw No. 4240 "South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2018" authorizing the Capital Regional District to increase the maximum annual requisition so that it will be the greater of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$470,000) or \$1.157 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) of net taxable assessed value of land and improvements for the purposes of funding the annual costs for the service, including operating costs and costs to design and construct a new fire hall on south Galiano Island and permit the recovery of annual costs for the service by way of a parcel tax in addition to the current requisition; and
  - ▶ Bylaw No. 4239 "South Galiano Island Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2018" authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) for the purpose of designing and constructing a fire hall on south Galiano Island.

YES or NO?

## Scrutineers

Scrutineers for and against the question must be appointed if applications are received from persons who wish to volunteer for the positions. Only persons entitled to vote as electors on the question noted above are entitled to act as scrutineers. If sufficient applications are received, one scrutineer for and one scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place. One scrutineer for the question and one scrutineer against the question may also be appointed to be present at the determination of the official results and, if necessary, at a judicial recount.

Applications to act as a scrutineer will be received by the Chief Election Officer at the offices of the Capital Regional District, PO Box 1000 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC V8W 2S6 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Tuesday, September 4, 2018 until Friday, September 14, 2018**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by visiting [www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote) or by telephoning Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3024 or 250.360.3024.

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## List of Registered Electors

Beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2018 until Friday, October 19, 2018 a copy of the List of Registered Electors for Galiano Island will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD office listed below, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. You may also call to enquire whether your name is on the List: Contact CRD Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC; Telephone Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3024 or 250.360.3024.

## Notice of Advance Voter Registration for Non-Resident Property Electors Only

Advance Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 for the List of Registered Non-Resident Property Electors for Galiano Island. Please note that the CRD will be using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors in the CRD.

Voter qualifications to vote as a Resident Elector or Non-Resident Property Elector are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications:

- ▶ 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018)
- ▶ Canadian citizen
- ▶ Resided in British Columbia for six months, and either:
  - have resided in the South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Area within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area for 30 days immediately before the day of registration. If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature; OR
  - have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Area for 30 days immediately before the day of registration and do not qualify as a Resident Elector. If registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector on voting day you must provide the following information:
    - ▶ a recent land title registration of the real property or a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; and
    - ▶ 2 pieces of identification, one of which must have a signature; and
    - ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

For more information about registering as a Resident Elector or a Non-Resident Property Elector, call Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3024 or 250.360.3024.

Dated this 15th day of August 2018

Thomas F. Moore,

Chief Election Officer

## Solutions pursued

## LAUNDRY

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Laundreaction spokesperson Kajin Goh explained the first wash-in event was partly motivated by the fact that a friend had come in from Edmonton and desperately needed to wash his clothes after a week of driving. Research on YouTube provided a lesson on how to build a simple system using five-gallon buckets (some drilled with holes) and a toilet plunger as agitator.

"Last week's action was basically to demonstrate the model and see if it worked," Goh said on Saturday.

The Laundreaction crew are happy to show others how to modify their own buckets or will lend them out as a temporary measure. Wash-ins are scheduled to take place every Saturday at the park starting around noon.

People who don't have laundry machines at their homes have only a few options. Salt Spring Community Services offers laundry on food bank days, but there is just one set of machines and the line-up lasts all day. Some people rely on friends but have to wait for a good time and then hope not to become a bother. Salt Spring Linen and Dry Cleaners will sometimes take bulk loads by the pound. Other people are taking huge backpacks on the ferry to Crofton, Sidney or Victoria.

"If you think of the carbon footprint of actually having to go off island and come back, aside from the expense and energy, it's just huge," Goh said. "So I think this island has been crying out for a laundromat for a long time. The reason for this action is to make it public."

"There's probably a good handful of people that I know who buy clothes from the thrift store and then throw them away or burn them, and that's horrible for the environment," added Laundreaction member Amadée Chappus Sikich.

Goh estimates the bucket system uses around four gallons of water per wash, which is less than one flush of a traditional toilet. Park water is not used at the wash-ins. Chappus Sikich pays for water through the harbour authority and has hauled it from their nearby office. Elaine Hunt has provided the group with a highly biodegradable soap called Get Clean by Shaklee. The used laundry water is suitable for irrigation.

Chappus Sikich was one of the first people to test the alternative system on Aug. 4, bringing her baby's clothes out for a wash.

"I used to work in a place where I

had to wear a uniform and I lived on a boat. It was tough," Chappus Sikich said. "It's not just people without homes [that need laundry facilities]."

Plans to open a new laundromat have been explored by realtor/property developer Eric Booth, who purchased the old machines from Ganges Harbour Properties, and by Richard Murakami, who has requested a change in uses for his industrial property on Park Drive where the car wash is now located. Salt Spring Community Services has also looked into possible locations to open a laundromat as a form of social enterprise, but has taken a pause since the Copper Kettle group took up the charge.

The Copper Kettle and associated Wagon Wheel Housing Society have looked at mobile trailer units that could house low-energy, low-water-impact laundry machines and showers. Location remains an issue; Capital Regional District administration turned down a request to use their park properties on Rainbow and Kanaka roads last October, citing zoning issues and rules for land purchased with parkland acquisition funds.

Wagon Wheel society member Shelley Mahoney said her group has been frustrated in their efforts to rent appropriately zoned commercial property, and purchasing commercial property is out of reach. Mahoney has also asked for help from service clubs and churches with property downtown, without success.

"All you have to do is plug [a mobile unit] in just like at the food cart place — that's all you need," Mahoney said. "We could even drive it on and off the site every day like film set trailers."

Mahoney said she is planning to start a new petition to use CRD land at Rainbow Road in light of these difficulties.

"If PARC can have a 'junk in the trunk sale' at the pool, they can't say they don't allow commercial uses," she said.

An Islands Trust staff report that will be considered at this Thursday's Local Trust Committee meeting suggests zoning restrictions against laundromats could at least be opened up. Staff working on updating industrial zoning bylaws have suggested that laundry could be added as a use everywhere in the new General Employment 1 and 2 zones.

A video demonstration of the bucket washing laundry technique is linked to this story at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com).



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**Salt Spring Local Trust Committee:**  
 Thursday, AUGUST 16  
 Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m.; town hall at noon

## AGRICULTURE

# Provincial ALR review committee submits first report

Restrictions recommended against non-farm use and marijuana

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A provincial advisory committee mandated with revitalizing the Agricultural Land Commission and Agricultural Land Reserve is recommending that applications for non-farm use of ALR lands be strictly defined and curtailed.

An interim report authored by committee chair Vicki Huntington and submitted to Minister of Agriculture Lana Popham was made public last Wednesday. The report includes 13 recommendations for legislative and regulatory change and four actions to protect the ALR. It also identified 14 key issues that are still under consideration for its final report.

The report further recommends limiting the square-footage of principal residences on ALR lands and reverting to one zone with the same rules applied everywhere. Initial response from the farming community is positive.

"The interim report looks very good to us," said Elizabeth White of the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance. "It strongly supports much needed strengthening of the ALR and the ALC."

White added, however, "One area that is not fully addressed in the interim report is how to improve current regulations around farmworker housing in the ALR, which of course is of great concern to Salt Spring."

Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands and the B.C. Greens spokesperson for agriculture, said he welcomed the report's release.

"The ALR is crucial to supporting B.C. agriculture, farmers and our local food security. It has been increasingly under threat due to the preponderance

of mega mansions, stemming from speculation in our real estate market," Olsen said in a news statement.

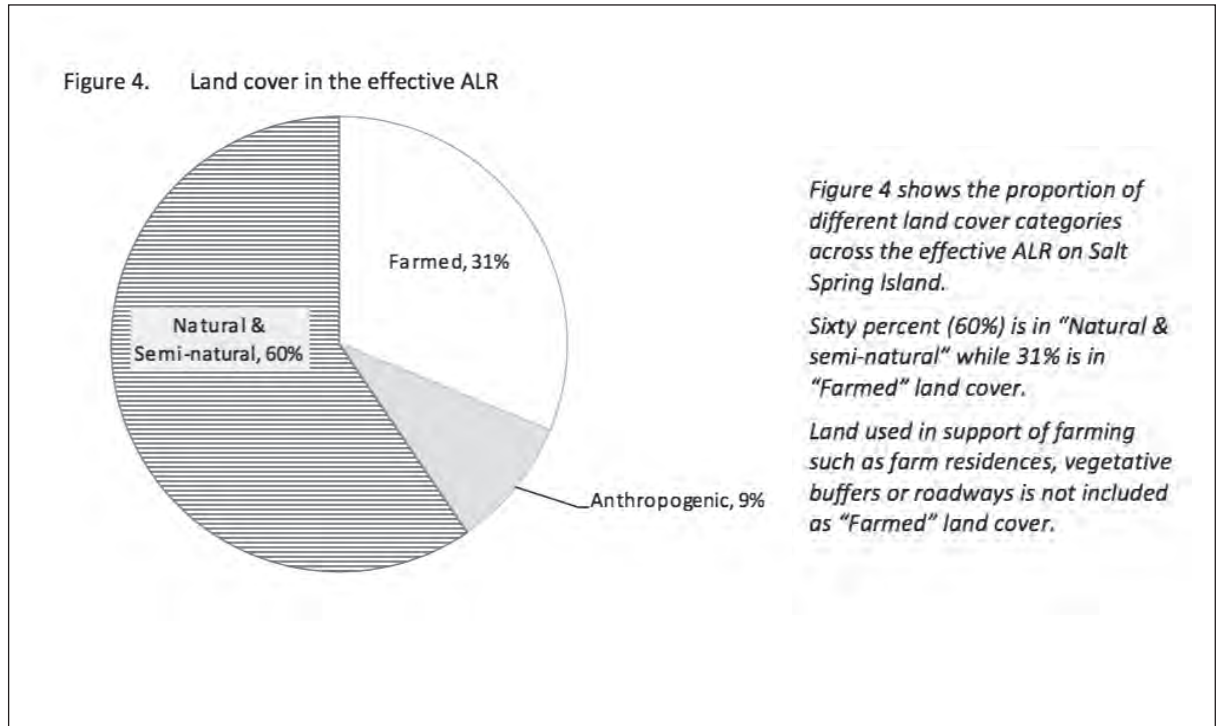
"This is driving up prices at a time when the industry is facing a demographic crisis and young farmers are struggling to afford to buy land. I am pleased that the committee recommends that the province limit house size in the ALR and I urge the government to swiftly adopt this recommendation."

Protecting the ALR from speculation and uses that could permanently impact soil and production capacity formed a large area of discussion during public consultations the advisory committee held this spring. While "lifestyle estates" and megamansions in the Lower Mainland area were the major concern, the committee has also pointed to housing developments and subdivisions as threats to existing agriculture land.

One of the recommendations of the report is to define and limit the types of applications the ALC will even consider for non-farm use. According to the report, approximately 80 per cent of applications to the ALC are for subdivision and non-farm uses, and the vast majority of those applications are not from "farmers or ranchers intending to employ other uses that would support or sustain their farming operations."

"This high volume and application-heavy focus limits the ALC time and resources needed to focus on other key aspects of its mandate, including collaboration with other governments and government entities to encourage farming in B.C. The ability of landowners to apply for such a wide range of activities, which ALC has experienced as quite literally any type of land use activity, further drives speculation and land costs based on the perception of what is possible in the ALR," the report states.

Applications based in the Gulf Islands are potentially part of the problem. New ALC chair Jennifer



Infographic describing use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands on Salt Spring, sourced in a B.C. Ministry of Agriculture inventory published in February 2018.

Dyson made a plea to Islands Trust Council at their quarterly meeting in June to put the breaks on forwarding any applications for residential use of ALR land that would have little chance of success.

In addition to housing recommendations, the interim report calls for immediate measures to restrict marijuana production within the ALR. The report advises the province to establish an immediate moratorium on all non-soil bound cannabis production and facilities in the ALR pending provincial-level analysis of impacts; to eventually enable the ALC to establish rules/criteria for cannabis production throughout the ALR; and to permit cannabis production in the ALR only through application to the ALC.

The Ministry of Agriculture will review the committee's recommendations over the coming weeks to analyze their impacts before deciding any policy changes.

The Agricultural Land Reserve includes around five per cent of the total land in the province. In comparison, a B.C. government inventory of Salt Spring's agricultural land released this spring found that ALR lands comprise 17 per cent of the island's land mass.

- Salt Spring has 2,855 hectares of "effective ALR" land within legally surveyed parcels. Another 88 hectares is located in rights-of-way and water bodies and therefore unavailable for use.

- Over half of the effective ALR (60 per cent or 1,698 hectares) was in a natural or semi-natural state when surveyed in 2017. The remainder of the effective ALR was anthropogenically modified in vegetation, buildings and roads (nine per cent or 266 ha) or was farmed (31 per cent or 891 ha).

- An additional 376 ha of land outside the ALR was farmed,

bringing the total farmed land cover area to 1,267 ha.

- There were 1,213 ha of cultivated crops on Salt Spring (859 ha in the ALR and 354 ha outside the ALR). Forage and pasture was the most common crop, accounting for 91 per cent of all cultivated land. Of properties used to raise livestock, equines were the most usual animal accounting for 37 per cent of "animal units."

- Of all ALR parcels, 28 per cent were "used for farming" while 72 per cent were "not used for farming." The median parcel size of a "used for farming" parcel was 4.8 ha while the median parcel size of a "not used for farming" parcel was smaller at 2.2 ha.

- Statistics Canada's 2016 Census of Agriculture found the average annual net income of Salt Spring farms was approximately \$9,554 for the 196 farms reporting in 2016.

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- SALT SPRING ISLAND:** Three Trustees to be elected
- GALIANO ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected
- MAYNE ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected
- PENDER ISLANDS:** One Trustee to be elected
- SATURNA ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected

**Will be received by the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officer or another designated person from 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2018.**

**The term of office** for Trustees will be four years commencing in November 2018 and terminating after the 2022 General Local Election in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

**During that period nomination documents will be received:**

- By hand, mail or other delivery service during regular office hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays, at the School Board Offices 112 Rainbow Road.
- By hand, filing with the Deputy Chief Election Officer (DCEO) at School Board Offices, 112 Rainbow Road from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily from Tuesday, September 4, 2018 through Wednesday, September 12, 2018, excluding statutory holidays and weekends, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily on Thursday, September 13, 2018 and Friday, September 14, 2018. Contact the DCEO, Laura Deacon, at 250-474-9804 or ldeacon@sd64.org to make appointments or make alternate arrangements to file your nomination forms.
- **Originals of the faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Deputy Chief Election Officer by 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 21, 2018.**

**Nomination forms are available at the School District Offices, 112 Rainbow Road, from 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 3rd, 2018 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2018, excluding statutory holidays and weekends.**

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- aged 18 years or older on general voting day [October 20, 2018];
- resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

### CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 General Local Election, and all subsequent elections, all candidates have expense limits that apply during the campaign period, September 22, 2018 to October 20, 2018. Each election area and office has its own limit, which is based on the office and population of the election area.

Accordingly, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

- Salt Spring Island..... \$5745.00
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In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local elections, the following third-party advertising limits apply:

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**To obtain further information on campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits, contact Elections BC:**

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**The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:** A nomination must be in writing and must be made separately for each candidate by at least two qualified nominators of School District No.64 (Gulf Islands), and nominators must be electors of the School District for which the person is nominated.

**To obtain further information about the nomination process, contact Laura Deacon, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-474 9804 ldeacon@sd64.org Tom Moore, Chief Election Officer at 250-472-0059 or tmoore63@shaw.ca.**

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this 4th day of August, 2018.

Thomas F. Moore,  
Chief Election Officer

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

# Coast Guard tasked to fire

Three people  
evacuated

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Coast Guard crew stationed in Ganges were sent to the waters off Isabella Point on Friday after reports of a fire on a recreational boat.

The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria reported that it received a forwarded 911 call about the incident around 11:10 a.m. A 30-foot pleasure craft with two adults and a child on board had reported being adrift in the Swartz Bay/Swanson Channel area after shutting off the engine due to white smoke coming from the engine compartment. While the operators were still on the phone, the smoke turned black and increased, indicating an active fire. JRCC Victoria advised the occupants to abandon the vessel and await rescue.

The rescue centre issued a mayday relay broadcast, and tasked the Canadian Coast Guard motor lifeboat Cape Naden and the fast rescue craft Ganges 1 to attend the scene. A Parks Canada vessel and a commercial assistance vessel answered the mayday broadcast and headed towards the area around 11:30 a.m. By 11:43 the occupants of the vessel on fire had successfully abandoned ship into kayaks, and reported their pleasure craft was now showing open flames.



PHOTO BY DAMIAN INWOOD

Black smoke from a burning boat in Swanson Channel as seen from BC Ferries' Skeena Queen vessel.

According to the JRCC, the Ganges 1 and the Parks Canada vessel arrived on the scene at 11:50 a.m. and recovered the three people from their kayaks. A coast guard rescue specialist who evaluated the victims on site found they were in good medical condition and were not in need of emergency health services.

By that point the pleasure craft was fully engulfed in flames. Members of the public observed the heavy smoke from land on Isabella Point and from the water on the Skeena Queen during its 11:50 a.m. sailing out of Fulford.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue also received a call of black smoke in the Isabella Point area. Fire chief Arjuna George said investigating crew arrived to see the boat fully involved but quite far offshore and out of their jurisdiction.

At 12:41 p.m., crew

aboard the Cape Naden reported that the pleasure craft had burnt to the waterline and then sunk. Ganges 1 and the Parks Canada vessel delivered the three survivors to shore at the Port of Sidney, where they were handed off to RCMP victim services for any further assistance they might have needed.

JRCC Victoria closed the search and rescue case at that point. They advised the coast guard's environmental response department of the location of the sinking, and turned over the Cape Naden and Ganges 1 to that program to monitor for any possible fuel leak from the sunken vessel. The environment team said Monday that no pollution had been detected.

Friday's incident marked the second boat fire in the area in recent weeks. A 35-foot sailboat burned and sank near Russell Island on July 25.

# People without GPs can apply

## DOCTORS

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Two new faces will join the team at the former Kings Lane Medical Clinic, now called Salt Spring Island Health Centre, with Clare Rustad and Kesh Smith also accepting new patients who don't currently have a doctor. They will start having appointments on Sept. 5.

According to a press release supplied by the health centre, Rustad grew up on Salt Spring and has moved back "home" from practising in the greater Toronto area to raise her family. She is excited to be back on the west coast and starting her family practice. Outside of her life as a physician, Rustad is an accomplished athlete who has been on Canada's national and Olympic soccer teams.

Smith was raised in the Kootenays and is a recent graduate from UBC's Family Medicine Postgraduate Residency Program. He first experienced Salt Spring during a rural rotation and is excited to return to the island with his wife and two young daughters.

People who are interested in becoming patients of the new clinic should use

the secure process at [ssihealth.ca/intake](http://ssihealth.ca/intake), if possible. Alternatively, a temporary voice-mail-only phone line will also be available at 250-931-0148.

Anik Mommsen-Smith, who was practising at the Eagle Ridge Medical Clinic, has also joined the family practice team at Salt Spring Island Health Centre, while Catherine Prendiville, Paula Ryan and Manya Sadouski continue at that space. Midwife Erin Price has relocated her office to the clinic as well.

Some doctors who previously practised at the Kings Lane Medical Clinic are moving to new locations. John Morse and Kevin Patterson, specialists in internal medicine, are moving their practice to the office of Ron Reznick effective Sept. 1. Dan Kalf will join Robert Crichton at his Corbett Road office beginning in September. Ian Gummesson is now practising with Magda Leon at the Lancer Building.

Electronic records for the patients of all doctors who have moved to different offices on Salt Spring will follow them to their new practices. Patients will not lose or change their physicians due to the move.

LIQUID WASTE

# Untreated wastewater set to enter Ganges Harbour

Bypass work Aug. 16-28

A change in treatment due to upgrading work at the Ganges sewer plant means wastewater will receive preliminary screening only before being pumped out the long ocean outfall in Ganges Harbour for a period of two weeks.

The Capital Regional District has announced a wastewater bypass is required during upgrades to the treatment plant taking place between Aug. 16 and 28. Much of the original 33-year-old equipment in the plant needs to be replaced.

Sewer materials will undergo solids screening but will not undergo the normal treatment

process during this period. It is recommended that anyone who comes in contact with ocean water within 500 metres of the outfall discharge point should wash themselves off as a precaution.

Approvals for the bypass have been received from Environment Canada and B.C. Ministry of Environment. A marine water sampling plan

will be implemented to test the water quality in the ocean at nine locations from Ganges Harbour to Swanson Channel before, during and after the bypass.

A temporary shellfish closure will be implemented from Ganges Harbour to Swanson Channel and will remain in place until at least 21 days after the bypass ends.

ENVIRONMENT

## Smoky skies linger

Outdoor activity limit advised until level decreases

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Environment Canada has issued a special air quality statement for the Southern Gulf Islands after wildfires continued to burn throughout the province.

The Salt Spring Emergency Program sent an alert to islanders Tuesday morning informing them that the Air Quality Health Index was forecast to reach level 7 — which indicates a high health risk — by the end of the day on Tuesday. The level has been rising since Monday morning, reaching “moderate” at around 1 p.m. on Monday. The moderate risk is for levels 4-6.

Aggravating conditions are predicted to continue into Wednesday, according to Environment Canada. With little wind in the forecast until Friday morning, the situation should continue until then. According to the B.C. Wildfire Service, 145 fires started on Saturday, with thunderstorms occurring in parts of the province. The total number of fires burning in B.C.

as of Tuesday was close to 600.

At the high risk level, it is recommended that the general population consider rescheduling or reducing strenuous outdoor activity. Those considered “at risk,” which include older adults, pregnant women, children and people with pre-existing respiratory and heart conditions, should reduce their outdoor activities. According to the email sent by SSIEP, wildfire smoke is made up of gases and fine particles that can make even healthy people sick.

“Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases,” the alert read.

Keeping indoor air as clean as possible will help lessen the effects of smoke. Air conditioners and filters can help keep smoke out of the home. Public buildings such as libraries, recreation centres or shopping centres that have industrial air conditioners can also provide relief.

SSIEP will continue updating its Facebook page with the most recent reports as conditions change. Wildfire smoke is difficult to predict and can change on an hourly basis, according to the smoky skies bulletin issued by Environment Canada.

MARINE SEARCH

## Drifting sailors rescued by RCMSAR crew

Power failure and lack of wind strand sailboat

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring’s Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue unit came to the rescue of a disabled sailboat as the crew was leaving for a training mission on Aug. 6.

RCMSAR were dispatched by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria to find and help a disabled sailboat floating near Thetis Island. Coxswain David Cassidy and crew members Nic Futter, Mary Beall and Duncan Elsey had just left Vesuvius on a training mission when the call came in.

According to RCMSAR, the sailboat had lost power and was drifting without wind. At the time, the temperature was 29 degrees and the crew were left stranded in their vessel. A blown impeller caused the engine to overheat and left the boat drifting near Hudson Island, off the coast of Thetis.

RCMSAR arrived around 4:20 p.m. and offered the stranded sailors, who were hot but otherwise fine, some water and a tow to the government dock in Ladysmith Harbour.

“The sailboat crew were very happy to get out of the sun and get their disabled boat safely secured in Ladysmith, so they could repair their engine,” said RCMSAR spokesperson Mike Murphy.

CRD Capital Regional District

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Notice of Nomination

2018 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of:

- ▶ **Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas** in the Capital Regional District,

and the electors of:

- ▶ **Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island, and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas**

that nominations for the offices of Electoral Area Director and the Office of Local Trustee respectively will be received between **9 am, Tuesday, September 4, 2018** and **4 pm, Friday, September 14, 2018**.

During that period the nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C. Originals of emailed forms must be received by 4 pm, Friday, September 21, 2018.

Representation will be as noted below and shall be for a 4-year term commencing November 2018 and terminating in 2022 after the election held in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act*:

Electoral Areas:

- ▶ **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area**  
One Director
- ▶ **Salt Spring Island Electoral Area**  
One Director
- ▶ **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area**  
(Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender and Piers Islands)  
One Director

Island Local Trust Areas:

- ▶ **Galiano Island**  
Two Trustees
- ▶ **Mayne Island**  
Two Trustees
- ▶ **North Pender Island**  
Two Trustees
- ▶ **Salt Spring Island**  
Two Trustees
- ▶ **Saturna Island**  
Two Trustees
- ▶ **South Pender Island**  
Two Trustees

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of the Electoral Area or the Local Trust Area, respectively, in which the candidate is running for office. The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate. At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure as required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*.

Campaign Period Expense Limits:

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

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Electoral Area Director (Salt Spring Island)	\$ 5,278.50
Islands Trust Trustee (Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender)	\$ 5,000.00
Islands Trust Trustee (Salt Spring Island)	\$ 5,320.00

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- ▶ **Islands Trust**, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, 250.537.9144; or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 8th day of August 2018

Thomas F. Moore,  
Chief Election Officer

Island Local Trust Areas

The following constitutes the designated Island Local Trust Areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust: **Galiano Island Local Trust Area** - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lt 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area** - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson. **North Pender Local Trust Area** - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lt 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D’Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Moresby, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets. **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Buriel Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel. **Saturna Island Local Trust Area** - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel. **South Pender Local Trust Area** - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

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# OPINION



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

## Freedom at stake

**N**ow, more than ever, press freedom and respect is critical.

In light of President Donald Trump's "war on the press," the Boston Globe has called on newspapers in its country to publish editorials in response on Aug. 16. While we are not part of the United States, the recent rhetoric expressed by the president to discredit the media in his country affects everyone privileged to live in a democracy.

Trump is calling from a frightening playbook, which Italian writer Umberto Eco detailed in a 1995 essay titled *Ur-Fascism*. That piece and summaries of it have been appropriately making the rounds on the internet these days.

Some of the characteristics of fascist regimes Eco describes are an appeal to social frustration, fear of difference, taking action for action's sake and, most applicable to the topic of press freedom, that disagreement is treason. In Trump's world, to disagree with

**THE ISSUE:**

Trump's 'war on the press'

**WE SAY:**

Freedom of press crucial for democracy

his actions or statements, which a free press facilitates, is akin to committing treason.

Unfortunately, as people who lived through past totalitarian and fascist regimes in the western world are aging and dying, we are losing touch with how terrible it can be to

live without the freedom of expression, thought and belief, and a free and open media.

These are indeed frightening times for the civilized world and democracy as we know it.

No one relishes reading critical words about themselves, and politicians are no exception. But they must accept that in a democracy, people charged with the immense responsibility of governing others and spending voters' tax money must be open to being publicly criticized about their conduct. They must truthfully answer questions posed to them by the media on behalf of the public. First and foremost, the media serves the public, as should politicians.

Walter Lippmann, an American journalist and political commentator of the last century, famously stated, "The theory of the free press is not that the truth will be presented completely or perfectly in any one instance, but that the truth will emerge from free discussion."

When the freedom to publicly criticize the conduct of a politician or a government body through an independent media is threatened, so too is both truth and democracy.



**VIEWPOINT** by *Community Alliance Environment Working Group*

## Environmental priorities laid out

Does Salt Spring have a healthy environment today? What was the environment like in the past compared to now? What do we want our natural environment to look like in the future?

The answers to these questions are complex and are similarly being debated in many countries around the globe. The Environment Working Group (EWG), formed in January 2018 under the Community Alliance, has been reviewing available information specific to Salt Spring.

If you lived on Salt Spring hundreds of years ago, you would have been surrounded by more species, each in greater numbers. We know this from traditional ecological knowledge, early European naturalists' records from sailing voyages and archeological discoveries. The forest cover was greater, with more old growth stands and populations of large mammals. Freshwater quality and volume supported enormous salmon runs. The marine shorelines were ringed with massive kelp beds in which lived sea otters and — much longer ago — the Steller's sea cow, a type of dugong.

Many plants and animals today are smaller than when the first Europeans arrived. Renowned fisheries expert Daniel Pauley assembled a history of photographs of smiling winners of fishing derbies when groupers in Florida were bigger than the fishermen in the 1950s, compared to today when the average catch is no more than a foot long. Each generation knows only the status quo of the present moment, and does not recognize long-term change, referred to as "shifting baselines syndrome."

We know on one hand that environmental degradation is occurring to our detriment; yet on the other hand we are slow to change our habits that are the root cause. When our collective and individual behaviour causes conditions around us to deteriorate, the stress we experience may either inspire change or entrench our denial.

To understand the current state of the environment on Salt Spring

Island, the EWG has gathered information from: Islands Trust (notably its excellent official community plan), past climate action reports (very thorough and in need of updating), the scientific literature and other community comparisons (Tofino, Nelson, New Zealand). Governance is complex at all levels, for example: federal (marine environment and harbours), provincial (freshwater, air quality, transport), CRD (infrastructure, potable water), Islands Trust (land use and planning) and First Nations (ownership and reconciliation). The volunteer and NPO efforts on Salt Spring are tremendous (Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Transition Salt Spring, Island Pathways, to name a few).

Today's choices always affect tomorrow's environment. In 50 years (2068), what will the environment of Salt Spring Island look like for today's children? How many trees, salmon and orcas will there be? What arrangement of farms, protected areas, residential and industrial lands will they live with? How many people and cars?

Like the lobster placed in cold water but with the burner turned on, when will we feel the "heat?" Or will there be a slow amnesic slide from rural to suburban to urban — with three bridges, high-rises, a large portion of the island paved over — the Staten Island of the Salish Sea? Extracting resources from fertile land until a desert state is reached appears to be the ultimate end point of past civilizations.

Recognizing the complexity of the work ahead, the EWG has identified three areas where we can easily and immediately improve our relationship with the near environment: FireSmart property protection, water catchment and conservation and the reduction of single-use plastics. Stay tuned for future articles on these and other topics.

*Environment Working Group members are John Borst, Chris Dixon, Susan Hannon, Pierre Mineau, Tom Mitchell, Anne Parkinson, Maggie Squires and Jean Wilkinson.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should PARC land be used for laundry facilities?**  Yes  No

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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Are you connected to your neighbourhood POD?**

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If PARC can have a 'junk in the trunk sale' at the pool, they can't say they don't allow commercial uses."**

SHELLEY MAHONEY, ADVOCATE FOR A LAUNDROMAT ON PARC PROPERTY

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** How is all of the wildfire smoke affecting you?



**DAVE NICHOLL**

*It's not personally affecting me, but it bothers my wife. We're from the Interior so we get lots of smoke this time of year.*



**DEBBIE BARNETT**

*It's not too bad this year. It's hazy, but nothing like the last couple of years.*



**PHILIP PARKER**

*I'm on holiday, so it's too hazy. You can't see the mountains, it's a shame. I know it's part of the air with all the fires now.*



**GERI TEAGLE**

*I don't really have any health issues, so I'm good. I feel sorry for the people with lung problems though.*



**ALAN FRANKLIN**

*I've only noticed it in the last day or two. We were trying to figure out where it was coming from. It hasn't affected me any more than making me curious.*

## 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)

### Unnamed culprits

Priscilla Ewbank's article in the Aug. 7 Driftwood captured how many of us feel about the situation the southern resident killer whales are in and is a call to talk about an uncomfortable truth: the role harbour seals play in SRKW starvation through the seals' consumption of the whales' principal food source, chinook salmon.

Certainly there are many factors at play that have reduced prey availability for the SRKW: habitat degradation, acoustic interference, fish farming, commercial and recreational fishing. Widespread regulation has been imposed and hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent trying to mitigate the impact of these issues.

But . . . the greatest single

factor in the reduced availability of chinook salmon is not even talked about.

The population of harbour seals on the west coast has grown from about 10,000 in the 1970s to 105,000 today, and in the Salish Sea, from 8,000 to 77,000.

These seals eat six times the catch of commercial and recreational fishermen combined. They consume up to 40 per cent of juvenile chinook and 47 per cent of juvenile coho salmon in the Georgia Strait. Eighty-six per cent of salmon smolts coast-wide are consumed by seals. Finally, over 50 per cent of the harbour seal diet in the summer and fall is salmon. And we wonder why the orca whales are starving.

To save the orcas, save the salmon. To save the salmon, talk about the seals.

Please write or email your local representatives to demand our politicians and the DFO come up with a sensible salmon policy that includes the seals.

**ALAN WIGGAN,**  
SALT SPRING

### Housing solutions needed

The fact that Salt Spring's housing crisis made the front page of the Vancouver Sun last week should be a jolt in the arm to everyone here living in denial about the scale of the problem.

The article opened with a story about a 71-year-old woman living in her car, yet I've been told of at least five others in this same situation. Our homelessness rate has gone up 60 per cent in just two years, but even that

doesn't capture the scale of the problem as the middle and working-class people hit by the crisis rarely report to social services, and many are simply leaving.

Trustee George Grams is quoted as saying he supports a "cap" on how many people can live here as one solution. Far from growth being the problem, the crisis is about to shrink our beloved island, further draining it of families and young people, those who provide health care and education services, farm workers, employees of local businesses, seniors who don't own their own homes, and long-term residents alike. Grams' comment perhaps reflects a lack of urgency many comfortable residents who aren't directly affected or connected with people who are feel. Salt Spring is better than this.

When enough of us get educated, get organized and

get active, we can start to push for bold solutions that protect the environment and people, and make this a place that works for everyone.

A petition has been created at the Salt Spring Housing Action Committee website at [www.saltspringsolutions.com](http://www.saltspringsolutions.com).

**JASON MOGUS,**  
MEMBER, SS HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE

### No one free from blame

I know big girls don't cry, and believe me, I seldom do, but I couldn't hold back the tears after reading Priscilla Ewbank's opinion piece in last week's Driftwood, "Southern residents' starvation and extinction on display."

Maybe all we can do now is bear witness. I'm not sure what that means, but it's all I

can come up with at present.

That and the memory of the tears in David Suzuki's eyes during his talk at Fulford Hall in 2011. Looking back, I can see that witnessing his tears was a turning point for me. Up until that very moment, "I thought that we would do it" too. We could tackle the problem, and surely we would!

But no. Nope. We've collectively, willfully, blindly, selfishly and oh so bloody and unutterably, just plain stupidly come to this point of no return.

Who or what is exempt of blame? Not I, nor anyone I know. Just everything that exists and is not human, like the orca dying in our precious dying Salish Sea.

**RM DUPUY,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Humankind battles 'the invisible factor' again

**BY FRANTS ATTORP**

When governments want to downplay potentially damaging news, the modern practice is to leak it to the public without fanfare, preferably on a Friday afternoon when reporters and politicians have disappeared for the weekend.

And so it was last month when the Trudeau Liberals revealed on a website they would be softening their carbon tax for some heavy polluters. The decision came after Canadian industries expressed concern that the tax, scheduled to take effect in 2019, would affect their ability to compete.

The Liberals' rethink raises questions about their commitment to the 2015 Paris climate agreement, whose stated goal is to keep global warming under two degrees this century. (The Earth has already warmed just over one degree on average since pre-industrial times.)

The Paris accord is non-binding, with no penalties for countries that do not meet their self-defined targets. Furthermore, the United Nations stated last year that the pledges made by 195 countries amount to "only a third of what is needed to avoid the worst impact of climate

change." In other words, implementing the Paris accord as it now stands is like applying a Band-aid to a gaping wound.

In a twist of fate, the Liberal backpedalling came at a time of extreme weather events around the globe, from California to Algeria and North Korea. British Columbia, meanwhile, is set for another record-breaking forest fire season. And all this in a La Niña year, which is typically associated with cooling!

Just days after the Liberal announcement came the release of a major new study warning that Earth could be heading for runaway climate change caused by melting permafrost, dying forests and other positive feedback loops.

One of the most chilling aspects of the study is the suggestion "Hothouse Earth" is just decades away, "within the range of the Paris Accord temperature targets." If a two-degree warming is too much, what hope is there given that an additional 0.6 degrees is now baked into the cake due to emissions already released into the atmosphere? Nothing adds up.

Human psychology is one of the biggest

## GUEST COLUMN

impediments to meaningful climate action. We have been programmed through evolution to respond to threats, but only those we can see or readily understand. Unfortunately, greenhouse gases cannot be seen, and therefore do not trigger the primeval fight or flight response.

Compounding the problem is climate lag, the many decades between increased emissions and the full spike in temperatures. The lengthy delay separating cause and effect confuses the primitive human brain, and gives deniers and fossil fuel advocates ample opportunity to spread doubt and theories of a giant hoax.

There was one previous instance when we faced an invisible enemy. In the 1980s, scientists warned that the ozone layer, which protects life on Earth from excessive ultraviolet radiation, was being depleted by chlorofluorocarbons. The global crisis led to an extraordinary example of international co-operation: the Montreal Protocol, which saw nations around the world switch to less harmful products for cooling and aerosols.

But times have changed. Social media

has hypnotized, science has been discredited and many can no longer differentiate between fact and fiction. Contributing to this alternate reality is the growing use of the term "fake news" as a political weapon.

Modern lifestyles make hypocrites of us all, but that doesn't mean we can't lobby for something beyond good intentions and political spin. The fundamentals of survival haven't changed: either abide by nature's rules or suffer the consequences.

Since we can't go back and live as we did even a century ago, we must use all tools at our disposal, from the very simple to the most advanced, to reduce greenhouse gases. Renewable energy should be the credo of our times.

We have thrown caution to the wind and are now involved in a global game of Russian roulette. What are mankind's chances of avoiding total chaos? One in five, seven in 10 or 50-50? Nobody seems to know for sure. But one thing is certain: very few, if any, would board an airplane with such miserable odds of making a safe landing.

*Frants Attorp is a Salt Spring writer.*

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# Commissions more than 'advisory'

BY ROBIN WILLIAMS

I would be the first to admit I was never a stellar academic. However, I do remember one particular lecture in 1979 given during my term at Simon Fraser University. The course was constitutional law presented by professor Edwin McWhinney, constitutional advisor to the Canadian government and later MP for Vancouver Quadra.

The topic was the constitutional definition of the terms "advise and advice," which are often incorrectly assumed to mean "advisory." The terms in fact refer to a formal, usually binding, instruction given by one constitutional officer of state to another. The term has its derivation from the fact parliament could not address the monarch in a direct or offensive manner so they would give advice as their instructions. Today the term forms the basis for the establishment of legislative authority under an executive power structure.

The best example of the use of the term is in the Constitution Act of 1867, part of the Canadian Constitution. It states, "There will be a council to aid and advise in the governance of Canada." This forms the constitutional basis for the federal cabinet, which is the actual government of this country.

When I was first appointed to the Salt Spring Island

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Transportation Commission, I was surprised to find the word "advise" in the establishment bylaw, denoting legislative authority. Despite this the CRD administration was constantly referring to the commission as "advisory," primarily as a method of controlling authority. Since then I have constantly reminded the CRD that the SSITC is not advisory but has at the very least administrative if not legislative authority over this island's transit and transportation affairs. This authority has been unanimously supported by the CRD Board in the four years I have been SSITC chair.

The staff, however, are another matter. Most recently, members of the SSITC received a most intimidating legal letter once again attempting to strip the SSITC of its authority and place it under administrative control. The letter incorrectly states, "The SSITC has no delegated decision-making authority."

I should point out not all commissions have equal power and this particularly applies to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Until 2007 PARC was clearly established as having administrative authority. This changed after the

release of a \$20,000 management consultant's report looking into the "tennis facility project." The tennis facility was an aborted attempt by PARC to replace a seasonal enclosure on a Portlock Park tennis court with a more permanent structure that resulted in a significant loss of public funds.

What is surprising is what the report found regarding PARC. "The Commission did not appear to understand its oversight role of the PARC Manager position." The report went on to recommend "The Commission seek to clarify its role in management oversight of the PARC Manager position under its delegated authority. The Commission should clarify its involvement in management versus governance activities; this may be done through a Board development training process." In short the report called for PARC to get some support.

What actually happened was the opposite. A split developed between the then CRD director and commission members, resulting three resignations. A final decision was made to strip PARC of its administrative authority and turn it into an "advisory" body. Staff accountability was transferred from Salt Spring to the CRD Victoria administration. Since that time,

the CRD administration has simply assumed all Salt Spring Island commissions are advisory, and treated them as such.

If anything has to change regarding CRD governance it needs to be the re-establishment of on-island management oversight of the services we pay for. The CRD on Salt Spring currently has 12 commissions, one steering committee for the Ganges harbour walk, and one library board. Ironically, the most effective of the entire bunch is the library board, which is the least reliant on CRD administration and most reliant on community volunteers.

The 2008 decision regarding PARC needs to be reversed and all commissions should receive the training and support the 2007 KPMG report called for. Most importantly, this needs to be dealt with at the board level and not be subject to the interference of CRD senior staff.

In the meantime, the SSITC intends to continue to support the concept of a community-driven bus shelter competition and while happy to work with the CRD administration, understands exactly who is in charge when it comes to transportation and transit issues.

*The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.*

## MORE LETTERS

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### Ready for awakening

It was my privilege yesterday to attend a rehearsal of Spring Awakening.

I was completely captivated by the sheer energy, commitment and inordinate talents of this extraordinary cast and the emotional depth of the material.

Remember the first time you wanted to touch someone you loved so much that you could hardly breathe? The first time you wanted to stop an injustice? Your outrage when your voice was denied? Your elation when you learned something new; when you experienced the possibility of change? Spring Awakening. Theatre is at its best when it entertains and elevates at the same time.

This is such an event. I can't wait to experience it in full production on the ArtSpring stage beginning on Aug. 31.

**RACHEL JACOBSON,**  
SALT SPRING

### We are all responsible for fire prevention

Watching the news one night last week was a stark reminder of the devastation wrought on the province this summer with over 500 fires presently burning, most out of control, with additional emergency resources trying to be organized to help the situation, so far with limited success.

The destruction of forests, wildlife, property and the risk to human life is apparently without precedent in B.C. Most of these fires were human caused, of course, as is normally the case. Besides the destruction there are large economic, health, social and other negative impacts.

The recent brush fire in the south end of Salt Spring should at least signal to us that we are indeed vulnerable. Due to the quick deployment of our dedicated and skilled fire department, who contained the fire early, a potentially disastrous impact on our community was avoided. Was this a community wake-up call or will many of the ignorant and potentially disastrous behaviours continue?

What are some of these behaviours on Salt Spring?

I regularly walk our dog, primarily in Duck Creek and Mouat parks. Like all of our parks, they are designated non-smoking areas. Many times I have stopped smokers, particularly in Mouat Park, and sometimes received hostile feedback. Both of these parks, along with many of our trails, also have evidence of smoking, with cigarette butts on the ground.

We are fortunate to have an overarching Islands Trust mandate for "preserve and protect," but all of us have a responsibility to support this at all levels, such as supporting the no-smoking ban in our parks and on our trails and following the other fire department no-fire guidelines.

**WAYNE MCINTYRE,**  
CRD ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR,  
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**SMOKE ON THE WATER:** Ganges Harbour is obscured by drifting wildfire smoke on an otherwise sunny summer day on Tuesday. Environment Canada issued a special air quality statement for the Southern Gulf Islands, among other regions, advising the elderly, pregnant women and those with pre-existing heart or breathing conditions to stay indoors and avoid breathing the outside air, if possible. Conditions are expected to change on Friday. See story on page 5.

**MORE LETTERS**

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**Just a dream?**

So, I wake up one morning this month at 6:30 and realize, "Holy crap, I'm 76 years old. How did that happen so fast?"

Then my wife Elaine says, "C'mon, Bruce, get up. I've got a surprise for you."

We drive out to Ruckle Provincial Park, a beautiful forested and pastured peninsula jutting into the crystal clear waters of the Strait of Georgia. The sun is rising behind the glacier-capped Mount Baker to the east. Birds are singing, sheep are bleating, gentle deer are wandering about. What a glorious summer morning.

Elaine steers me into a huge white event tent, pitched on a shelf above the gently lapping waves. Inside the tent, a clutch of trestle tables are set with white linen tablecloths and adorned with sparkling silverware and crystal glasses. The pleasant aroma of rich coffee mingles with the tantalizing scent of bacon frying.

"Happy Birthday," shouts

the crowd. I look around and my heart is gladdened to see my daughter Cindy, all the way up from Coarsegold, Calif., my four granddaughters, Keryn, Jordan, Stephanie and Savannah, and my grandson Logan, who's down from Kodiak, Alaska. My son Randy from Monterey, Calif. is there too, as is my family from Vietnam — Binh, Quyen, Sesame and Gao. My stepdaughter Eliza's smiling face is also in the crowd. I'm thrilled to see the faces of my two brothers, who I don't see often enough. They're up from Seattle and Puyallup, respectively, with their wives. And to my joy, my three cousins from Seattle are there also. Elaine's beautiful sisters and their spouses are also there.

There too are the faces of my veteran brothers from the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 23rd Infantry — Vietnam, 1966-67, and the many lovely friends I've made over the past 12 years from Tours of Peace Vietnam Veterans. My Salt Spring Island friends and neighbours are there as well, as are the author colleagues I have met through my publisher, Black Rose Writing.

This is an overwhelmingly, joyous morning for me — my cup runneth over.

Then I awaken for real. Elaine says, "C'mon, Bruce, we've got to water the garden and pick the zucchini."

**BRUCE LOGAN,**  
SALT SPRING

**Pro rep clarification**

I was shocked to find on Facebook a "No Proportional Representation Society" ad claiming that if B.C. supports proportional representation, "your MLAs will get chosen by party insiders."

All three proportional representation systems proposed for B.C. would require MLAs to be accountable to constituents who elect them. Under the Rural-Urban PR system, citizens in more populated regions, including the Gulf Islands, would belong to larger ridings with more MLAs. We would have more than one MLA to go to with our concerns. Only under one option, MMP, is there a possibility that some MLAs would be cho-

sen from parties' lists. But candidates for the "List PR seats" could also be elected directly; exactly how MLAs for the "List PR seats" would be chosen would be determined after a successful "yes" referendum vote.

My personal preference is for the Rural-Urban proportional system because it would do the most to encourage politicians to cooperate across party lines. It would also tend to weaken the control of parties over their candidates and MLAs.

As things stand, it's clear that there are party insiders who know how to game our current first-past-the-post system to their advantage. Now is our chance to try out a system that will hopefully serve the common good, not partisan interests. After two elections, if the new system was not working well for voters, they would have the opportunity to reject it, through another referendum. So far, no jurisdiction that has adopted a proportional system has later voted to go back to a first-past-the-post system.

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
SALT SPRING

**RANTS and Roses**

**Roses**

Beautiful bundles of roses to all of our sponsors, supporters and special guests who helped make our summer library programs happen. In no particular order: Carling Watson and the Code Mobile, David Nickoli and BC Responsible and Problem Gambling Program, Kaya Reiss, Ann Donahue, Veronika McKee, Salt Spring Arts Council, Country Grocer, Amelia and Calla from GISS Improv, Chris Humphreys, Story Theatre, Island Link, CRD PARC, Aidan Cassie, Salt Spring Books, BC Summer Reading Club, Magician Leif David, Fulford, Fernwood, Phoenix and Salt Spring Elementary Schools, all of the kids and families who participated, and of course to our wonderful summer library assistants Sam, Rachel and Thea. SS Public Library

Bunches of wild roses to the small but dedicated group of folks from

Art Jam who have been cleaning up the derelict campsites in the woods. In concert with two board members from the Wagon Wheel Housing Society, who provided trucks, and a substantial discount offered by the Blackburn transfer station, seven loads of bagged garbage collected over three months was taken to the dump. Thanks to you all!

Rolona's Miss Mona wishes to acknowledge, thank and offer a box of milkbone roses to Dr. Martin Randle of SSI Veterinary Services. I feared I was taking "my last ride." You, instead, offered me a new treatment and a renewed lease on life. RMM

A lemonade pitcher of copper roses to Oona and the girls from Kind Camp for selling lemonade outside TJ Beans and donating the money to Copper Kettle Community Partnership.

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EDUCATION

## Nature adventures added to environmental programs



Salt Spring Island Conservancy holds summer sessions with plans for more in fall and spring

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

**The Stewards in Training program, first launched by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy in 2002, has been a staple of school life for island students.**

According to the conservancy's website, the program is influenced by Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder, a much-touted book by Richard Louv, and is guided by B.C. education ministry policies on environment learning.

This summer the conservancy has offered a different kind of ecological education, aimed at kids aged six to 12 who are accompanied by an adult. Called Family Adventures in Nature, the free Saturday drop-in sessions led by Stewards in Training facilitator Cathy Lenihan have had a different focus each week.

Anne Parkinson attended last Saturday's session, called Batty Over Bats, with her five-year-old granddaughter Audrey Sloan from Powell River.

"My granddaughter loved the variety of activities," said Parkinson. "She talked with the very fun naturalist to learn new facts — and hugged her at the end — shared hands-on demonstrations and displays of native plants and animals, including skeletons, walked around the lake finding each item in her treasure hunt booklet, and wrapped up her session with delicious snacks. She was in awe and spent the week remembering special highlights from the morning."

Next week is the last in the summer series, when the painted turtle will be the star of the show for the session running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Families can drop in at any time during the three

hours.) In the fall and spring months, more programs will be offered.

Activities include arts and crafts, learning nature songs, identifying wildlife species, clay mask-making and more.

During the Batty Over Bats session, the first activity was a self-guided scavenger hunt on the trails at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. Kids and their caregivers were tasked to find bird houses and bat houses, a red-winged blackbird, to touch something sticky and to count the number of different types of trees, among other items. Sixteen items in total formed the scavenger hunt.

Participants then learned about bats by doing a fun and educational quiz with Lenihan, and looked at the preserved and under-glass bats and skeleton. Perhaps most surprising were the facts that bats only have one pup per year, and that they live for 20 years on average. Lenihan also stressed that local bat species are threatened due to habitat loss and other factors.

Kids also made an origami seed packet for holding some Sweet William seeds that were donated by conservancy member Jan Slakov. As Lenihan explained, Sweet William flowers attract pollinators of all kinds, so help boost bat habitat.

Family Adventures in Nature is made possible by a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

Gathered at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve building after some Batty Over Bats activities are, on the left side, Brady, Justin and Laura Lacroix, with program leader Cathy Lenihan behind them, and Anne and Geoff Parkinson with granddaughter Audrey Sloan. The final free drop-in summer session called The Painted Turtle runs this Saturday, Aug. 18.

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COPING TIPS

## Students' first-day-of-school jitters can be tamed

START OFF BY DISCUSSING NEW YEAR

**The first day of school can be an exciting time, especially for children who have never before attended school. But even youngsters excited about the first day may also experience some jitters. Such nerves are normal, and parents can help kids calm those jitters in various ways.**

**TALK ABOUT THE FIRST DAY AS IT APPROACHES.** A child's first day of school is a milestone, and parents may do various things to commemorate the occasion. The excitement leading up to the first day can spark kids' enthusiasm, but it also may lead to some anxiety about the unknown. Parents can quell those fears by discussing the first day as it approaches. Explain why the first day is so special, encouraging youngsters to share their feelings. If kids express fears about their first day, parents can explain they felt similarly on their first day of school but quickly adjusted.

**LET KIDS CHOOSE THEIR OWN CLOTHES.** Parents may be tempted to buy special outfits for their children for the first day of school. But kids who are jittery about their first day may calm down if allowed to choose their own attire for the big day. A favorite T-shirt or outfit might be just the thing to comfort kids feeling a bit nervous about their first day of school.

**GET A HEAD START ON YOUR MORNING ROUTINE.** As summer winds down, begin acclimating children to the morning routine they can expect when the school year begins. One to two weeks before the first day of school, start waking children up when they will need to be up for school. Kids who are accustomed to the morning routine may be more calm on their first day of school because of their familiarity with their new schedule. Going cold turkey on the first day of school may make kids less enthusiastic about attending school.

**ATTEND SCHOOL ORIENTATION EVENTS** and plan some play dates in advance of the first day. Seeing familiar faces might make kids forget all about their jitters when they arrive at school on the first day. Inquire about school orientation events and attend as many of those sessions as possible. If encouraged to do so, take kids along so they can meet prospective classmates. Arrange for play dates with those classmates in advance of the first day so kids have a few recognizable faces their own age come the first day of school.

**START THE DAY OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT.** The night before the first day of school, make sure kids' outfits are clean, their supplies are packed and ready to go and their lunch is made. The less parents have to rush around on the morning of the first day of school, the calmer kids are likely to be.

TECHNOLOGY

## Digital privacy lesson plans set for B.C. schools

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL MATTERS ADDRESSED

When students and teachers head back to school, their backpacks will include more than the usual paper, pencils and pens. They will also be filled with the latest electronic devices.

"Students today rely on smartphones, iPads, laptops and other devices at school and at home," said Michael McEvoy, B.C.'s information and privacy commissioner in an Aug. 14 press release. "That's why privacy education is absolutely critical in today's schools."

A 2015 survey of 4,034 kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers and school administrators, conducted by the Canadian Teachers' Federation and MediaSmarts, revealed that teachers feel it is "very important" to teach digital literacy skills at school. Seven of 10 teachers said they were "very" or "somewhat" confident in their ability to teach these skills. Most are already using networked devices in their classrooms to deliver content to students.

As they prepare for the year ahead, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has some new tools for teachers: four privacy awareness lesson plans. The plans were created in collaboration with Canada's federal, provincial and territorial privacy protection authorities and MediaSmarts, a Canadian not-for-profit charitable organization that champions digital and media literacy.

Three of the plans were designed for grades 6 to 9. The fourth plan targets high school students in grades 9 to 12. The lesson plans incorporate videos, class discussions and exercises to introduce students to privacy principles.

"It's our hope to support teachers by offering these modules for use in their classroom," said McEvoy. "By doing so, they will be letting students know that privacy is a fundamental value, and that their personal information is valuable."

To view the lesson plans, visit [www.oipc.bc.ca/resources/lesson-plans/](http://www.oipc.bc.ca/resources/lesson-plans/).



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**ART REVIEW**

## Nostalgic notes sound at new show

Wax and Steel work by Rosalie Matchett and Steve Paterson

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

New art by two quite different artists pairs well at KiZmit Galeria and Cafe this month, where encaustic paintings by Rosalie Matchett and metal art by Steve Paterson evoke a sense of lost history.

Paterson's work is more directly connected to the past through his material, which is sourced from old farming machinery. His creations only indirectly refer to that source, though, and instead capitalize on the hues and textures of rust, the way patinas can be applied to a flat surface to create two-dimensional art and the way found pieces can be recast into sculptures.

A strong example of Paterson's patina paintings comes from the Up North series and is called The Fire. The chemical patina has been applied to the metal to create an evocative work, with rows of peaked-roof house shapes backed by a shadowy presence. Shades of brown and black produce the obscured village scene, which could be either in the process of the fire or the abandoned ghost town afterward.

We Used to Live Here also has an air of elegy. The sculpture is like a multi-level house built from a stack of offset metal cages, towering above slender legs. With some of the cage-apartments finished in bright colours, the structure feels modernist and semi-industrial, an architectural magazine piece with many windows and stark design. Clearly, no one is at home.

In another sculpture called Migration, Paterson makes use of rusty iron bars to create a series of figures with spiral coiled "bodies" and arrow-shaped "heads." The piece calls to mind herd animals on the move, with plenty of implied dynamic energy in the springing forms.

Matchett's favoured encaustic medium lends itself well to amorphous swirls of oil pigment amid the thick wax, but in her new paintings she's employed an exciting new technique of layering thin bands of colour into abstracted backgrounds. Lines are scraped into the surface to reveal the undercoat or sometimes added to the main surface.

Tree House contrasts a simple, wide structure against vertical lines, with reddish-brown boards over a field of white that's scraped to reveal lines of rose and burnt orange. Light shimmers upwards like sunrise breaking through morning mist.

In Dog Walker, Matchett creates an abstract background scene with uneven horizontal lines, rippling white, pale blue and yellow into shades of mauve and red near the base for an impression of water



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From top, Steve Paterson's We Used to Live Here and Rosalie Matchett's Meeting Place, two of the pieces on display at KiZmit this month.

and shore. In the very foreground, a woman in raincoat and hat walks behind a large scruffy dog, who is beautifully textured and curved in mid-sniff.

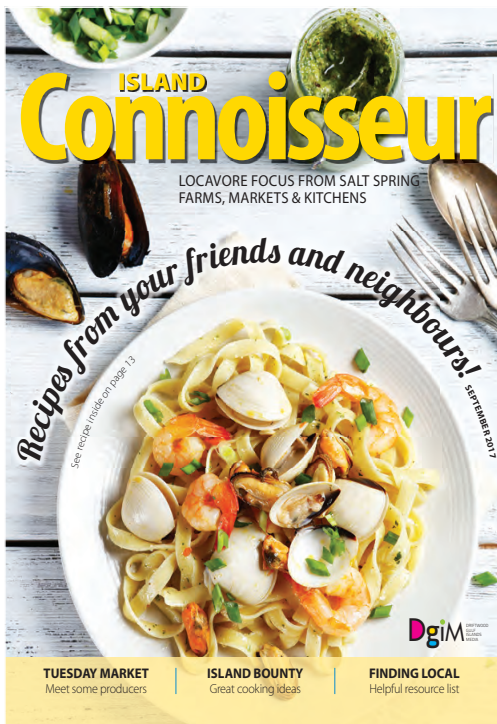
Lines are not part of the method in Meeting Place, in which Matchett gloriously offers a night of bright stars and warm fields. Two lovers are captured in the light that also reflects

off the remains of a barn structure they are sheltered under, and which has been reduced to its roof beams and support posts. Matchett produces a magical world of deep blue night and black shadows, with individual delicate grass stalks picked out in white and a huge starburst sky wheeling behind.

The show continues to Sept. 2.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

# Photosynthesis opens with Aug. 22 reception



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A photo taken by Photosynthesis 2018 participant Diana Hayes is called The Main, part of a series called Where The Soul Travels. The original photo was shot in colour.

## 18th annual show at ArtSpring

People who take in this year's Photosynthesis show, which opens at ArtSpring with an evening reception on Wednesday, Aug. 22, should prepare to be "wowed," say organizers.

"The compelling feature of this annual show of Salt Spring photographers is the collective desire to push boundaries and show up with their very best work," explains a press release about the event. "The show provides an opportunity for each photographer to explore their creative process, which may include new concepts, techniques and media."

The opening reception runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m., with the show then open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from Aug. 23 through Sept. 4.

For those who are not familiar with this annual event, Photosynthesis is a group of accomplished Salt Spring Island photographers founded in 1995. Membership currently comprises 16 photographers chosen for the quality and originality of their work. This year, 21 photographers will fill the walls of the ArtSpring gallery. Four new photographers have been invited to participate in the show and the group has also selected and sponsored a student photographer from GISS.

Photographers are on hand during regular gallery hours to discuss their work and provide insight.

As a tribute to Photosynthesis member Greg Klassen, who passed away last year, his wife Andrea Locke has chosen a photograph to hang in this year's show. Klassen was also on the leading edge

with his work and the group is honoured to include a piece of his art this year.

Another feature of this year's show is the opportunity to participate in the people's choice award. Visitors can register their vote for their favourite photograph on the wall and at the show's conclusion, an award will be made to the winner.

Photosynthesis 2018 participants are Alane Lalonde, Shari Macdonald, Christina Heinemann, Diana Hayes, Birgit Freybe Bateman, Michael Wall, Avril Kirby, Bernadette Mertens-MacAllister, Amy Melious, Larry Melious, Pierre Mineau, Julianna Slomka, Timothy Gibbon, Judy McPhee, Jana Zachariou and Sam Lightman. Four new guest photographers are Susan Huber, Doug McMillin, Wendy Rosier and Devin Sivyer, with guest student Alexander Ross-Collins.

## RECITAL

# Hardisty and friends perform

Next week's Tea à Tempo

## SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Salt Spring's Wesley Hardisty and his fiddle return to Tea à Tempo's stage, along with some friends, to entertain with his compelling and passionate style.

Hardisty performs at All Saints By-the-Sea on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 2:10 p.m.

For people who are unfamiliar with his name, Hardisty is Dene First Nation, originally from Fort Simpson, NWT. Introduced to the fiddle at age 13, he quickly became so proficient on his beloved instrument that, within a few years, he was accepted to GISS' Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts.

Now 24 years of age, he has taken his vibrant music style to venues locally and all over Canada, performing at festivals, on TV programs and radio shows, and at music camps.

Joining Hardisty next Wednesday will be Andy Meyers, Yael Wand and Alan Wardroper,



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Wesley Hardisty at a recent Tea à Tempo recital with friends at All Saints.

Tobin Hook-Nilsson and Joanna Lussenburg, and Brendan Hardisty.

The variety of tunes/songs and dance will provide a melancholic, fun and lively performance with combinations of guitar/vocals, piano/vocals, fiddle tunes and dance.

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### 2018 General Local Election

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The Capital Regional District will be using the Provincial Voters List to determine who is eligible to vote as a Resident Elector in the CRD. If you voted in the last provincial election, your name will appear on the Provincial Voters List, and will automatically be placed on the CRD Lists of Registered Electors. CRD Lists of Registered Electors are used for voting for Electoral Area Directors, referenda, School District Trustees and Islands Trust Trustees in the CRD.

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**Resident Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days immediately before the day of registration (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*) you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

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Please Note:

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You may register on voting day if you meet the elector qualifications set out above. For information about registering as a Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector call 250.360.3127. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3127.

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Dated this 8th day of August, 2018

Thomas F. Moore  
Chief Election Officer

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Aug. 15

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Quest for the Queen.** Grace Jordan presents a dramatic presentation with singing, dancing, merriment and refreshments at Stonewell Farm, 1852 Fulford-Ganges Road every Wednesday in August at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 12:30 and 3 p.m.)  
**Tea a Tempo: Mbira Spirit.** Amy and Tadazwa Matamba's African-influenced music with distinguished Zimbabwean harmonies includes country classics, gospel, blues, reggae and more. By-donation Tea a Tempo recital at All Saints By-the-Sea begins at 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats.  
**Susan Cogan.** 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 from July through Sept. 2.  
**Movies in the Park: Labyrinth.** Movie shown at dusk at Centennial Park, approximately 9 p.m.

## Thu. Aug. 16

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Nicky MacKenzie.** 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.

## Thu. Aug. 16

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Sweet Summer Yoga Retreat.** With Sri Hari Moss & Natasha O. Mellman from southern California. Stowel Lake Farm. Info/register: <https://www.sriharimoss.com/events>  
**Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Public Hearings & Meeting.** At Lions Hall: Public hearings for Bylaw 498 + 499 at 9 a.m. and Bylaw 500 + 501 at 9:30 a.m., followed by the regular LTC business meeting. Trustee reports and town hall beginning at 12 noon.  
**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.

## Fri. Aug. 17

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Davey White.** Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards happy hour. 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Live Music at Woodley's.** Music: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Duck Creak.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Compassion Gorilla.** World-folk dance groove band from Victoria plays at Stonewell Farm. Doors at 8 p.m. and music at 9 p.m.  
**The County Line.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

## Fri. Aug. 17

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Sweet Summer Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday's listing.  
**StoryWalk in Mouat Park.** Today's StoryWalk story is Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. StoryWalk is a self-led journey from the Salt Spring library to the pool on Rainbow Road; follow the story boards through Mouat Park, combining reading, exercise and fun in nature. 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Summer Movie Matinee.** Family-friendly movies every Friday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room from July 20 through Aug. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Today's movie is Home.



## Sat. Aug. 18

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Tom Hooper & Suzanne Little.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Lover's Touch - With Nicky MacKenzie.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Sweet Summer Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday's listing.

## Sat. Aug. 18

**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.  
**Family Adventures in Nature.** Free drop-in program at Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve put on by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Theme is The Painted Turtle. Ideal for ages 6-12 with adult accompaniment.  
**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.  
**Day of Action for Proportional Representation.** At Centennial Park. 1 to 4 p.m. Info: [janslakov@shaw.ca](mailto:janslakov@shaw.ca) or 250-537-5251.  
**Salt Spring Island Youth Film Festival.** Youth films shown at The Fritz. 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
**All Levels Iyengar Yoga Workshop.** Theme is Restorative Yoga and Pranayama. Beginners and those with some experience are welcome. Yoga in Salt Spring at Hedgerow House. 4 to 6:15 p.m. Register: [jayne@hedgerow-house.ca](mailto:jayne@hedgerow-house.ca) or 250-538-1716  
**Vegetarian Farm to Table Dinner.** Featuring gourmet catering from Lulu's Apron and Kari Mathieson at Salt Spring Seeds. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. See [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca) to get tickets.

## Sun. Aug. 19

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Synergy.** Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**Julia Beattie.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Fiddlework Instructors Showcase Concert and Dinner.** Concert features Fiddleworks camp band in residence, Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards, plus Erynn Marshall & Carl Jones, Marc Atkinson, Scott White, Jeff Faragher, JJ Guy, Trish and Geoff Horrocks, Gordon Stobbe and Zavallennahh. Fulford Hall. Dinner at 6 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Sweet Summer Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday's listing.  
**Hawaiian Heritage Sunday.** Annual day of worship in the spirit of aloha and in remembrance of Hawaiian settlers who made their home on Salt Spring in the late 19th century. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10 a.m.  
**Artists in the Garden.** Free fine art, live music and lively conversation every Sunday in the summer at Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies. 12 to 4 p.m.  
**Pop-up Summer Dinner.** With Fayuca Restaurant at Bullock Lake Farm. 6 to 9 p.m. Check with [info@bullocklakefarm.com](mailto:info@bullocklakefarm.com) or 250-537-2633 for ticket availability.

## Mon. Aug. 20

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Gene Grooms.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Salt Spring Fire Protection District Trustees Meeting.** Public fire board meeting runs at the Ganges fire hall at 7 p.m.

## Tue. Aug. 21

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Open Mic With David Jacquest.** Tuesdays at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Fiddleworks Community Fiddle Dance.** Music and dancing with Fiddleworks house band Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards and dance called by Trish Horrocks. Beaver Point Hall. 7 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Tuesday Farmers Market.** Food-only market that specializes in authentic, local, fresh and seasonal products. Runs every Tuesday June through October at Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m.

## Wed. Aug. 22

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Quest for the Queen.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Tea a Tempo: Wesley Hardisty & Friends.** Fiddler Wesley Hardisty is joined by Andy Meyers, Yael Wand and Alan Wardroper, Tobin Hook-Nilsson and Joanna Lussenburg, and Brendan Hardisty at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m.  
**Sarah Kemmers.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Songs and Stories with Nomi.** Join Nomi for songs and stories in the library. Drop-in program best suited for children under four. Caregivers and older siblings are welcome. Snacks provided. 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
**Art Show Opening: Photosynthesis 2018.** Opening reception for Photosynthesis 2018 at ArtSpring. 5 to 7:30 p.m.



Lover's Touch — Noah O'Neil, Dexter Nash and Shane Hooper — perform at Moby's Pub on Saturday along with Nicky MacKenzie.

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**EXHIBITIONS**  
 • **Photosynthesis 2018** of work by 21 photographers opens at ArtSpring with a reception on Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and continues daily from Aug. 23 through Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 • **The Three Rs** — 'looking at life through different perspectives' — work by artists Johanna Hoskins and Nicole Rae and local youth, runs at ArtSpring until Aug. 21.

**EXHIBITIONS**  
 • Artist **Joanie Paterson** and **Alison Sparshu** present their **Coastlines** exhibition on the **Artcraft Showcase** stage at Mahon Hall daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Aug. 22.  
 • **Wax & Steel**, new work by **Steve Paterson** and **Rosalie Matchett**, runs at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** this month from Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 • **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.  
 • **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.

**EXHIBITIONS**  
 • **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**.  
 • **Amanda Kuehl** shows artwork at **Country Roasters Cafe**.

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## INTERACTIVE THEATRE

# Bee-themed production educates

Quest for the Queen runs Wednesdays through August

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People looking for something a little different to entertain themselves on summer's long afternoons will find the perfect activity at Salt Spring's Stonewell Farm.

Quest for the Queen is an interactive theatre production that moves through the farm property along with the action. Accompanied by "much singing, dancing and merriment," performers lead guests on a journey to the centre of a hive while helping three lost honeybees find their queen.

Stonewell Farm owner Grace Jordan created the event as the debut performance of her new production company, Fools For Love. She is joined by her husband Tim Kempe (memorably seen in last year's musical Monty Python's Holy Grail) and adult daughters Allie and Rowan.

The accomplished actress is perhaps best known for one-woman plays such as Shirley Valentine, and has lately been expanding her art through clowning studies in Vancouver and France. Jordan has been following a very different educational journey at the same time, studying bee shamanism under the Path of Pollen in England.

While she was in the pro-



Actors Grace Jordan and Tim Kempe in Quest for the Queen guise. The interactive show runs at their Stonewell Farm property on Wednesdays this month.

cess of writing a one-woman play as her Fools For Love debut, she found the script was running a little dark for summer fare. Having a group from Phoenix Elementary School ask to visit the farm in May provided the inspiration to unite Jordan's two journeys in one light-hearted and fun theatrical piece, that also happens to explain a lot about honeybee life and hive dynamics.

"There's just so much going on in the world that I wanted to do something lighter," Jordan explained. "I had this queen character and I love to put my husband in a dress, so I made him a bee costume. I was having so much fun with the improvisation. It suddenly just evolved."

Jordan had dressed up like a queen bee for the school

visit and sang a song of welcome to the hive, providing the seed for the full Quest for the Queen.

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GRACE JORDAN  
Salt Spring actor

"The parents who attended were really quite moved, and I thought 'I really have something here,'" Jordan recalled. "It was swarm season and there were tons of flowers. I had everybody sucking nectar from flowers and it was just so much fun."

Audiences for the sum-

mer show will likewise find the experience is capped by "sweet nectarous refreshments." They are invited to come dressed as their favourite pollinator.

Along with the fun adventure aspect to the show, Jordan has included a strong educational component, including information of her own transition as a beekeeper. Though she started by learning modern, conventional techniques, she is moving away from that model.

"It really showcases the property and what we're doing here, trying to create a pollinator colony with natural beekeeping practices," Jordan said.

With events running twice each Wednesday in August, Quest for the Queen has already attracted a varied audience. The show is definitely meant to appeal to children but is enjoyed by all ages. Many of the participants so far have been all-adult families or groups of friends, but Jordan hopes to see more kids too.

"People seem to be really enjoying it, because it's interactive, it's improvisational and we get to fool around with the audience," Jordan said. "It's awesome fun. I hope we'll be doing it for years to come."

Shows run at 1 and 3:30 p.m. with doors opening 30 minutes beforehand. Stonewell Farm is located at 1852 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

**Safe Grad 2018 was a huge success and Parents for a Safe Grad would like to extend our warmest thanks to the many organizations, individuals and businesses who donated time, equipment, products and energy in support of the Gulf Islands Secondary Safe Grad Event.** Thanks to your support, the Grad Class of 2018 enjoyed a beautiful afternoon Garden Party followed by a fun, safe night of celebration after their graduation on June 16th 2018.

**Thank you Salt Spring Island:** Farmers' Institute & Barry Dunster, Beaver Point Hall & Jules Reiter, The Rental Stop, CRD Parks & Recreation, Country Grocer PR team - Tami Moulton, Rob Lowry and Rick MacKinnon, Thrifty Foods, Embe Bakery, Barb's Bakery & Bistro, Jana's Bakery, Pasta Fresca, Frankly Scarlet, Moonshine Mama's, Outspoken Bike Shop, Bohemia Consignment, Chorus Frog Farm, Salt Spring Gymnastics, Billie Woods Photography, Julie Paul Photography, Emily Goodden & GISS Artists-Finn Penny, Kane O'Scalleigh, Emily Adam-Oro, Mid Island Co-op Gas Station, BC Liquor Stores, Ganges Gas Station U-Haul, Return It Depot-Salt Spring, Salt Spring Garbage Services, Salt Spring CRD Recycling Depot, Mouat's Home Hardware, Windsor Plywood, Moby's Pub, Harbour Air, Pharmasave, North End Fitness, Island Escapades, Home Design Centre, Mondo, Natureworks, Aveda-Culture Day Spa, Dom's Deodorant, SS Car Rental, Salt Spring Soapworks, Pegasus Art Gallery, Michael Pickstone Design, SSI Golf Club, SD64 Bus Driver's (Rick Neufeld & Julianna Slomka) SD64 Tom Graham at Plant Services, The Point Gallery, SD64 Salt Spring Elementary, SD64 Fernwood Elementary, SD64 Gulf Island Secondary Administration & Staff.

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## TOURISM

# Chamber and visitor centre get 'green light'

Tourism body grants silver accreditation

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce has again been recognized and re-accredited by Green Tourism Canada.

A silver-level accreditation was made official on Aug. 3, following the chamber's initial achievement in 2016, when it became Canada's first Chamber of Commerce and visitor centre to become an accredited member of the Kelowna-based body.

"We are proud to be working within this program to show our commitment to environmental sustainability and to promote Salt Spring Island's reputation as an eco-friendly community where business and nature work together in harmony," the

chamber stated in a press release.

The Green Tourism Canada report described the reasons for the Salt Spring group's accreditation, noting that the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centre is a good representative of their island.

"From both perspectives they heavily support their members and community and under the direction of Janet Clouston they have an environmental warrior at the heart of it all," the report states.


Many community initiatives supported by the chamber, such as Every Drop Counts, Shop Local, First Nationals relationships and sustainable energy conferences, have an environmental and cultural stance, said Green Tourism Canada.

The chamber was found to be "sound on the basics themselves with

energy-efficient lighting, low-flow fixtures and basic waste management." Their aspirations to use solar energy on their building were also noted.

"They are a solid silver member that will only get better from here on in. A sustained effort over the past couple of years has seen SSICC and VC become even better advocates for the community they serve. Stronger purchasing policies, crafters displays and continued support for cultural and environmental programs show them to be a very strong silver rating."

The chamber encourages its members to get involved in the program to strengthen Salt Spring's reputation as an eco-friendly community. For more information about the program, see [www.greentourismcanada.ca](http://www.greentourismcanada.ca).





### POD ACTIVITIES

- Neighbourhood Parties • Disaster Movie Nights
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Contact Laurel Hanley at 250 537-1220 or email to [ssidepc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssidepc@crd.bc.ca) to find out more about connecting to your neighbours through the POD program.

## EMERGENCY PREP

# Emergency program tests mobile operations centre

Training exercise comes in midst of wildfire season

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring emergency crews and volunteers tested their emergency response readiness with a joint training exercise held last Wednesday.

The exercise was a test of the mobile Emergency Operations Centre coordinated by the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program. After an emergency is called in to 911, services may be activated including fire, RCMP, ambulance, search and rescue and the EOC.

Volunteers from SSIEP coordinate emergency management from the EOC, providing public communication, information to rescuers and the public, and education. They also help coordinate the response from the

neighbourhood PODs and the resources needed through Emergency Support Services.

This was the first test of the newly mobile EOC. Having the EOC be a mobile operation allows the services to be performed on the scene of the incident, or through multiple channels if certain communication networks are knocked out. The training exercise was a mock-wildfire scenario, which came just days after a two-hectare fire burned in the Beaver Point area. The training scenario was a collaboration between the EOC crew, Salt Spring Fire Rescue and the Mount Belcher POD.

"I've been trying to get to this for a while. We need to have an EOC that can be mobilized . . . to help support responders and the public," SSIEP coordinator Elizabeth Zook said. "By simulating an actual wildfire, it gives the volunteers an opportunity to support this function on the island."

The EOC crew was deployed to retrieve the system from the Service BC building on Lower Ganges Road. It was taken to the Ganges fire hall, which acted as the mobile command centre for the simulation. At the same time, a mock evacuation of the Mount Belcher area provided the EOC with real-time data to help with the scenario. The Mount Belcher POD staged a rapid registration, which acted as an evacuation. In a real emergency, the majority of the evacuation coordination would be run by RCMP and SAR crews.

The goal was to test the new mobile EOC as well as prepare responders to act quickly in the face of a real emergency.

"If there's a big fire and it gets out of control, we don't really have a lot of time to think about this, we need to be able to function," Zook said. "If we have a big wildfire, we need to get everything running instantly."

SSIEP has coordinated with

the fire department to update their evacuation checklist. Recent additions include a section on things to do outside of the home to protect it, one on turning off hydro and gas to the house, and the inclusion of the SSIEP phone number that will help people stay informed about the situation.

**"Working together with other agencies only strengthens our ability to respond effectively."**

ELIZABETH ZOOK  
SSI Emergency Program  
coordinator

"During the Beaver Point fire, people didn't know they could call our number and get an update," Zook said. "The fire department is extremely busy.

Our job is to support the fire response with public messaging."

During fire season, it is important for people to be aware of any fire risks. Salt Spring Fire Rescue has partnered with Mouat's Home Hardware to offer pocket ashtrays that will hopefully prevent drivers from throwing cigarette butts into the ditch. The pouches are available at Mouat's and for a small donation at the fire hall.

The emergency program is volunteer based. Training exercises allow the volunteers to work with other emergency groups and to be able to respond together when real emergencies arise.

"Working together with other agencies only strengthens our ability to respond effectively," Zook said. "I'm very proud that we have dedicated volunteers . . . that dedication to keeping our community resilient is quite high now."

## Becoming More Self-Compassionate

Research shows that 78% of people are more compassionate with others than we are with ourselves. Some of us have been taught that it is best to think of others before ourselves, that it is selfish or self-indulgent to attend to our own needs with kindness, or self-compassion. Self-compassion encourages us to care for ourselves, not instead of others, more as well as others. One definition of self-compassion is to treat ourselves the way we would treat a good friend.

Studies show self-compassionate people tend to be more caring and supportive in romantic relationships, and are more compassionate towards others.

Self-compassion is powerfully linked to wellbeing, associated with fewer states like depression, anxiety, stress and shame. It encourages positive states such as happiness, life satisfaction and optimism.

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## FAITH

## Hawaiian day returns to All Saints

William Naukana descendants share island heritage

Islanders are invited to celebrate the history of Hawaiian settlement of Salt Spring at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church on Sunday, Aug. 19 beginning at 10 a.m.

"Hawaiian Heritage Sunday is an annual day of worship in the spirit of aloha and in remembrance of the Hawaiian settlers who made their home on this island in the late 19th century," explains a press release.

"These native Hawaiians, 'kanaka maoli' in the Hawaiian language, came to the Pacific Northwest while working with the Hudson's Bay Company, and settled on the southern end of Salt Spring Island and on nearby Russell and Portland islands, many of them marrying First Nations partners. These settlers and their families played a prominent role in the settlement period, improving the land and by their presence giving rise to the Hawaiian names which dot the area."

Led by Cathy Roland, the descendants of Hawaiian settler William Naukana will share traditional ceremonial songs, chant and sacred dance (hula) throughout the worship service.

"We will be connected back to the voices, song, and spirit that those early settlers carried with them to this island."

William Naukana is buried at the ancestral church of the local Hawaiian community, St. Paul's Catholic Church in Fulford Harbour.

Music for the service comes from the Roman Catholic parish of Malia Puka O Kalani in Hilo, on the windward side of the island of Hawaii, which has an active ministry in preserving and cultivating Hawaiian music, arts and culture. Portions of the liturgy come from King Kamehameha IV's translation of the Book of Common Prayer into Hawaiian. Kamehameha IV founded the Church of Hawaii, then a province of the Anglican Communion and now a diocese of the Episcopal Church.

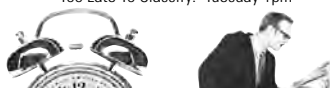
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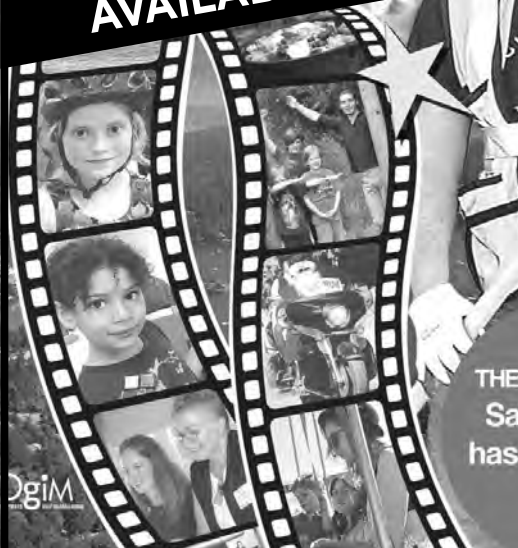
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ISLAND HISTORY

# Road charts farming legacy

Agriculture and Byron family synonymous

BY DW SALTY

Like many Salt Spring through-fares, the history behind the name of Byron Road is one that starts with farming and homesteading. Unlike many, though, it is a legacy that continues to this day.

Jesse and Elizabeth Byron and their five sons moved to Salt Spring from Saskatchewan's Qu'Appelle Valley in the heart of the Great Depression in 1934. They arrived in Ganges aboard the CPR boat Princess Mary and soon purchased a farm on Epron Road from Gavin Mouat. It was the road branching off Epron that runs parallel to North End Road that was later named for the Byrons.

Despite having more than the Prairie dustbowl must have offered, farming life was not easy on the newcomers. Many of the older family names associated with the north end such as the Mouats, Bonds and Cunninghams were all instrumental in the early days.

"The period of 1934 to



D.W. Salty

## STREETS OF SALT SPRING

1939 was very difficult for our family. In order to survive during that trying period we received assistance and were welcomed by all the residents of Salt Spring Island, for which I extend most grateful thanks," Ken Byron Sr. told the Driftwood in 2009.

Ken and Terry were the eldest of the five brothers. They both served and were wounded as platoon sergeants in WWII. Ken continued his military career through 1975 but also continued to add to the family farm, which he inherited after their parents passed away.

Ken purchased an adjoining Tripp Road property in 1952. The Byron lands then covered hundreds of acres between North End Road and Broadwell Mountain (Channel Ridge), touching all the way to St. Mary

Lake.

"When people take the road from one farm to another it seems like they are miles apart, but the two farms are actually adjacent on the west side of St. Mary Lake, the farmhouses a mere 1 1/2 miles apart," Byron recounted to Roger Brunt for a book published in 2009. "By 1955 a logging trail ran between them, passable in our old Model A."

After retiring from the military, Ken focused on farming and produced everything from oats, hay and wheat to orchard fruits, as well as meat and six different kinds of garlic, which was sought out by private buyers.

Ken lived on the family land until age 93. Today the farming heritage practised by most of the five brothers can be vividly seen at "Uncle Ken's" farm stand, located where the edge of the historic property meets North End Road. Fruits, vegetables and eggs are sold there by later generations of the Byron family, namely Ken Sr.'s nephew Ken Ivan Byron. The Byrons also continue to raise cattle and sheep.

This Week's  
**Horoscope**  
by Michael O'Connor  
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TIP OF THE WEEK

By now, the influences of last week's Solar Eclipse in Leo will be evident, if it is destined to activate new turns, developments, and lessons... This is not always strictly the case. It depends on the finer details of your destiny. Also, such turns begin but are not identified as the destiny themes that they reveal. That is what astrology is about: measuring the timing and themes of destiny. How we respond to this is the free will aspect of destiny. The other big news now includes Mars retrograde in Capricorn now (Aug. 12 - Sept. 10), Mercury turning direct on August 18 and the Sun enters Virgo on August 23rd.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)**

A playful mood prevails. If you are taking anything seriously, or anyone, it is yourself, or your kids. Creative offspring is an operative word here. In other words, you are excited about your creations and how you can best engage them next. Sharing your love with significant others is highlighted. Altogether, this could manifest as a serious love interest.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)**

Upward, onward, forward... however you choose to say it, this is the call now. Ideally, you are focused on a weave of all of the above. The time is right to be progressive. Doing so may require a deliberate determination to break free of your comfort zone. There is an old riddle that asks: "if the comfort remains, is it still a comfort?" The answer is meant to be: No. Change is the law and balance knows it.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**

Identifying with the 'artist within' aptly describes current influences. One way or another, we all have creative interests and if these are not evident, deciphering what they are is a gift to self. Diversity is great too so avoid thoughts like the jack is not the master... Enjoy the full spectrum. The first give to activate inspiration is an attitude of gratitude.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

A process of ascending to new heights continues. These may well imply new levels of power and leadership. This cycle has been active for well over a year now and there are only a few months left. Last week's Solar Eclipse is destined to be a boost of support for you. This is your cue to make the most of it. Let your imagination be your guide.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**

Sun and Mercury in Leo and Venus in Libra altogether imply an extra creative impulse for you. This cycle has been active for many months, actually, but is at a peak point now. While you will always be a creative person, this cycle is scheduled to end soon so at least bathe in the feeling. Sometimes inspiration is triggered by melancholy or even sadness. Trust the flow.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

Mercury turns direct this week and this can prove to produce a great sigh of release for you. It may feel as though you have suddenly found your way again after feeling a bit lost. Enjoy it while you can, though, because the Sun entering Virgo by the end of the week will put you to work. Enjoy this window of respite with more action and less thought.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)**

Investment remains a keyword for you these days. The other keyword is balance. In other words, the best investment is into what contributes to you feeling more balanced. To answer this question well, you may have to step back from your life and then look back upon it reflectively. Where is there too much and where too little...?

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

The Saturn in Capricorn cycle began in November 2017. The lead-up to that time was a steady dissolving process of prior relationship status in your personal and/or professional life. This process was a feature of your destiny and began about 3 years ago. Resistance to this flow may be understood as ego-control. Your job now is to let go and let god, which can be translated as faithful cooperation.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)**

The spotlight is on you. Yet it also means that you are meant to take new leads and not simply enjoy the attention. In the bigger picture, you are in a learning cycle and this can include getting trained or entering an apprenticeship... Sometimes the first step is to 'clear the way'. This could include a process of unlearning. The easiest way to unlearn is to replace the old with something new.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**

Significant changes on relationship fronts are indicated now. These may manifest as orientations and not strictly as events. Meanwhile, cultural activities and travel should prove extra satisfying now. Mars retrograde now in Capricorn indicates needed inner work, perhaps to break through subconscious resistance, doubt and lack of faith. Since your workload is doubled, allow yourself to rest more.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)**

This creative cycle has particularly strong practical applications for you. Focusing to organize, develop or build new modes of expression or new products and services is especially ideal. Taking new approaches is also implied. In all respects, the challenge is to open your heart and mind to new perspectives and possibilities that have actual application in your life.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**

A process of bringing your gifts to the fore in creative and realistic ways continues and is getting a big extra boost now. The focus now includes getting organized more than anything. But it too can constitute a creative process. Yet, the bigger and stronger creative focus has yet to fully arrive and will take a few months. So, how can you prepare the ground?

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## GOLF

# Summertime golfers bringing in super low scores

Big tourneys coming up

**BY MARCIE HOGAN**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

August is the month for low scores at the Salt Spring Golf Club.

In ladies 18-hole play, Jenny Pickering shot a blistering low gross round of 81, closely followed by Mar-

cie Hogan with an 82. Hogan also scored low net with a 62. Darlene Wellington was runner up with a 68. Hogan won the Stableford game with a 47. Pickering earned the KP on hole #2, while April Wright was the most accurate on hole #11.

The golf club major fundraiser of the year, the North South Tourna-

ment, tees off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Pride is at stake and funds are the objective, with the north islanders taking on the south end in the battle for golf domination. All Salt Spring golfers, members, guests, visitors and beginners are invited to join in the fun and help celebrate our 90th birthday. The format is a team scram-

ble, so experience is not necessary. The day begins with muffins and coffee and ends with food, drink and an auction. All residents are invited to bid on a treasured silent auction item at the pro shop beginning on Aug. 15.

The second annual Salt Spring Island Pro Golf Tournament kicks off at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10. At 11

a.m., Jesse "the Nugget" Pettersen will be smashing balls just short of 453 yards, his career best. With a shotgun start at noon, 36 professional golfers from throughout B.C. will show how golf is meant to be played. Caddy positions are available. Tickets are at the pro shop or at [bradley@bradleytmorris.com](mailto:bradley@bradleytmorris.com).

## SWIMMING

# Stingrays off to B.C. finals

Excellent results for local swimmers

**SUBMITTED BY STINGRAYS**

Almost half of the 50 Stingrays swimmers competing in regional championships are off to provincial finals this weekend.

Held at the Duncan pool from Aug. 3 to 5, regionals saw 23 Salt Spring athletes qualify for the big event in Surrey.

Cypress Marshall came third in her 100-metre individual medley (IM) with a time of 1:55.70.

Cooper Horbas started the season racing 25-m races and ended up making provincials in 100-m IM with a time of 2:29.15.

Zoe Johnson came first in the 200-m IM, going a wicked 2:39.66 and making a provincial qualifying time.

Coach Cassidy Fraser came second in 200-m IM with a time of 2:42.12.

Druehn Pinney came first in the backstroke with a PQT of 37.20, second in both the 50-m butterfly (at 37.36) and in the 50-m freestyle (32.97) and third in the 100-m IM (1:25:11).

Kiel Johnson came second for 50-m freestyle, with a 29.14 time.

Joseph Schulze came second in his 50-m freestyle, going a blazing 26.32.

Coach Brandon Bronson came third in his 50-m freestyle with a time of 25.95.

The Div.-2 girls relay team made up of Ema Staines, Donna De Roo, Cypress Marshall and Julianne Strongman came third in the 200-m medley relays.

The Div.-3 boys of Druehn Pinney, Matthias Woodley, Emerson Hayden and Keegan Otsubo-Papp came second.

The Stingrays Div.-5 boys team of Aiden Otsubo-Papp, Kiel Johnson, Thomas Schulze and Zadian St. Gelais stole a gold medal in their medley relay.

The Div.-8 men's relay of Brandon Bronson, Austin Bisnar, Finn Page and Rylan Bisnar had an incredible race and won first place.

The Div.-3 boys freestyle relay of Keegan Otsubo-Papp, Liam Huth, Jesse Allan and Druehn Pinney pushed through with grit and determination to snag a sec-



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Druehn Pinney after winning a gold medal for his backstroke race at regional finals in Duncan.

ond place.

Aramis St. Gelais had an incredible 100-m butterfly with an amazing time of 1:04.92.

Coach Finn Page got a first place in 100-m butterfly with a 1:01.78, and coach Jake Beyak earned third with a 1:04.12.

Donna De Roo came third in her 50-m breaststroke. Nina De Roo was third in her 100-m backstroke.

Coach Fraser congratulated all Stingrays swimmers, adding, "You competed hard and with determination all throughout this season. We are so proud of you and are excited to see how our provincial qualifiers can do in Surrey."

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## Notice of Applications for Scrutineers & Advance Voter Registration

### Saturna Island Health Care Clinic Assent Voting (Referendum)

Public notice is hereby given that the assent of voters is required with regard to:

- Bylaw No. 4231, "Saturna Island Medical Clinic Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2018"

Qualified electors of the Saturna Island Medical Clinic Contribution Service Area within the **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area**, will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, October 20, 2018**:

- Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4231, "Saturna Island Medical Clinic Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2018" authorizing the CRD to establish a service to contribute to costs incurred by the Saturna Community Club in operating the Saturna Island Medical Clinic and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) or \$0.17 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the service. YES or NO?

### Scrutineers

Scrutineers for and against the question must be appointed if applications are received from persons who wish to volunteer for the positions. Only persons entitled to vote as electors on the question noted above are entitled to act as scrutineers. If sufficient applications are received, one scrutineer for and one scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place. One scrutineer for the question and one scrutineer against the question may also be appointed to be present at the determination of the official results and, if necessary, at a judicial recount.

Applications to act as a scrutineer will be received by the Chief Election Officer at the offices of the Capital Regional District, PO Box 1000 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC, V8W 2S6, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Tuesday, September 4, 2018 until Friday, September 14, 2018**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by visiting [www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote) or by telephoning Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3024 or 250.360.3024.

### List of Registered Electors

Beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2018 until Friday, October 19, 2018 a copy of the List of Registered Electors for Saturna Island will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD office listed below, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. You may also call to enquire whether your name is on the List: Contact CRD Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC; Telephone Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3024 or 250.360.3024.

### Notice of Advance Voter Registration for Non-Resident Property Electors Only

Advance Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 for the List of Registered Non-Resident Property Electors for Saturna Island. Please note that the CRD will be using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors in the CRD.

Voter qualifications to vote as a Resident Elector or Non-Resident Property Elector are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications:

- 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018)
- Canadian citizen
- Resided in British Columbia for six months, and either:
  - have resided in the Saturna Island Medical Clinic Contribution Service Area within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area for 30 days immediately before the day of registration. If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature; OR
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Dated this 15th day of August 2018

Thomas F. Moore,

Chief Election Officer

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