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**MANY HANDS:** A cedar canoe is carried to the waters of Burgoyne Bay during the canoe's inaugural launch Sunday. Story on page 26.

**HEALTH CARE**

## Hospital foundation takes on ER expansion

Agreement with Island Health to determine next steps

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation is advancing plans to build a new emergency room at the hospital, outlining what can be expected next during its annual general meeting on Sept. 20.

The charity dedicated to raising funds to enhance hospital services and facilities on Salt Spring hopes to lay the groundwork for a facility upgrade of \$5 million or more. The idea is to move the ER into a new wing, to be constructed where the upper parking lot is now, and to separate the ambulance entrance from the front door serving non-emergency traffic.

Newly elected board chair Derek Fry said the upgrade will provide much-needed improvements that will benefit patients as well as medical staff.

"Everyone loves Lady Minto, but when you're walking in to do some blood work and get run over by an emergency vehicle, you wonder if it's supposed to work like this," Fry said.

A motion tabled at the AGM would commit \$1.5 million of foundation funding to the next phase of ER project development. Members asked the board to wait to receive a memorandum of understanding from Island Health before going further. Ongoing communications with the health authority suggests that agreement will be forthcoming, however.

**HOSPITAL** continued on 2

**COURT**

## Charge laid from 2017 shooting

Youth makes initial court appearance

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A young man has been arrested and appeared in court last Wednesday in relation to the 2017 shooting death of 16-year-old Alistair Hayne on Salt Spring.

The incident was originally determined to be accidental in nature. The man, who cannot be identified because he was a youth at the time of the offence, has now been charged with one count of manslaughter.

According to information supplied by the RCMP, police responded to a Salt Spring residence for a report of a shooting in the early hours of Sept. 24, 2017. When they arrived they found six youths present. Hayne was discovered to be suffering from what appeared to a gunshot wound. He was transported with life-threatening injuries to hospital in Vancouver, where he later died.

Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crimes Unit personnel were called to investigate the incident.

investigate the incident.

"We understand that this investigation has greatly impacted all involved. These events always have a profound impact on families and communities," Inspector Dave Hall, officer in charge of VIIMCU, stated in an RCMP press release. "Our thoughts are with them, as we work to prepare for future court proceedings."

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# Plan needs Island Health approval

## HOSPITAL

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“There are a lot of things that don’t get done efficiently because of the lack of space in the existing ER [although] they are doing what they can fantastically,” Fry said. “Island Health are keen for us to do this.”

The foundation has had the project in their sights since at least 2012, when they received a report suggesting a new ER should be built. The idea didn’t go very far at the time.

“Island Health didn’t have it high on their priority list of capital projects — nor do they now,” Fry said. “We’re faced with the reality that the ER isn’t good enough, but it’s not as critical as some other areas in Island Health’s mandate.”

While there is no capital funding earmarked for Lady Minto for at least the next two to five years, Fry said the health authority has always been receptive to the expansion as long as it doesn’t have to pay for it. The

foundation therefore put \$34,000 into a feasibility study last year and will commit to financing the building with Island Health’s agreement to fund the increased operating costs.

The proposed addition would be approximately 5,400 square feet and would take about three years to design and build. Fry said the foundation and Island Health will conduct a careful review of the design to ensure that the cost is as low as possible without negatively impacting the functional requirements before going ahead.

Once the MOU is received, the next step will be to order schematic drawings providing a general view of the components and the scale of the project. The schematic design phase is projected to cost \$320,000.

The proposed project would then be submitted to the Island Health board and subsequently the provincial government for approval, including Island Health’s agreement to meet the increased operating expenses.

It’s estimated the design development phase afterward will take about one year at a cost of \$1.2 million. This step will produce the construction documents that will be the basis for tendering construction.

The eventual building will require a major fundraising campaign and the board will also be seeking a contribution from the Capital Regional Hospital District Board. Total project costs may be as high as \$8 to \$10 million.

“We are a fundraising board, and this will give us terrific focus. Because it’s big we will have to step up with finding capital or it won’t get done,” Fry said.

“And we’ll have to strengthen the board, and make sure we have people who can get commitments out of Island Health.”

The foundation board can operate with anywhere from seven to 10 directors, and currently has space for three more members. Directors serve a three-year term and can sit for up to three terms.

## LAND USE

# Croftonbrook project gets LTC nod

Meadowlane seniors housing also advanced with first reading

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Affordable housing proponents on Salt Spring marked a major triumph Thursday with two applications related to the Croftonbrook expansion gaining approval at the Local Trust Committee level.

The committee passed third reading of a rezoning application and issued a development permit to applicants Island Women Against Violence, which will allow second and third phases of housing at the site to advance before a critical funding window with BC Housing closes.

Speaking after the meeting, IWAV board chair Susan Dann said she was excited about the conclusion.

“I’m looking forward to housing those people,” Dann said. “It’s been an education, especially for me, how many details need to be dealt with. But we’re looking at having shovels in the ground before the end of the year.”

The rezoning process took 16 months to accomplish and had considerable hurdles to overcome in that period. Establishing adequate water supply for the 56 new units without using the North Salt Spring Waterworks District was the top challenge. Ganges sewer capacity and potential archeological sites were other possible issues but had favourable outcomes for the project.

The project has received \$6.1 million in funding promises to date, but risked losing its agreement with BC Housing if a two-year timeline could not be

achieved.

“I can’t tell you how pleased I am that this is going ahead,” trustee Peter Grove commented after the unanimous trustee vote.

IWAV housing director Kisae Petersen thanked the LTC for their help moving through the process.

“I really appreciate the work of the staff and the trustees and celebrate it for the community and for the future residents of Croftonbrook,” Petersen said.

The rezoning bylaw must still be approved by the Islands Trust Executive Committee, while Island Health must approve a construction permit for the water system.

Another multifamily housing project that may have to use an innovative approach to water supply got its foot in the door on Thursday, with first reading given to a rezoning bylaw for the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association. The association owns and operates the Meadowbrook facility and intends to build a new affordable housing complex for seniors called Meadowlane at 154 Kings Lane.

The current proposal includes 47 seniors units, two staff dwelling units, one guest suite, offices for medical staff and private club space for the Salt Spring Seniors Services non-profit society.

The LTC also gave its support to GISRA’s request for reimbursement of application fees on Thursday, to be decided by the Trust Executive Committee. According to a letter by GISRA president Janet Smith, having the fees waived could be considered to mean local government support, which could in turn help secure senior government infrastructure support.

Fees the association has paid to date include \$4,400 for the rezoning application and \$1,100 for a development permit.

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# NEWSBEAT

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### Thanksgiving Weekend:

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## SPEAKERS

# Forum hosts Tsleil-Waututh leader Rueben George

Fight against Trans Mountain Pipeline discussed

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Rueben George from the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation spoke about the fight against the Trans Mountain pipeline project and the importance of young people emerging as leaders at a Salt Spring Forum event at the high school on Thursday.

George is the manager of The Sacred Trust, an organization created by the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation to fight against the Trans Mountain Pipeline project. The group successfully challenged the construction of the pipeline in the Federal Court of Appeal earlier this year. The court declared that the National Energy Board had not adequately consulted with First Nations groups before beginning the project.

Speaking to a room full of young people, George stressed the importance of youth in creating meaningful change.

"Anywhere in the world I've been where protests are successful they've been led by youth," he said. "I would support them 100 per cent. They should be in the lead, I would love to see that."

He stressed that young people should become informed citizens and try to become more aware of their environment.

"If people do their own research, they find that things aren't right," George



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Rueben George, a key leader in First Nations' opposition to the Trans Mountain Pipeline, speaks at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Thursday.

said. "If they're connected to their surroundings then they tend to do something about it collectively to make sure that they preserve what they love."

**"Anywhere in the world I've been where protests are successful they've been led by youth. I would support them 100 per cent."**

RUEBEN GEORGE  
Tsleil-Waututh leader

Fighting for Indigenous rights is a family affair for the Georges. Early on in the nine-year struggle against the Trans Mountain pipeline, George asked his children if they supported him.

Even though standing up against the pipeline would not benefit them financially, George and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation both decided that the money did not matter. Tsleil-Waututh rejected millions of dollars in order to work against the pipeline, George explained in the talk.

"[My kids] didn't say 'Dad go do it,' they said 'We will do it,'" he explained. Since then, "they've proven that. Once they saw that it was bad, they wanted to do something about it."

George was originally supposed to be accompanied at GISS by his son, Cedar George-Parker, but George-Parker was unable to attend the event due to illness.

The Sacred Trust is an organization founded by the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation to fight against the Trans Mountain pipeline. The group challenged the project in the Federal Court of Appeal, claiming that there had not been adequate consultation with First Nations. The Court of Appeal ruled in their favour on Aug. 30. The organization has created a legal framework that incorporates Tsleil-Waututh law, policy and knowledge.

George said the group has also done multiple assessments of the project and potential damages that increased tanker traffic can cause in the Salish Sea and affected areas.

On the same day as the Court of Appeal decision, Kinder Morgan shareholders voted to sell the pipeline expansion project to the Canadian government for \$4.5 billion. The government continues to stand by the project, and says they would be consulting further with First Nations groups. To George, however, the fight against the pipeline has been all but won.

"The fight is done. I knew all along that it was going to be done," he said. "We have more [people] on board with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation than we ever have. We have our 1,200-page assessment, three additional studies that are 80 pages, we have a comprehensive assessment coming out on the air quality, another on our health. Then there's the 400-some legal submissions. They can't win."

## WATER SUPPLY

# NSSWD water conservation level gets reduced to Level 1

September rainfall at 64.5 mm

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Water users in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District can relax after the district reduced its conservation level from Level 4 to Level 1 on Sept. 28.

The district is still under some conservation restrictions, but the stringent measures that were in place for the last month of summer have been lessened.

According to the district's website, the St. Mary Lake weather station had received 64.5 mm of rain through the month, which prompted the lessening of restrictions. The provincial government has reduced the regional drought level to Level 2 following the recent rains.

Level 1 is the default restriction level from April through October, rising as high as Level 4 as lake levels drop during that period.

People who live at even numbered addresses in the NSSWD

can now water on even dates, and vice versa for odd addresses. Sprinkling has returned to three hours allowed between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., as well as 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. for a total of six hours per day. Vehicle and boat washing are allowed, as is driveway washing and wading pool and hot tub filling up to 500 gallons.

On Aug. 22, the level of St. Mary Lake was 40.277 m above sea level. The water level continued dropping into September, but had begun rising at the

**Level 1 is the default restriction level from April through October, rising as high as Level 4 as lake levels drop during that period.**

most recent reading at the end of September.

As of Sept. 26, St. Mary Lake's

level had risen slightly and was sitting at 40.214 m above sea level. Some rain is forecast for the next week, but the weather will generally be drier until the middle of October, according to the Ganges weather station.

This September saw much higher rainfall than in previous years at 64.5 mm. The Environment Canada 1981-2010 climate normal September average rainfall is under 50 mm.

Conservation Level 1 typically remains in place through October.

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## FIRE DISTRICT

# Fire board considers new tax direction

Budget town hall offered to hear public view

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Five local election candidates and a number of other island residents turned out Monday night for a town hall session to discuss the fire district's 2019 tax requisition, lending modest support for some extra reserve funds by the end of the evening.

The board of trustees held the meeting to weigh public opinion on a new initiative to set aside reserve funds for infrastructure replacement. The draft 2019 budget includes an extra \$547,750 in capital expenses related to equipment and building replacement needs.

This includes a new capital renewal fund for apparatus budgeted at \$137,350, as well as \$300,000 for the fire hall replacement fund established last year with a \$50,000 transfer. The resulting increase to taxes would be \$85 for the homeowner with an average-assessed property.

Meeting participants mainly agreed that the equipment fund made sense, and had some support for the hall replacement fund. But many who spoke suggested that a jump to \$300,000 might be too much.

"I think in concept it's a great one," said David Holt, adding he was worried that having too much money sitting in a pot would tempt trustees to either

"nibble" at the fund or to plan a much-too expensive project.

Trustees who sit on the financial committee discussed two possible scenarios for funding the new fire hall: to start saving through the replacement fund now or else to rely completely on borrowing at the low government interest rate. Trustee Howard Holzapfel has advocated the ambitious savings approach. Trustee Howard Baker represented an opposing view, stating the proposed increase is too high for the community.

"My opinion about what ratepayers and residents would want us to do is keep taxes at a low incremental increase and not bump it up by 20 per cent in one year," Baker said, adding later, "It's not too much for you to pay, it's not too much for me to pay — if that's the only tax you pay."

Baker noted some other island services are also increasing taxes, with big impacts on members of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, among others.

Maxine Leichter, a member of the public, pointed out that borrowing makes the project cost more in the end because of interest on the debt. She was one of a few people to support the full \$300,000.

"We're in this position now because we never got started with saving. We should just bite the bullet," Leichter said.

Andrew Peat, the district's chief financial officer, also said it made sense to

put aside money each year and accrue the small savings interest rather than borrowing the same amount and paying back a much higher interest rate over 20 years.

Finance committee chair Rollie Cook offered a break-down of the fire hall renewal fund for 2019, stating around \$150,000 or more would be needed for soft costs to get the fire hall project started, including all the studies and analysis of the current site downtown and the proposed building site at Brinkworthy. The rest would be reserved for the eventual building project.

Most meeting participants agreed the preliminary planning would be necessary, but felt the board should complete that first and then see what the community might support. Stan Shapiro, a public member of the board's communication committee, summed up what he heard as general consensus: that the hall replacement amount for 2019 should be limited to \$150,000 plus something for the unreserved contingency fund in case the soft costs went over budget. Former fire trustee Michael Craig suggested an amount of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the contingency.

The board will have second reading of the budget bylaw at a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Members of the public will have another opportunity to submit their input at that meeting before the final figure is settled on. The meeting takes place at the Ganges fire hall starting at 5:30 p.m.

## Schools offer support

### MANSLAUGHTER

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No further information has been released as the matter is now before the courts.

A manslaughter conviction carries a minimum four-year sentence when death is caused by a firearm.

The Gulf Islands School District is aware that students may need extra support as a result of the anniversary of Hayne's death and the court proceedings.

"The recent announcement of charges are a sad reminder of the tragedy that occurred a year ago with Alistair's death," said Doug Livingstone, SD64's director of instruction. "With students and staff at the high school, and siblings and community members in all of our schools, we recognize the need for care and support across the district. To that end, our district psychologist has reached out to schools to offer support and to help make connections with other agencies as needed."

Livingstone said Dr. Jessica Moretti, the youth psychologist that serves the region, has also been notified. Gulf Islands Secondary School staff, particularly the school counsellors, are watching for signs that students or staff might need support.

"We'll continue to monitor and provide supports as needed," Livingstone said.

Others in the community are concerned about the trauma that may be caused by the charges or the court proceedings, as well as the impact to the people directly affected.

"So very, very sad. My heart breaks for all of the families involved," Viv Nielsen said in response to news of the charges, posted by the Driftwood on Facebook.

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## An Update from BC Ferries

Hello Swartz Bay and Southern Gulf Islands ferry travellers and community members;

As you may know, this Spring, we began Phase 1 of a process to gather community input to help shape the future plans for the Swartz Bay terminal. A lot has happened since and I want to provide you with an update.

### Identifying Key Considerations for the Future of Swartz Bay Terminal

Phase 1 of our engagement gathered community input on key issues and opportunities related to this important terminal. We heard from more than 1,000 people through these efforts, and identified several key considerations:

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### Evaluating Draft Concepts for the Future of the Terminal

In Phase 2 we created draft concepts for the future of the terminal using these key themes. We asked about several 'Big Moves', or potential options for the terminal, including an expanded foot passenger building and waiting area, improved vehicle passenger amenities, improved pick-up and drop-off areas, and options for the waterfront area at the terminal.

We heard from more than 500 people through pop-up events at the terminal, an online engagement, and stakeholder and employee workshops. Participants identified most concepts as meeting their needs well or very well, and noted a preference for a park in the waterfront area of the terminal, rather than a concession in that area. Preference for the concession was that it be included closer to the vehicle waiting area, as it is today.

You can view the full engagement reports for Phases one and two on our project webpage at [bcferries.com/swbvision](http://bcferries.com/swbvision).

### Next Step – Revealing the Proposed Concept

Our next step is to introduce you to the proposed concept for the terminal. We expect the proposed plan will be ready later this year. When it is, we will be hosting additional information sessions at Swartz Bay for customers and community members. I'll

be reaching out to you prior to those information sessions, and in the meantime, you can visit the project page on BC Ferries' website for information on upcoming activities.

Should you have any questions about what we've done or what lies ahead, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at [brian.green@bcferries.com](mailto:brian.green@bcferries.com).

Thanks for reading,

Brian

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ISLANDS TRUST

# Cottages bylaw lands first reading

Islanders voice concerns about water supply impact

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A bylaw that had first reading by the Local Trust Committee on Thursday could potentially aid Salt Spring's housing crisis by legalizing the full-time rental of cottages, but has some residents worried about the impact on water supply.

The draft bylaw proposes a change to 405 rural properties by adding a new zoning variant. As drafted, properties that are already permitted cottages (being at least 1.2 hectares in size) and qualify under a set of restrictions could offer long-term rental housing in cottages instead of being for temporary seasonal use only.

Trustees and members of the public had some questions about the full ramifications of the plan for island water supply. Trustee George Grams, who just completed his position as chair of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance, said he believes the LTC should undertake a review of what population increase can actually be accommodated under island water supply.

"The signals are there that we're over-stretching our water resources already," Grams said. "We can't keep adding to the population with no policies in place for the conservation of water and expect that we won't feel the stresses of that contradiction. So deciding how much we can consume and a tap-out level of the population is in my view absolutely essential for this community."

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee voted earlier this year to pursue legal rental of cottages, but to respect Salt Spring Official Community Plan language permitting "incremental" increase in population density. Legal advice determined that a five per cent increase would reasonably meet this description. The final number of properties

where cottages might be legalized was based on the island's full build-out potential, currently estimated at 8,150 dwellings.

Mapping used to identify properties where cottages may be allowed excluded lots under several categories. These included those located in areas where water supply is a known issue — specifically the North Salt Spring Waterworks and Cedar Lane water districts; those located in water supply watersheds and well capture zones; those located in environmentally sensitive zones; and those that would be difficult to access without vehicle ownership.

As proposed, properties that meet the requirements and are at least 1.2 but under two hectares in size would be permitted the standard 56-square-metre cottage. Those two or more hectares would be permitted a new larger size of 90 square metres. To ensure no unintended further increase in population density, property owners would be required to register a covenant prohibiting a strata plan that would result in the cottage being on a separate title.

Grams asked why properties within the Highland/Fernwood Water District had not been excluded since like NSSWD, it takes supply from St. Mary Lake, and requested an analysis of the impact. (Under the draft mapping, around 10 of those properties would be included in the cottages plan.)

Islanders concerned with water issues made additional comments, as expressed during the town hall portion of Thursday's meeting. Members of the Cedar Lane Water District, including commission chair Ralph Dom, pointed out that while their water district was excluded, properties in the immediate area were not. They reported the district has had extreme water-supply issues and suspect that two nearby facilities that went into operation in 2017 have stressed the aquifer.

Dom asked that if the cottages

plan is to go ahead, that property owners be required to add rain water catchment and storage.

Maxine Leichter, representing the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, said other watersheds are also of concern, including Cusheon Lake.

"When you allow more dependence on groundwater, you risk causing nearby property owners' wells to dry up," Leichter said, adding it's possible to mandate rain-water collection equipment, but impossible to force homeowners to use more of their collected water than groundwater.

**"We can't keep adding to the population with no policies in place for the conservation of water and expect that we won't feel the stresses of that contradiction."**

GEORGE GRAMS  
Salt Spring trustee

Doreen Hewitt recommended the LTC take into account several water reports now underway, including an aquifer budget and local wells study being done through SSIWPA and the Trust's freshwater specialist William Shulba.

"I would suggest you delay working on this bylaw until you have all the relevant information," she said.

Trustee Peter Grove assured the public that first reading is merely a measure to get the bylaw into the regulatory process and that nothing is fixed at this point.

Staff were directed to start planning for a public meeting to take place after the Oct. 20 local election. The draft bylaw will also be sent out to multiple government agencies and First Nations for referral.



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SERVICES

# Credit union closes Saturdays

Islanders weigh in on impact

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Savings, Salt Spring's last remaining financial institution to keep Saturday hours, will cease to offer that service effective Oct. 20.

The loss is expected to have an impact on small business owners and other people who find it difficult to get into the branch during the week.

Lawyer Sarah Hamilton called the news "so frustrating."

"They should open in the evenings to compensate," Hamilton said. "In fact, they should be open Saturdays, Sundays and evenings to accommodate the schedules of people who work full time."

"I'm very disappointed. We go there mostly on Saturdays to get a float for the market," said Jason Gaffney, who runs an eco-friendly clothing and screen-printing business with his wife Deanna Milligan.

While many local shops have shortened their hours or closed extra days because

of staffing issues, Colin Nicols, Island Savings' vice president of advisory services, said the change does not have to do with staff or housing.

"It's purely a business decision," Nicols told the Driftwood.

Nicols was away from the office and not able to answer follow-up questions regarding what the decision was based on or how it might impact local staff.

Island Savings Credit Union was founded in Duncan as the Duncan & District Credit Union in 1951. A Salt Spring branch was initiated in 1975. Island Savings has been at its current location since 1994. The organization became a division of First West Credit Union on Jan. 1, 2015.

Two Islands Savings locations in Victoria went to a five-day business week as of Oct. 1, and only a handful in the region are open on weekends. The Duncan, Nanaimo-Woodgrove and Mill Bay branches are the last to keep Saturday hours.

Salt Spring's other two banking institutions, BMO and CIBC, are also closed on Saturdays.

## Islands Trust – Local Trustees



### Notice of Election by Acclamation

## 2018 General Local Election

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to Section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, the following candidates have been elected by acclamation to serve a **four-year** term of office from November 2018 until after the 2022 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, as **Local Trustees** for Local Trust Areas under the *Islands Trust Act*.

#### North Pender Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees acclaimed:

| Given Name | Surname   | Residential Address                  |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Benjamin   | McCONCHIE | 2770 Schooner Way, Pender Island, BC |
| Deb        | MORRISON  | 36113 Galleon Way, Pender Island, BC |

#### Saturna Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees acclaimed:

| Given Name | Surname   | Residential Address                      |
|------------|-----------|--|
| Paul       | BRENT     | 116 Winter Cove Road, Saturna Island, BC |
| Lee        | MIDDLETON | 425 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC  |

Dated this 26th day of September, 2018

Thomas F. Moore  
Chief Election Officer

# OPINION



**2018 CCNA Awards**  
 Gold - Best Editorial Page | Gold - Best Feature Series (Elizabeth Nolan)  
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 Gold - Best Feature Series (Elizabeth Nolan) | Silver - Best All-Round | Bronze - Best Editorial



**EDITORIAL**

## Wise words

A report released last week on how Capital Regional District services could be improved on Salt Spring is a welcome addition to discussions about local governance.

The document titled Improving Capital Regional District Service Delivery on Salt Spring Island, B.C.: Options for Positive Change is worth a read by anyone interested in the topic.

Coincidentally, a press release was issued from the CRD on the same day, pointing out how the \$3.9-million Ganges Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project is ahead of schedule and within budget. To be sure, it's not that everything under CRD jurisdiction is not functioning, but the Positively Forward group and local election candidates are correct in stating

**THE ISSUE:**

Citizens' report on CRD services

**WE SAY:**

Communication must improve

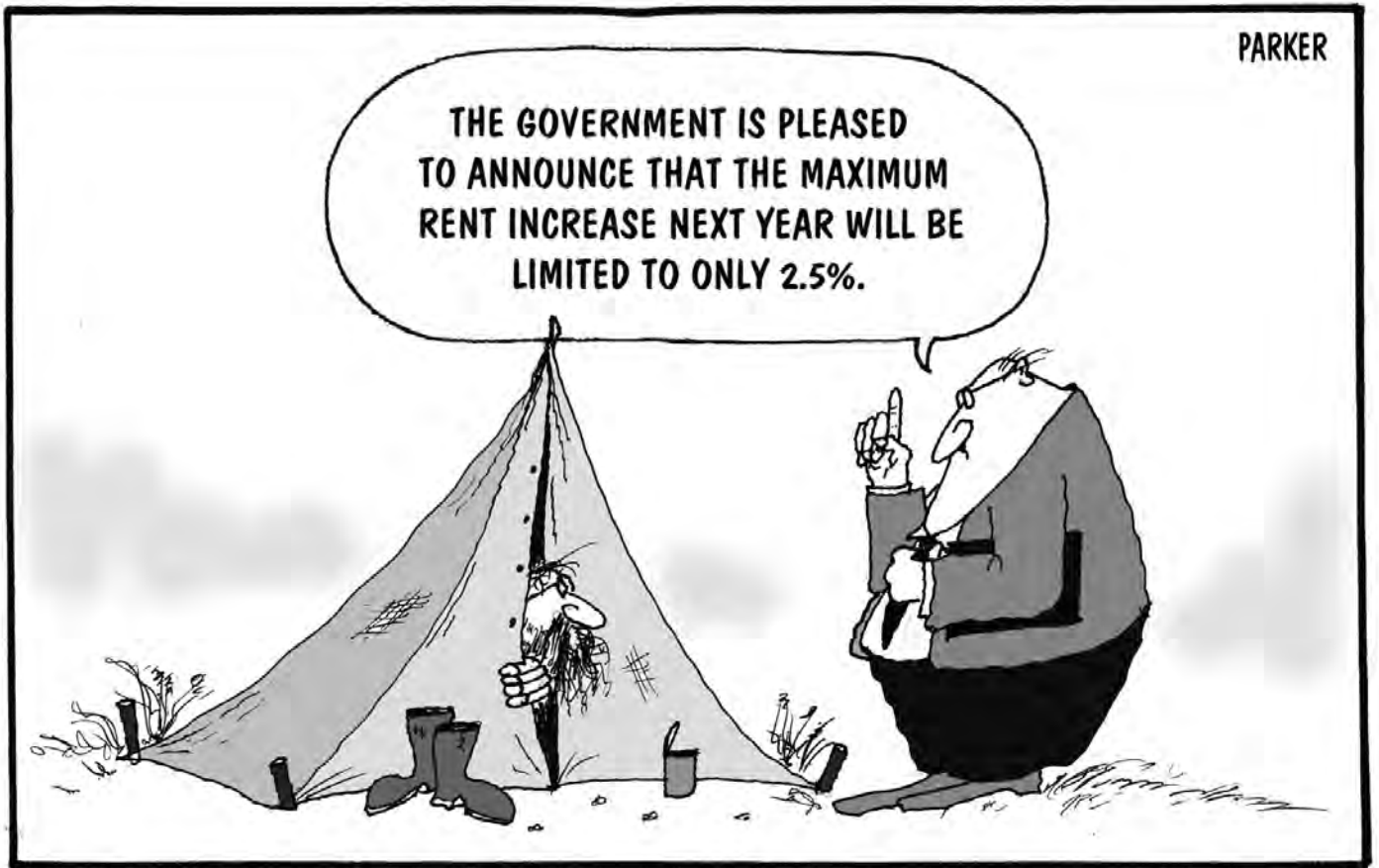
that improvements must be made.

The Fulford Water Service Commission's recent experience with a water main project epitomizes what is wrong with the way the CRD operates on Salt Spring. Thousands of dollars of CRD engineering time were charged to the commission, basically eating up budgetted funds for the entire project, with no one on the budget-approving commission advised by CRD staff until the deed was done.

As well, a million dollars of taxpayers' money was approved by referendum four years ago for the North Ganges Transportation Plan, but the project has not seen tangible progress, except for a small portion. Salt Spring taxpayers are rightly concerned that their funds and wishes are not being cared for, and being informed about what's going on is key.

As the Positively Forward report observed, the accountability and reporting practices of the Islands Trust are an enviable model. At both the Islands Trust Council and Local Trust Committee level, there is never a mystery about a particular project's status or, if applicable, its budget. If project priorities must change, that is discussed by elected officials and staff in public.

We certainly hope the CRD responds to the Positively Forward report as a healthy first step in improving communication between Salt Spring citizens, commissions and the CRD.



**VIEWPOINT** by Frants Attorp

## Hard choices lie ahead for island

As the local election draws near, there is a growing sense in the community that Salt Spring is at a crossroads. We are faced with many pressing matters, all of which will test our commitment to the "preserve and protect" mandate of the Islands Trust.

There is empirical evidence that we are already overstressing the natural resources of the island. Engineering reports have prompted the North Salt Spring Waterworks District to declare a moratorium on many new connections. Since over half the island's population gets its water from NSSWD, the assessment that we have reached the limits of supply capacity on both St. Mary Lake and Maxwell Lake is sobering news.

The Cedar Lane Water Service Commission, meanwhile, has raised serious concern with the CRD regarding groundwater levels in their wells. And there is salt water intrusion in some wells in the north end of the island, again pointing to excessive groundwater consumption leading to terminal decline in the quality of water in some aquifers.

The Trust's existing zoning regulations fail to recognize that we are stretching our fresh water resources beyond sustainable levels. Our OCP currently permits further subdivision and development on a significant scale. If all lots were built on as permitted by Bylaw 355, our population would grow from around 10,600 full-time residents to over 17,000. That's a two thirds increase!

It would be a betrayal of the Trust's mandate if the agency were to knowingly permit development that leads to a population increase our fragile environment cannot sustain. Therefore, a moratorium on further development in those areas where we are overstressing natural resources needs to be declared. Downzoning is an option that must be seriously considered.

Water scarcity raises questions about the policy of densifying Ganges, the target destination for a number of affordable housing projects.

While the needs of the disadvantaged cannot be ignored, it's important to remember that the Trust's primary mandate is environmental preservation and protection. When social and environmental responsibilities clash, there should be a thorough review involving the Trust, CRD, Community Services, BC Housing and our MLA. Hard choices may lie ahead.

There must be a parallel effort to address the problem of the growing number of homeless and itinerant people who arrive without jobs or accommodation, and who seek refuge in tents, trailers and other substandard housing. The calls by some in the community for a moratorium on bylaw enforcement of illegal dwellings will only lead to an explosion of unsafe, environmentally damaging housing across the island. Policies to prevent this are urgently needed.

It must be noted that the Trust's main tool is zoning, a power originally bestowed to put the brakes on development. The Trust cannot borrow money, buy land or construct buildings. All such projects and undertakings must be left to other agencies.

The Trust is currently working on Bylaw 512, which would allow year-round occupancy of secondary dwellings on about 400 lots. While this might seem like a silver bullet, there is no guarantee it will increase the stock of affordable housing units as landowners may decide short-term rentals are more profitable. The Trust can only open the door to desired outcomes; it cannot force anyone to walk through.

Deciding who to vote for on Oct. 20 is not easy, but one thing we can do is listen for candidates who have an in-depth understanding of the issues affecting the community, ideas for possible solutions and, above all, an unwavering commitment to the protection of this unique and special place we call home.

*The writer is a Salt Spring resident.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Does Lady Minto Hospital need a new ER?**  Yes  No

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

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Do Salt Spring CRD operations need to change?**

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| NO  | 12 |
| YES | 50 |

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "When you're walking in to do some blood work and get run over by an emergency vehicle, you wonder if it's supposed to work like this."

DEREK FRY, LMH FOUNDATION CHAIR, ON LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What is your favourite way to use apples?



**LUCILLE EATON**

*I like eating them raw, but a good apple pie is hard to beat.*



**DIANNA MORRIS**

*Apple pie tastes the best.*



**BRENDA PLAXTON**

*Out of hand, fresh from the tree.*



**KENT SIMPSON**

*Desserts I think, especially pie.*



**SUE BECKLEY**

*I like apple juice or apple crisp because they're so easy.*

## 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)

### Kinder and gentler democracies

How exciting: Momentum is growing for a "yes" vote for the upcoming electoral reform referendum!

Famed political scientist Arend Lijphart compared governance in "majoritarian" or "first past the post" democracies to "consensus" democracies, which use some form of proportional representation. He found that consensus democracies performed better in virtually every area he studied (such as environmental protection, lower rates of incarceration and use of the death penalty,

more welfare and foreign aid support, better control of inflation and unemployment, lower debt levels, for example). He summed up his findings by saying that consensus democracies are "kinder and gentler."

I'm reminded of one thing Grand Chief Stewart Phillip told our MP Elizabeth May: That our goal is not so much to gain power as to work for empowerment. Think about the best things humanity has created. Are they not, in general, rooted in empowerment of people following the dictates of our consciences rather than what "power blocks" (including big parties) impose on others?

You can make sure you're on the voters' list at the elec-

tions.bc.ca website. When you get your mail-in ballot around Oct. 22, make sure to vote, at least on the first question, and get your ballot to Elections BC or a Service BC centre by Nov. 30.

Our votes will be a great gift for today's children, for all life being born into the 22nd century.

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
SALT SPRING

### Real oldtimers

In his Nobody Asked Me But column of Sept. 26, Shilo Zylbergold asked "How do you know when you are no longer a newcomer to Salt Spring?" This question, and variants of it, are voiced so often on our beloved island. When the question arises

in my presence, I love to tell an anecdote from the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland, where I had the distinct pleasure of conducting tick research from 1975 to 1977.

One day I was having coffee with the building custodian, whose name was Quinine (pronounced "Key-noon") Schwab, a rather unusual name. At one point in our discussion I was struck by his very distinct Neuchatel accent. I asked him, "Quinine, you're from Neuchatel, yes?" He replied, "No, Schwab is a German name . . ." So I continued, "Oh, how long has your family been in Neuchatel?" He replied, "Since the 13th century." (!!!)

So, Salt Springers, if Quinine Schwab still didn't consider himself a "Neuchatelois" after 800 years, we should stop complaining about how long it takes a Salt Springer to become an "oldtimer!"

**REUBEN KAUFMAN,**  
SALT SPRING

### Bulk filling station?

Lack of water continues to challenge many islanders. Conservation, water storage and the option of throwing a water tank in your pickup and purchasing water from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District were some of the ways islanders could survive summer droughts in the past.

Unfortunately, NSSWD has felt compelled to remove the bulk filling option and so we are forced to purchase water and trucking from a private company. In light of the dire forecast around water availability in years to come, the question at hand is: Will the candidates for CRD director make water availability an election issue and look at creating a CRD bulk filling station?

To be fair, a few years ago the CRD offered a small subsidy for property owners to create water storage systems and have great water conservation tips on their website.

**DION HACKETT,**  
SALT SPRING

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# Bending rules to create housing not an option

BY DAVID J. RAPPORT AND LUISA MAFFI

Like many other places in our province and beyond, Salt Spring Island is facing a serious lack of affordable housing. That crisis has a profound negative impact on the ability of younger folks, young families and lower-income people to live and work here. In turn, that affects our ability to sustain our community at large, both socially and economically.

At the same time, like elsewhere, we are also confronted with a number of major ecological and health-related concerns. Drinking water is becoming scarce in the dry season; low water levels in our lakes increase the likelihood of outbreaks of toxic algae; shellfish harvesting closures have become chronic; traffic has increased considerably, generating more local air pollution; clear-cutting forests on steep slopes for road construction, utility corridors and house building contributes to erosion, ecological degradation of lakes and streams, and risk of mud-slides. Obviously, none of this is good news for any of us islanders — or for attracting tourism, one of the mainstays of our economy.

When an immediate concern arises, there is always the temptation to rush to throw solutions at it, regardless of whether such solutions might conflict with other problems at hand. Human as that reaction may be, it is shortsighted, especially when the other problems at hand have to do with sustaining the environment that sustains all of life,

including us. The shortage of affordable housing is unquestionably a critical issue that needs our focused attention, but it cannot and should not be addressed in ways that might further compromise the health of our life-giving ecosystems. That is the ultimate bottom line for any and all proposed solutions to the housing crisis.

Nor would it be in any way responsible to seek to solve the housing crisis by breaking or bending the rules that our community has given itself — such as through our official community plan — or by weakening the enforcement of our existing bylaws. Given that the housing shortage is making life difficult for the more vulnerable among us, it may be tempting to think that the end (providing affordable housing) justifies the means (bending the rules to accomplish that result as quickly as possible). But think again: going that route is a slippery slope.

Start disregarding the rules, even for such a well-meaning purpose, and what's to stop others from doing the same for much less noble reasons? It might backfire greatly — for example, by encouraging some of the not-so-needy to also make their own rules when it comes to cutting down trees in sensitive watershed areas to build mega-homes on the island or to disturbing the shoreline to install private docks. Next thing you know, it's a free-for-all, and we might well end up replacing

## GUEST COLUMN

one crisis with another and yet another.

In short, disregarding the rules, even in the face of immediate crises, can only breed anarchy,

with many unintended and undesirable outcomes. True enough, the rules are never perfect, and there always is scope for improvement, especially in rapidly changing social and ecological contexts. But that is a process that needs to unfold in a democratic fashion, not by way of individuals taking things in their own hands and resorting to their own self-styled solutions, be they laudable or not.

Ignoring the needs of vulnerable people certainly is not an option. But, at the same time, neither is it an option to arbitrarily and unilaterally throw existing rules to the wind; rules that were established to protect our local environment and our health and to reduce hazards in our neighbourhoods.

If our rules prove to be inadequate to address our changing concerns, the way forward is not to undertake individual actions that are in conflict with those rules. Rather, it is to undertake community actions that either are in compliance with the rules or seek to modify the rules, although in ways that do not compromise the fundamental rationale that motivated the rules in the first place. Here on Salt Spring, and in the Trust Area in general, the fundamental rationale underlying our rules is the "preserve and protect" mandate of the Trust Act. That is the

rationale we recently reaffirmed by rejecting incorporation, and it is the rationale we need to follow in seeking solutions for the affordable housing crisis.

Ultimately, it is simply impossible to prioritize a threat to the social fabric over a threat to the health of people and the environment (or vice versa), as our ability to live and thrive as individuals and as communities depends entirely on the ability of our ecosystems to remain vital and resilient. No lasting solutions can be found by pitting one set of essential goals over the other, or even by seeking a mythical "balance" between socio-economic and ecological concerns. What we need is innovative approaches that recognize the inextricable link between people and the environment and seek solutions that enhance the resilience of both. And we need solutions that respect the rule of law and due process as cardinal virtues of a democratic society.

All candidates for CRD and Trust positions in the upcoming local elections have mentioned the housing crisis as a paramount concern. We look forward to hearing from them how they intend to address the issue, not in an ad hoc manner, but in ways that do not compromise our "preserve and protect" mandate and uphold the community vision enshrined in the OCP.

*The writers have been Salt Spring residents for the past 14 years.*

# Commitment to EVs and infrastructure keeps growing

BY HOWARD HOLZAPFEL

In response to Jim Standen's challenge in the Sept. 12 edition of the Driftwood, I am not only intending to buy an electric vehicle (EV) at some future date; my family has been driving one for more than four years.

Our Nissan Leaf has been my family's primary transportation for that period. We have enjoyed more than 45,000 kilometres of trouble-free journeys. We regularly make trips to Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo, and have travelled to Bellingham, Wash. with this car. Its range is 150 kms, and we have never had a problem finding a no-cost charging station.

I installed a high-power charging

station six months before we knew what vehicle we were going to buy, so we were committed. My family was featured in a Transition Salt Spring video. (See it at <http://transitionsaltspring.com>. Look for the car with the chickens, dogs and kids.)

## Answers to Jim Standen's questions:

Salt Spring Island and Ganges do need more charging stations and more dedicated EV parking. In my role as fire trustee, I have discussed the possibility of installing a public charger at the Ganges fire hall but, unfortunately,

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the electrical service there is maxed out. I'm currently talking with the owner of adjacent buildings to explore the possibility of connecting to their electrical service.

Obviously, I embrace EV technology and want to expand it! At a recent asset management conference, I had the opportunity to discuss with Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George the acquisition of an EV as the next utility vehicle for the fire department. I shared this vision with Jim and Barbara of Transition

Salt Spring, and we are currently discussing ways that we can get a sponsored vehicle for the fire department at little or no cost. As for Salt Spring becoming the test bed for EV technologies, I wholly endorse this idea.

As you can see, I clearly and passionately support EVs as an option for my organization.

Having chargers at many places where cars are parked would be preferable. Jim mentions Portlock Park and the movie theatre. What about ferry terminals and grocery stores? Oh wait, Country Grocer already has a couple. (Thanks, Country Grocer!)

Other retail outlets should be considered. A perfect location

for a multi-unit charger would be the Centennial Park parking lot.

I believe you can see that my personal commitment to EV technology is strong, long and unwavering.

My closing comment is that I am not waiting for the election to be doing something about renewable energy sources. For years I have lived my personal, as well as a professional, commitment to EVs, and this will only get stronger.

*The writer is a candidate for one of two Salt Spring Islands Trust positions in the Oct. 20 local elections.*

Capital Regional District

CRD

## Notice of Election by Voting | 2018 General Local Election

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that **General Voting Day** will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018** to elect persons to serve a **four-year** term of office as **Electoral Area Directors for Juan de Fuca and Salt Spring Island** on the **CRD Board** from November 2018 until after the 2022 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

### Juan de Fuca Electoral Area – One Director to be elected:

Given Name    Surname  
Mike                      HICKS

Residential Address  
3018 Manzer Road, Sooke, BC

Given Name    Surname  
Daniel                      YATES

Residential Address  
2075 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC

### Salt Spring Island Electoral Area – One Director to be elected:

Given Name    Surname  
Gary                              HOLMAN

Residential Address  
160 McLennan Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC

Given Name    Surname  
Robin                              WILLIAMS

Residential Address  
130 Arnell Way, Salt Spring Island, BC

### Voting Opportunities

**GENERAL VOTING** will be open to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District on **Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area**  
East Sooke Community Hall,

1397 Coppermine Road,  
Sooke, BC

Juan de Fuca Administration  
Building, #3- 7450 Butler  
Road, Sooke, BC

Malahat Fire Hall, 935  
Whittaker Road, Malahat, BC

Port Renfrew Community  
Centre, Parkinson Road, Juan  
de Fuca, BC

Shirley Community Hall, 2795  
Sheringham Road, Shirley, BC

Mary Winspear Centre, 2243  
Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

T'Souke First Nations Hall,  
2154 Lazzar Road, Sooke, BC

View Royal Elementary  
School, 218 Helmcken Road,  
Victoria, BC

Willis Point Community  
Hall, 6933 Willis Point Road,  
Victoria, BC

Richmond Secondary School,  
7171 Minoru Boulevard,  
Richmond, BC

### Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

Community Gospel Chapel,  
147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt  
Spring Island, BC

Fulford Hall Seniors Centre,  
2591 Fulford-Ganges Road,  
Salt Spring Island, BC

Salt Spring Island Public  
Library 129 McPhillips  
Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

Richmond Secondary School  
7171 Minoru Boulevard,  
Richmond, BC

**ADVANCE VOTING**  
opportunities will be available  
on **Wednesday, October  
10, 2018 and Wednesday,  
October 17, 2018 from 8:00  
am to 8:00 pm**, at:

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area**  
School District No. 62 Office,  
3143 Jacklin Road, Victoria, BC  
(Langford)

Sooke Community Hall, 2037  
Shields Road, Sooke, BC

### Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

Community Gospel Chapel,  
147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt  
Spring Island, BC

Salt Spring Island Public  
Library, 129 McPhillips  
Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

**Mail Ballot Voting** is available  
to electors who:

- ▶ have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
- ▶ expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, October 20, 2018) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 17, 2018)

You must be a **qualified Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector to vote**.

**To apply to vote by mail**, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed application form in advance of general voting day (October 20, 2018). Application forms are available on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote). Completed application forms may be submitted by email, mail or in person at the following:

Capital Regional District,  
Legislative Services  
5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street,  
PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC  
V8W 2S6  
**Phone: 250.360.3129 Toll free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129**

**Email:** [legserv@crd.bc.ca](mailto:legserv@crd.bc.ca)

If you are not on the Voters List or the CRD Non-Resident Property Electors List of

Electors, you may now register at the time you fill out your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the list, please call the number noted above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package, commencing on or about October 4, 2018, for the following:

- ▶ Electoral Area Director
- ▶ Islands Trust Local Area Trustee
- ▶ School Trustee

If applications are received after October 12, 2018 and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative Services, at the address noted above. To be counted for the election, your ballot **MUST** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than **8:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018** at the address noted above. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the mail ballot is received within this time limit.

### Elector Qualifications

**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 (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*), you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

**Non-Resident Property Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting

day (October 20, 2018), are Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days,

do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before August 28, 2018, or (b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- ▶ a recent land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, showing the names of all the registered owners,
- ▶ 2 pieces of identification (one 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 (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures are not acceptable.)

A copy of the consent form is available at:  
[www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote)

The following are some examples of **acceptable identification**: BC Driver's Licence, BC Identification Card issued by ICBC, BC CareCard, Utility bill (water, electric, gas), Citizenship Card, Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence, Social Insurance Card,

Property Taxation Notice, Credit Card or Debit Card issued by a bank.

### Please Note:

- ▶ Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of the number of owners. Further, you may vote for only one property, regardless of how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- ▶ No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
- ▶ Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

For further information please call the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3129 or Toll Free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2018  
Thomas F. Moore  
Chief Election

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## No asset

We are appalled at the ease with which marijuana grow-ops have sprung up, not only on North End

Road, but another operation, a 16,400-square-foot greenhouse on Cairns Place, which is also producing this “crop.”

Would a similar-sized egg ranch or hog facility be added to the community so unchallenged? Yet, Salt Springers —

## MORE LETTERS

either born and bred or here by choice — are powerless, hamstrung to stop these operations.

This is not downtown Toronto;

this is rural Salt Spring Island. We value our land, air and water.

These operations are scars on the land, pollute the air and consume large amounts of water (even with catchments, there is no guarantee of adequate rainfall), threatening finite aquifers and

groundwater availability.

They are not an asset to Salt Spring. They are the owners' cash cow.

And, by the way, not all Salt Springers use or grow marijuana in their back sheds!

**FRED & MARIANNE HOBBS,**  
CEDAR LANE

# RANTS *and* Roses

## Roses

To DAISSI: We are sending all the people involved in Salt Spring Pride a big bouquet of rainbow roses. Fulford Hall was a pleasure to clean, as you left it nearly spotless. With thanks, caretakers Michael and Helga.

A million thank yous and a huge bouquet of roses to the Bonds' Bon Acres Farm for generously supplying their fresh corn to the Gulf Islands Secondary School “Belize 2019” fundraiser at the Salt Spring Fall Fair. We appreciate your support and were proud to serve your delicious corn!

One environmentally friendly, native species, GMO-free, carbon-neutral, shade-grown rose is offered to Shilo Zylbergold for his Sept. 26 Nobody Asked Me But column . . . thanks for the laugh, we needed it. When we see you in the dairy aisle we owe you a great big bear hug. Fred and Marianne

A big thank you to the over 110 participants and 60 reliable and generous volunteers who brought forth this year's Terry Fox Run. The run raised over \$5,252 for cancer research. We appreciate the generosity of all of our business and community sponsors. The entertainment was perfect for the occasion and we want to acknowledge the Salt Spring Concert Band, Mia Kerrigan and the Taoist Tai Chi Association for giving of their talents. Thank you so very much to Merv Anderson, Leslie Barclay and Jen Wingrove for their cooperation, dedication and efforts as part of the core organizing team. And finally, a big thank you to Janine Fernandes-Hayden for all of her time and energy in putting this very important event together.

Thanks to Sarah Shugar for organizing the Salt Spring Middle School Terry Fox Run BBQ, the local stores that donated the food, and to all of the amazing parents who were there to run it. Congratulations to all our students and staff who participated in the run and raised over \$750 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

## Islands Trust – Local Trustees

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**Galiano Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:**

| Given Name | Surname    | Residential Address                       |
|------------|------------|---|
| George     | HARRIS     | 611 Robson Way, Galiano Island, BC        |
| Tahirih    | ROCKAFELLA | 267 Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island, BC |
| Michael    | SHARP      | 141 Seaview Terrace, Galiano Island, BC   |
| Jane       | WOLVERTON  | 442 Highland Road, Galiano Island, BC     |

**Mayne Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:**

| Given Name | Surname      | Residential Address                        |
|------------|--------------|--|
| Brian      | CRUMBLEHULME | 639 Horton Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC      |
| Jeanine    | DODDS        | 720 Simpson Road, Mayne Island, BC         |
| David      | MAUDE        | 484 Cherry Tree Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC |
| Christie   | MEERS        | 563 Blitz Road, Mayne Island, BC           |

**Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:**

| Given Name        | Surname   | Residential Address                           |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Shamana (Sabrina) | ALI       | 210 Epron Road, Salt Spring Island, BC        |
| Kylie             | COATES    | 144 Fairway Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC     |
| Peter             | GROVE     | 110 Ensilwood Road, Salt Spring Island, BC    |
| Howard            | HOLZAPFEL | 120 Castle Cross Road, Salt Spring Island, BC |
| Darryl J.         | MARTIN    | 1205 Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island, BC      |
| Laura             | PATRICK   | 230 Sarah Way, Salt Spring Island, BC         |

**South Pender Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:**

| Given Name | Surname | Residential Address                    |
|------------|---------|--|
| Richard    | FRIESEN | 9876 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC     |
| Cameron    | THORN   | 9884 Castle Road, Pender Island, BC    |
| Steve      | WRIGHT  | 9915 Craddock Drive, Pender Island, BC |

The following constitutes the designated island 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, Lot 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area** - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson. **North Pender Island Local Trust Area** - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lot 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, Burriel 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 Island Local Trust Area** - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

## Voting Opportunities

**GENERAL VOTING** will be open to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District on **Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

**Salt Spring Island**

Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)  
Fulford Hall Seniors Centre 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)  
Salt Spring Island Public Library 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)  
Piers Island Fire Hall, #116 McKenzie Crescent, [Piers Island, BC](#)  
Richmond Secondary School 7171 Minoru Boulevard, [Richmond, BC](#)

**Southern Gulf Islands**

Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island, BC](#)  
Mayne Island Community Hall, 493 Felix Jack Road, [Mayne Island, BC](#)  
St. Peters Anglican Church, 4703 Canal Road, [Pender Island, BC](#)  
Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Boulevard, [Richmond, BC](#)

**ADVANCE VOTING** opportunities will be available on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 and Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

**Salt Spring Island**

Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)  
Salt Spring Island Public Library 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)  
Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney, BC](#)

**Southern Gulf Islands**

Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island, BC](#)  
Mayne Island Community Hall, 493 Felix Jack Road, [Mayne Island, BC](#)  
St. Peters Anglican Church, 4703 Canal Road, [Pender Island, BC](#)  
Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney, BC](#)

**Mail Ballot Voting** is available to electors who:

- ▶ have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
- ▶ expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, October 20, 2018) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 17, 2018)

You must be a [qualified Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector](#) to vote.

**To apply to vote by mail**, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed application form in advance of general voting day (October 20, 2018). Application forms are available on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote). Completed application forms may be submitted by email, mail or in person at the following:

Capital Regional District, Legislative Services  
5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6  
**Phone: 250.360.3129 Toll free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129**  
**Email: [legserv@crd.bc.ca](mailto:legserv@crd.bc.ca)**

If you are not on the Voters List or the CRD Non-Resident Property Electors List of Electors, you may register at the time you fill out your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the list, please call the number noted above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package, commencing on or about October 4, 2018, for the following:

- ▶ Electoral Area Director
- ▶ Islands Trust Local Trustee
- ▶ School Trustee
- ▶ Assent Voting for South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response
- ▶ Assent Voting for Saturna Island Medical Clinic Contribution

If applications are received after October 12, 2018 and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative Services, at the address noted above. To be counted for the election, your ballot **MUST** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than **8 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018** at the address noted above. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the mail ballot is received within this time limit.

## Elector Qualifications

**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 (the residency qualifications are set out in the Local Government Act), you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

**Non-Resident Property 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, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before August 28, 2018, or (b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- ▶ a [recent](#) land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, showing the names of all the registered owners,
- ▶ 2 pieces of identification (one 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](#) (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures are not acceptable.) A copy of the consent form is available at: [www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote)

The following are some examples of **acceptable identification**: BC Driver's Licence, BC Identification Card issued by ICBC, BC CareCard, Utility bill (water, electric, gas), Citizenship Card, Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence, Social Insurance Card, Property Taxation Notice, Credit Card or Debit Card issued by a bank.

## Please Note:

- ▶ Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of the number of owners. Further, you may vote for only one property, regardless of how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- ▶ No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
- ▶ Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

Fur further information please call the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3129 or Toll Free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2018

Thomas F. Moore  
Chief Election Officer



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## WEDNESDAY

**SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP** meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Mormon church. Info: Email [cloudie48@gmail.com](mailto:cloudie48@gmail.com)

**STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, around the back.

**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

**SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS** meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** at SS Seniors Centre board room. 10 a.m. Confidential, accurate, easy and convenient.

**BOOMERFIT** at Fulford Hall. 9 to 10 a.m. Experience a variety of exercises that will awaken every muscle in your body. Stretch, strengthen, mobilize, BFit! Core strength, stabilization and injury prevention are a main focus. Contact: SynergyFit Personal Training, [trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com), 250-653-4656.

**BRIDGE CLUB** at the SS Library program room from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

**COMPUTER HELP** — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone issues at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing [coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org](mailto:coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org).

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start).

**FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY** offers free access to premium genealogy websites at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

**GAMES AFTERNOON** at Salt Spring Seniors. 1 to 3 p.m.

**HATHA FLOW YOGA** with Dorothy Price at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. beginning on Sept. 19.

**KIRTAN** at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.

**MEDITATION GROUP** suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333.

**MEDITATION MEETINGS** and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BRIDGE** at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.

**PILATES CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance. Info/ register: [anna@bonesforever.com](mailto:anna@bonesforever.com)

**SSI PAINTERS GUILD** meets at ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. For activities see website [ssipaintersguild.ca](http://ssipaintersguild.ca).

**SSI ROTARY CLUB** meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Salt Spring Baptist Church, around the back, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**SWING DANCE** at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**YOGA** - Mixed levels with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. PLUS Chair Yoga (Seniors) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**YOGA** with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Resumes Sept. 19. Info: [info@santoshayoga-retreats.com](mailto:info@santoshayoga-retreats.com), 250-537-7675

**YOGA FLOW** with Li Mei Wong at Duck Creek Farm. 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Info: [limei.wong1@gmail.com](mailto:limei.wong1@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION** at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

**ZUMBA TONING** with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

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

**VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP** meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Seniors Centre (across from Country Grocer), 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: David at 250-537-8595 or Seniors Centre 250-537-4604.

## EVERY THURSDAY

**AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS** classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; [alanwardroper@gmail.com](mailto:alanwardroper@gmail.com).

**AL-ANON** for friends and families of alcoholics meets at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 noon.

**BRIDGE** at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 12:45 p.m.

**DANCE TEMPLE** at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

**IYENGAR YOGA** with Susan Bull at Stowel Lake Farm. 10 to 11:45 a.m. until Oct. 25.

**LUNCH** at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 12 to 1 p.m.

**KUNDALINI YOGA** - all levels with Shannon Cowan at the Wellness Centre. 8 to 9:15 a.m.

**NIA** — Discover the delicious music, mindful movement & healing magic of Nia, a fabulous, fun blend of dance, martial arts and yoga. "Move Your Body's Way," nurturing your body, mind & spirit in a fabulous, welcoming community of women. No dance experience needed. Antler Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Rd., 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca)

**OPEN MIC NIGHT** at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Fernwood Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m.

**SQUASH** - Have Fun Learning Squash introductory sessions at the squash court at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Bring clean non-marking shoes. First time is free. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**STAY & PLAY DROP-IN** at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Toy library also open. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**WOMEN'S YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**VIJNANA YOGA** with Liz Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**YOGA ALL LEVELS** with Dorothy Price at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

**YOGA** with Jim Dickinson at Salt Spring Seniors from 2 to 3 p.m.

**YOGA FOUNDATIONS** with Li Mei Wong at Duck Creek Farm. 6 to 7 p.m. Info: [limei.wong1@gmail.com](mailto:limei.wong1@gmail.com)

## EVERY FRIDAY

**COFFEE TIME** for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**DRUM CIRCLE** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 4 to 6 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING**. Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE** at the SS Public Library Program Room. 2:30 p.m. From Sept. 14 to Nov. 9, except for Oct. 12.

**FAMILY STORYTIME** at the SS Public Library in the children's corner at 11 a.m. Drop-in program best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers. From Sept. 21 to Nov. 30.

**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info/ register: [anna@bonesforever.com](mailto:anna@bonesforever.com).

**GAMES NIGHT** at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.

**MAH JONGG** players gather at Salt Spring Seniors from 12:15 to 2 p.m.

**MIXED LEVELS YOGA** with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE** with Kaya Reiss at SSI Wellness Centre. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

## EVERY SATURDAY

**DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Salt Spring Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS** with Lee Sigmund. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## SUNDAY

**CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP** meets at SS Seniors every other Sunday beginning Sept. 16. 1 p.m.

## EVERY SUNDAY

**KUNDALINI YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Salt Spring Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY SATSANG** at the SS Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.

**YIN YOGA** with Shelby Luffman at SSI Wellness Centre. 12 to 1:15 p.m.

## MONDAY

**SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the SS United Church hall at 7 p.m. See [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com).

**SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Portlock Park Portable. 5 to 7 p.m. Public welcome. But confirm meeting dates at 250-537-4448.

**SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the SS Public Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m.

## EVERY MONDAY

**ACTIVE LEARNING** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.

**BOOMERFIT** at Fulford Hall. 9 to 10 a.m. See Wednesday class description (but note different location). Contact: [trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com), 250-653-4656.

**CHESS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**DARTS** at the Legion from 6 to 9 p.m.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca).

**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.

**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 9 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, [alicef@saltspring.com](mailto:alicef@saltspring.com).

**ISLAND INFANTS PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP** at Family Place. A drop-in for parents of babies prenatal to 1 year with weekly speakers. Pre-register ([familyplace@ssics.ca](mailto:familyplace@ssics.ca)) for childcare. Lunch provided. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**NIA** — See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church, downstairs hall. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca)

**PEPPER WALK WITH MOVEMENT INTELLIGENCE CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 1 to 2:15 p.m. This innovative movement class features the work of John Pepper and is suitable for people with Parkinson's and other neurological conditions that are highly motivated to learn solutions for movement difficulties. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, [anna@bonesforever.com](mailto:anna@bonesforever.com)

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.

**READERS' THEATRE** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.

**SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS** meet at All Saints from 6 to 8 p.m.

**SALT SPRING YARNIES KNITTERS CLUB** meets to knit, crochet, or do other handcrafts. Free. Newcomers welcome. Penny's Pantry on the Green. 1 to 3 p.m.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD** at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.

**THE CLINIC** by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

**TOASTMASTERS**, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

**VIJNANA YOGA LEVEL 2** with Cathy Valentine at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**YOGA** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre: Mixed Levels from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

## TUESDAY

**YOUTH BOOK CLUB** for ages 9 to 12 meets at the Salt Spring Public Library on Oct. 1, 15 and 30 this month (and every other Tuesday thereafter). 3:30 to 5 p.m.

**SRHYTHMS** with Shauna Devlin runs on the third Tuesday of each month at Stowel Lake Farm from 5 to 7 p.m.

## EVERY TUESDAY

**ACTIVE LEARNING**, the Tuesday Edition. Current events and conversation. Respectful, fun, discussion group. SS Seniors Centre Dawson Lounge. 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Very interesting every time.

**AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS** classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 4 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; [alanwardroper@gmail.com](mailto:alanwardroper@gmail.com).

**ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE**. All are welcome to join the tango group, Por el Amor del Tango, at weekly practicas. All Saints By-the-Sea. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: [ssi.tango@gmail.com](mailto:ssi.tango@gmail.com)

**ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.

**CHESS GROUP** plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**CHOIR** at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**FLOOR HOCKEY** at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**LIFE DRAWING GROUP** meets at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.

**NIA** — See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church upper hall from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca)

**MEN'S GROUP** - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, [reinless@mender.ca](mailto:reinless@mender.ca) or [meetup.com/reinless/](http://meetup.com/reinless/)

**PICKLEBALL** games are played at Fulford Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and at Fernwood Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.

**SHUT UP AND WRITE** - silent focused writing in 25-minute intervals, with 5-minute breaks. Salt Spring Public Library in Room 106. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/suawssi/>

**SQUASH** - Have Fun Learning Squash introductory sessions at the squash court at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Bring clean non-marking shoes. First time is free. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

**SS SEARCH & RESCUE** - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

**STAY & PLAY DROP-IN** for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6 at Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**UBUNTU** sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**VIJNANA YOGA** with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE** with Kaya Reiss at SSI Wellness Centre. 4 to 5 p.m.

**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.



















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# FALL FIX-UP

## BUILDING PROJECTS

# Recycled homes provide base for future farm activity

Islanders launch project with help from Nickel Bros

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sliding onto Salt Spring in the dead of night, two salvaged homes purchased through Nickel Bros arrived on adjoining lots at Lower Ganges Road and Baker Road early in September.

As planned by owners/contractors Jan Fellenius and Nelly Tom-Kee, the building project taking place this fall and winter on those two lots will provide a satisfying number of environmental objectives.

The first property at 700 Lower Ganges Rd. represents 15 acres in the Agricultural Land Reserve and includes a two-acre natural spring-fed pond. The second property, located at 133 Baker Rd., is one of eight quarter-acre lots on the northern edge of the acreage that were subdivided off the larger property back in the 1960s. The entire region was once part of a large farm belonging to the Harrison family, some of the island's early black settlers.

Fellenius and Tom-Kee moved to Salt Spring in 2011 from North Saanich, another area of large acreages and historic farmland.

"We like the community here," Tom-Kee said. "North Saanich is beautiful, but it's a little isolated. You don't see your neighbours."

The engineer and the project manager have successfully put several building projects behind them and are ready to make a

positive difference on the new space. The pair intend to live on the smaller Baker Road lot and to rent out the larger home and property to someone who would be interested in putting the land to its intended use. Fellenius and Tom-Kee hope to work with the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute and local permaculture experts to work out a plan and to eventually find farming tenants.

In addition to "Harrison Lake," a refuge for ducks and frogs, the 15-acre property has a heritage orchard with apples and plums — excess crops this year were purchased by Salt Spring Wild Cider. The many acres of fields were previously used as grazing land for horses and sheep. More recently, they were home to several thousand Scotch broom plants. Neither of the two lots has previously been developed with a house.

"We figured we'll never be able to find someone who wants to farm the place if we don't have accommodation," Fellenius explained.

The couple considered many different options for creating that accommodation, from tiny homes to shipping containers to eco-building. In the end they decided that recycled homes from Nickel Bros would meet their objectives perfectly. They had already used the company eight years back when they purchased the former visitors centre attached to the Sidney/Anacortes ferry terminal and made it an outbuilding on their Douglas Road property. When Tom-Kee and Fellenius brought that building over, there was another large home on the barge bound for Isabella Point, and the image stayed with them.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Jan Fellenius and Nelly Tom-Kee stand near a house built on Kisber Avenue in Saanich, now located on their property at 700 Lower Ganges Road.

There were around 20 available houses listed on the Nickel Bros website when they first started looking. Working with the company, they eventually came up with two perfect homes to meet their needs. The Bowker house (deposited on Baker Road) is a two-bedroom, one-bathroom home built in Oak Bay during the Second World War.

"Nelly and I like small spaces," Fellenius said. "And that's the way this thing was built."

The Bowker house boasts original touches such as two fireplaces, stained glass accent windows and wood floors, and was fully updated with Italian marble countertops and wooden cabinets before it was sold. The foundation will add a full-height basement, which will remain unfinished for now.

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Clockwise from above: Inside the Kisber house, built in the 1920s; the former Oak Bay house destined to be Fellenius' and Tom-Kee's new home on Baker Road; fields on the old Harrison Farm, which will hopefully return to active use.

The Kisber house, which came from Saanich, is a three-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath home built in the 1920s. It comes in at 935 square feet. For this house Fellenius and Tom-Kee decided on a crawl space instead of a full basement, with room for dry storage for the eventual farming family. Their goal is to finish this home first, hopefully by Christmas.

(One of the smart things about working on two homes at once is you can make use of the time waiting for inspections.)

Nickel Bros will be back on Salt Spring in the next week or so to lower the Kisber house onto its new foundation. Plumbing and electrical work will then be finished and the septic and water lines installed. The house is also getting a new metal roof for maximum fire safety.

Despite all the additions, Fellenius estimates that having an entire floor constructed in advance reduces the building cost by around one third and the construction time by two thirds. But over and above those considerations, there is much to appreciate in a repurposed home, from the "rock-solid" building techniques and materials known in former days to the environmental benefits.

"At the end of the day if you sum it up, it really is grass roots recycling. If we didn't purchase this home it would have been crushed," Fellenius observed. "I'm an environmental engineer. We chose to come to Salt Spring because people get it here."

According to Nickel Bros, a 1,600-square-foot home represents about 60 trees worth of lumber, which is roughly equivalent to what one person could recycle in 100 years. "Sadly, most houses that need to be removed

from a site aren't recycled; they're torn down and thrown in a landfill. And each discarded home adds between 60 and 80 tons of building materials to that landfill," their website explains.

"I think the challenge in looking for a used house is one, if you are happy with the floor plan, and if you're not happy, how to mitigate it for your requirements. Second is to look if the house has good bones. Laymen do not necessarily know that, so when you make an offer, you should have a house inspector look at it," Tom-Kee advised.

All Nickel Bros homes are certified by a structural engineer before they are sold. The listed price includes all aspects of the purchase and delivery, including permits for street closures and hydro line interruption, moving by barge and even crew accommodations.

"It's quite amazing to see how they do it. The two houses were on the same barge," Tom-Kee said.

Their particular move involved having the barge come over from Vancouver and then a tugboat tow it to Oak Bay to pick up the first house. The crew moved on to Nickel Bros' main yard in Sidney to pick up the second house. Delivery to Salt Spring was done in the early morning hours to avoid disrupting traffic as much as possible.

Herold Engineering was contracted for the foundation plans and a team led by Mark Slater of Victoria is doing the construction work.

"In Europe it's not uncommon to see houses that are 300 to 400 years old," Fellenius said. "These won't last that long, but they'll keep going now for a long time to come."



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## FALL FIX-UP

### PROPERTY PROTECTION

# Ways to practise FireSmart environmental stewardship

Sensitivity to environment and fire safety possible

BY JEAN WILKINSON

The recent long dry summers are causing considerable stress to the forests on the Islands and increasing the risk of a wildfire.

We all need to think carefully about how to protect the forest and our homes, while maintaining the areas natural beauty and important habitat values. This is one of the topics discussed in the Environmental Working Group's report at a recent Salt Spring Community Alliance meeting.

There are a number of well-researched strategies that will reduce the risk of losing a home to wildfire, starting with the materials used for the house itself. Metal, asphalt or clay roofs, double-paned windows of tempered glass, well-sealed doors, composite decking, brick, rammed earth and fibre-cement siding are fire-resistant. Keeping roofs, gutters, stairways and decks free of needles and debris prevents the possibility of embers igniting these. Closed-in eaves, screened vents and a spark arrester on the chimney also reduce the risk of damage and loss from fire. If there are outbuildings within 10 metres of the house, similar considerations apply to these.

The next key strategy is to focus on

the 10-metre radius around buildings and create a fire break to prevent fire from spreading to the forest from a house-fire, or from a forest fire to the home. In this zone it's recommended to avoid having woodpiles, propane tanks or burn barrels, and to separate wooden fences or boardwalks from the house with a metal gate or panel. Remove easily combustible material such as dead trees and twigs, resinous shrubs, conifers, bark mulch, long grass, etc. and landscape with non-combustible materials and fire resistant plants. For a list of these see the resource library at [www.firesmartcanada.ca](http://www.firesmartcanada.ca).

The yard doesn't need to be a moon-scape, and it's completely possible to protect a property from fire while maintaining and enhancing habitat for wildlife. Deciduous trees, vegetable gardens, flower gardens, short grass, moss, compact shrubs, drought-resistant native plantings, xeriscapes, paths and stone patios are all excellent choices for the area within 10 metres of the house. Soil moisture should be maintained to keep vegetation healthy and reduce fire risk, particularly in summer. Well-designed ponds can capture and store some of the winter rains, creating habitat for many creatures, while enhancing this fire-resistant zone and providing water to fight fire if necessary.

Attention can also be given to the zone between 10 and 30 metres from the house. Deciduous trees such as maple and willow are fire-resistant, and Douglas fir trees are less likely to ignite than cedar, juniper, yew or pine. A cover of fire-resistant trees, shrubs and other vegetation provides shade and keeps temperatures cooler, reducing stress on many organisms (including people) and preventing soils from drying out.

Spacing conifers three metres apart is recommended, and it's important to consider whether shrubs growing right below trees would act as "ladder fuels." If so, trimming these and removing branches within two metres of the ground will help stop surface fires from moving up into trees, thereby protecting the trees as well as nearby buildings. While dead trees are more likely to burn, they greatly enhance bio-diversity. Therefore, with extra care to remove lower limbs and ensure surrounding shrubs are fire-resistant species, a few "wildlife trees" can be kept at the outer edges of this zone.

In shaded areas, some large logs lying directly on the ground also help retain moisture and provide habitat. However, dead branches and woody debris on the ground are potential fuels, especially if dried out by the sun, so reducing the number of these is helpful. Instead of creating brush



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Brush pile and leafy debris close to an outbuilding should be cleared to reduce potential property loss due to wildfire.

piles, cover branches with soil to make much safer berms, and build rock piles to provide fire-resistant homes for wildlife. Invasive broom, gorse and holly are extremely flammable, and removing them will reduce the fire hazard while helping native plants, birds and pollinating insects thrive.

Fall is the perfect time to start implementing these recommendations, so that by next summer you can feel more secure with a

FireSmart property that supports wildlife and maintains ecological values.

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### RENOVATING

## Take care during renovations

Safety tips offered

No matter how big or small a renovation project, homeowners' top priority should always be safety.

Potential dangers that can spring up include:

- Dust and dirt: Sanding, sawing, welding, and other home renovation tasks can cast debris into the air. Ventilation may be needed to maintain clean, breathable air. Do-it-yourselfers should wear masks and eye protection to guard themselves against debris.

- Electrical lines: All homes may not have been built in adherence to modern-day codes. Electric lines can be discovered where they are least expected. When doing demolition or

drilling/nailing into walls, it's not uncommon to come across electrical wires. An electrician should be consulted if the wires need to be relocated.

- Chemicals: Exercise extreme caution when using chemical products, making sure all product containers are sealed and kept out of reach when not in use.

- Tools: Cuts, abrasions, burns and more can result when power tools and even manual tools are used incorrectly. Learn how to use tools before beginning a project, and always put tools away when work is done for the day.

- Falls: Don't climb beyond where indicated on ladders and always have a spotter on hand when climbing is necessary. Wear harnesses, sturdy footwear and gloves as well.



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# FALL FIX-UP

## CONSTRUCTION TRENDS

# Busy construction period mirrors regional growth

Salt Spring building permits tally increased activity

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you think it's more difficult to get a contractor booked these days, you might be right. Anecdotal information about the return of extremely busy times for Salt Spring's building trades comes with some hard statistics to back it up, including files tracked by the Capital Regional District.

Records show there was actually a drop in building permits issued in 2017 compared to 2016, with permits for 38 single detached homes issued compared to 48 the previous year. In contrast, available data for 2018 predicts another period of growth. There were 28 permits for single detached homes issued in the six-month period from January to June, compared to 23 issued during the same time-frame in 2017.

According to the Vancouver Island Construction Association, the pace of growth has been rapid across the entire region. Its last quarterly report in August showed the total value of building permits issued during the April to June 2018 period increased by 42 per cent over the first quarter.

"We've had a very busy year so far, which is a sign of economic strength and an upswing in population growth," association CEO Rory

Kulmala said in a news release. "Vancouver Island continues to be an attractive place to live and to invest."

The highest growth on the island occurred in the Nanaimo Regional District, which saw a 48 per cent increase in the dollar value of building permits. The Capital Regional District was next highest, with a 47 per cent increase over the first quarter.

"By the end of 2018, I think we'll see total building permits increase by about 20 per cent with construction employment up another three per cent or more," Kulmala said.

People associated with Salt Spring's building trades can confirm that 2018 has seen a continued uptick in activity that first started a couple of years back, with no signs of slowing down soon.

Ron Crawford has offered stone masonry and landscaping services on the island for around 30 years. In some of those years he's worked alone or had smaller maintenance projects. Currently he has a crew of subcontractors helping out and larger projects that will spill into 2019.

"It seems pretty good now. It's been improving for the last three years at least," Crawford said. "My company gets busy the year after it gets busy. We generally follow about a year behind with the landscaping and the stonework."

Building supply outfits are also witnessing a growth trend.

Windsor Plywood co-owner Ken Marr explained, "Things picked up a couple of years ago and have maintained consistent strength. A lot of businesses are booked into the future, which is unfortunate for people who want to get a job done soon."

Marr said people are coming in with all sorts of projects on the go, both renovations and new home builds, and from price points that range from the mid- to high-end.

While the trades may be feeling extra pinched for time, homeowners have their

own busy lives to manage, and home trends may reflect that situation. Suppliers are seeing a move away from the west coast look typified by rustic cedar finished with semi-transparent stain. Instead, there is a move toward concrete siding, concrete floors and stonework as being longer lasting and easier to maintain.

"It's become a much more simple contemporary look," said Windsor's Mike Stefancsik.

"Low maintenance has become a huge thing."

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## WINTER PREP

# Aim for eco-friendly fall clean-up

Tasks are about more than tidiness

Autumn is the time to prepare properties to survive the winter. Just as with other jobs around the house and yard, fall clean-up can be done in a manner that is respectful to the environment.

**• Leave plant stalks and leaves:** It is tempting to want to cut back perennials and other greenery so a property looks neat. But as flowers and plants dry and drop to the ground, they help insulate the roots from the cold. They also

provide a natural habitat and serve as a winter food source for birds and small animals.

**• Rake leaves sensibly:** While raking, do not feel the need to remove every leaf. A certain amount of organic matter can be beneficial to the soil and even insulate the lawn somewhat. Many native bees spend the winter in tunnels in the ground, cracks in mortar, holes in dead wood, or within hollow stems, and they need lawn and garden litter to survive.

**• Compost is a friend:** Spread a thin layer of compost on the lawn and in gar-

den beds. Compost prevents weed growth, insulates and protects the soil and provides nutrients that will be needed once the spring busy season begins. By using compost, homeowners can reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers and weed killers.

**• Check for drafts and leaks:** Check windows and doors for cracks where water, air or insects can enter. Seal up holes and cracks, and ensure there are no drafty areas. Drafts can cause home heating and cooling systems to work harder, expending more energy than necessary.

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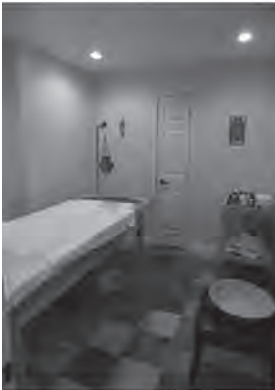


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## FALL FIX-UP

### WINDOWS

# Existing windows can be made more energy efficient

All-new windows not the only option

Drafty windows make homes less comfortable by allowing cold air in during the winter and warm air in when temperatures rise. But comfort is not the only concern associated with leaky windows, as such fixtures also can have a negative impact on the environment.

Leaky windows require heating and cooling systems to work harder to keep home interiors comfortable during times of the year when temperatures can be extreme. In the dead of winter, a leaky window will force a home's inhabitants to turn up the thermostat, which only increases energy consumption and energy bills. The same scenario plays out in summer, when leaky windows allow hot air in, leading homeowners to lower the temperature of air conditioning units so everyone inside is cool and comfortable.

Thankfully, making windows more energy efficient does not necessarily require homeowners to replace existing windows. Before going that potentially expensive route, homeowners can consider the following strategies

to improve the energy efficiency of their windows.

- **Hang curtains.** Curtains can help homeowners cut down on heating and cooling costs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, properly hung draperies can reduce heat loss by as much as 25 per cent. In the summer, curtains can block the hot rays from the sun from entering a home, reducing the need to turn up air conditioning units.

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While curtains won't fix leaks or block hot or cold air from entering a home, they can serve as a buffer between a home's inhabitants and the air seeping in through leaks.

- **Caulk or add weatherstripping.** Small cracks and gaps

around windows, which are most often found around windows in older buildings, might not seem like a big deal, but such breaches can lead to considerable energy loss.

The DOE recommends using caulk to seal cracks that are less than 1/4-inch wide on the parts of the window that do not move (i.e., frames and where the trim meets the wall). Caulk might be less effective at fixing leaks larger than 1/4 inch in width.

Employ weatherstripping to address leaks on movable parts of the window. Properly applied weatherstripping should adequately seal windows when they are closed without making it difficult to open or close them later on. Weatherstripping is available in various materials, and homeowners can visit [www.energy.gov/energysaver/](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver/) to find the material that's most suitable for their situation.

- **Install window films.** Plastic window films are another option for homeowners looking to improve the energy efficiency of their windows. Heat shrink film can be cut to fit each individual leaky window in a home and then attached to windows using double-sided tape. A hair



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Windows invite the light inside, but shouldn't bring in the cold at the same time.

dryer can then be used to shrink the film and remove any wrinkles. Low-emissivity, or Low-E, coatings are a more expensive alternative to heat shrink film, and they can be equally effective at improving energy efficiency. Installation of Low-E coatings can be more difficult, as they do

not provide as much leeway for mistakes during application as heat shrink film.

Leaky windows are bad for homeowners' energy bills and the environment. But homeowners have options other than full window replacements to fix leaks and improve efficiency.

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## DO-IT-YOURSELF

# Water saving easy for gardening and non-potable uses

Save money and water with a rain barrel

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring gets rain for at least eight months of the year. Yet, the island often deals with dry summers and water shortages. Instead of spending the winter watching our most precious resource flow past the window, it is easy to spend an hour and under \$50 to harness some of that rainwater to be re-used.

Rainwater catchment can be expensive and complicated. When dealing with potable drinking water for household use, it makes sense to ensure the quality and health of the end product. However, water for gardening and yard work does not need to follow the same strict quality controls, and collecting water from rain runoff is a good way to save money throughout the year.

For those who are unable to spend thousands of dollars on a rainwater catchment system, there are alternatives. A cheap and easy rainwater catchment system only uses a garbage can, a small filter and a bit of plastic tubing to divert water from household gutters.

Fernando dos Santos has been running a water catchment system for drinking water use since he built his home. Some of the lessons he has learned can be applied to any size of water catchment system.

"You want as many filters as possible," he said. "You want to screen out organic material as much as you can before it gets into your collection area, whether that's a garbage can or any other kind of cistern. Organic material will fester and grow bacteria. To the extent you can, you don't want organic material in there."

Dos Santos uses a series of filters, starting with a large marble-chip filter that acts as both a sediment filter (keeping out big pieces of material) and as a way

to add micronutrients to his drinking water.

"When rainwater falls on the ground, it picks up minerals from rocks and things like that. That's why mineral water is healthy because it comes as rain and picks up all of these natural minerals which our bodies can use," he said. "Rainwater is not very good for you because it has no micronutrients. It is basically distilled water with pollution in it. So we were trying to figure out how to fix this. As soon as I raised the pH it stopped picking up lead."

Smaller projects do not need all-encompassing filtration systems. Since the water in the rain barrel will not be used for drinking, a simple screen-filter to keep out leaves and insects will be sufficient. For my project, a screen from an air duct was pressed into a small hole cut in the lid of the container. The lid is placed under a gutter diverter, a simple bendable plastic piece which sits on top of the filter. The standard-sized lid will fit other containers, so there are other options when it is time to add new containers.

For the containment vessel, this project uses a heavy-duty plastic garbage can. The can is made from type 4 LDPE plastic, which does not leech chemicals. This will keep the water food-safe and ensure that no chemicals end up in the garden.

Although the water won't be used for drinking, and will not be considered potable, it will be an easy way to divert a little bit of the free resource and save it for future use. The construction of the container takes around 20 minutes, and costs about \$46 for the container, filter and diverter.

Though it is not a high-tech water catchment system, rain barrels are good ways to save a bit of money if you pay for your water consumption, and to re-use some rainwater in dry summer months.



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Garbage pail, filter and plastic tubing used to create a quick-to-make and inexpensive rainwater catchment system.

## ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

# Keep home safe during winter

Insurance group offers tips

With winter weather fast approaching, the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) offers western Canadians helpful maintenance tips to protect their homes over the winter season.

IBC maintenance tips for winterizing your home are:

- Test and maintain smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Ensure your furnace, wood stove and any other heating sources are in good working condition.
- Have all heating sources inspected, maintained and cleaned. During the heating season, clean or replace furnace air filters each

month, or as recommended by the manufacturer.

- If you go on vacation, even for a few days, leave the heat on and have someone you trust check on your home regularly while you are away. Make sure to check with your insurer how often your home needs to be checked under your policy while you are temporarily absent.
- Run water through all plumbing fixtures regularly, particularly during severe cold periods.
- Test plumbing shut-off valves.
- Trim branches that are close to your house or electrical wires.
- Prevent exposed pipes from freezing by fitting them with insulation sleeves or wrapping.

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# what's on this week



Wed. Oct. 3    **Thur. Oct. 4**    Fri. Oct. 5    Sat. Oct. 6    Mon. Oct. 8    Tue. Oct. 9    Wed. Oct. 10

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea a Tempo: Alan Moberg.** The Saltwater Cowboy returns to All Saints for a Tea a Tempo recital. 2:10 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

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

**Bittancourt House Museum.** Museum is open at the Farmers' Institute Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 31.

## 100 Women Who Care Orientation Session.

Info session for new women's charitable group in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 5 to 6 p.m.

## Search & Rescue Prevention Workshop.

BC AdventureSmart offers a free training workshop open to the public. Search & Rescue Hall. 6 to 9 p.m. Ideal for anyone interested in hiking, biking, climbing, stand-up paddle boarding and exploring the Gulf Islands, or for those who operate or work/volunteer at a local outdoor outfitter.

**Thur. Oct. 4**

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic With Jesse.** Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

**Open Mic at the Legion.** Thursdays at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Poetry Open Mic.** Open mic night with featured poet Benjamin Hertwig. He was a finalist for the 2017 Governor Generals Award in poetry and is the recipient of a National Magazine Award for personal journalism. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m. with featured poet at 7:30. Reader sign-up is at 6:45. One poem per reader.

## ACTIVITIES

**Donation Drop-off Day for Giant Book & Jewellery Sales.** Bring good-quality donations of books and jewellery for Salt Spring Literacy's fall sales to Country Grocer parking lot — north side, around the corner from the liquor store — from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that textbooks, magazines, condensed books, outdated reference books, or books that are mouldy or in poor condition cannot be accepted.

**Book Launch: Caroline Woodward and Carol Evans.** Author Caroline Woodward and illustrator Carol Evans present their picture book *A West Coast Summer*, inspired by the care-free beauty of summer on the coast. 1 to 2 p.m.

**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Exhibition Opening Event.** Finalists exhibit for juried biennial competition opens at Mahon Hall with a gala event from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Salt Spring Potters Guild 2018 Fall Exhibition Opening Event.** Guild members hold show at Salt Spring Gallery, with opening from 5 to 7 p.m.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Regulars.** Live band at the Legion Lounge. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
**The Fabulous Flakes.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.** Show runs at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Library StoryTime.** StoryTime helps build early literacy skills with new books and old favourites, and with games, crafts and more. Salt Spring Public Library. 11 a.m. Fridays until Nov. 30.

**Family Movie Matinee.** Family-friendly movies every Friday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 2:30 p.m. Today's movie is *Fantastic Mr. Fox*.

## Art Show Opening: Textile Artists.

Opening event for multi-artist show at KizMit Galeria. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Youth Games Night.** Weekly drop-in games night is a great chance to meet up with friends over a board game. Salt Spring Public Library. 6:30 p.m. until late every Friday (except holidays).

**Salt Spring Forum: Jeff Rubin on The Future of Oil.** World-leading economist and energy expert Jeff Rubin is the Salt Spring Forum guest at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 7:30 p.m. A bestselling author, and a senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, an independent, non-partisan think-tank with global perspective.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Dancers of Damelahamid – Flicker.** Performance from northwest coast Indigenous dance company. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Plus a post-show talkback.  
**We3.** Classic rock at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.  
**The Raddiffes.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

## 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.

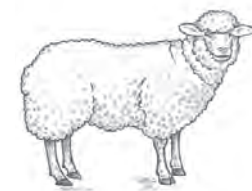
## Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild Exhibition & Sale.

Three-day sale of work by members of the island's Weavers and Spinners Guild at ArtSpring. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.** See Friday listing.

**Sun. Oct. 7**

## ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild Exhibition & Sale.** See Saturday listing.



## ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild Exhibition & Sale.** See Saturday listing.  
**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.** See Friday listing.  
**Duplicate Bridge.** Play duplicate bridge at Salt Spring Seniors every Monday. 6:45 p.m.  
**Music Bingo.** Every Monday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.



**Tue. Oct. 9**

## ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.** See Friday listing.  
**Stay and Play Drop-In.** Parents, caregivers and children 0-6 years welcome. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

**Tuesday Farmers Market.** Food-only market in Centennial Park every through October from 2 to 6 p.m.  
**SWOVA AGM.** Annual general meeting for the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse Community Research and Development Society. SS Library Program Room. 4 p.m.

**SSI Fire Protection District Trustees Meeting.** To give second reading to SSIFPD taxation bylaw. Ganges Fire Hall training room. 5:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Trivia Tuesday.** Trivia every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.  
**Tech Cafe: Advanced Word Processing.** With Peter Freeman at the SS Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

**Floor Hockey.** Every Tuesday floor hockey resumes for the season at Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Sacred Chanting.** First evening in a second Tuesday of the month series offered at Star of the Sea. 7 to 9 p.m.

**Companions in the Spirit.** Group for support, guidance and facilitation for personal growth in the spiritual life holds first of bi-monthly sessions at Star of the Sea. 1:30 p.m. Register/info: starofthesea@gmail.com.

**Wed. Oct. 10**

## ACTIVITIES

**General Local Election Advance Poll.** Qualified voters can vote for CRD director and Islands Trust positions in an advance poll at Community Gospel Chapel and Salt Spring Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Treasures Found: Fine Arts & Crafts of Salt Spring Island.** Salt Spring Historical Society presentation by Brenda Guiled, with a focus on the wealth of art and craft works created over a century ago by the Ruckle family and their neighbours in the south end of Salt Spring Island. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Youth Book Club.** Youth Book Club is an opportunity for kids who love reading to get together to read and discuss books, make crafts and enjoy snacks every second Wednesday at the Salt Spring Public Library. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Registration required through the library.



**All-Candidates Meeting.** Trust and CRD candidates give presentations, answer questions and debate at ArtSpring theatre. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

## Free Beginner Spinning Lessons.

Free lessons offered by members of the Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild. Learn to spin on a drop spindle. All supplies provided. At GISS. 7 p.m. Book through Contact Us at saltspringweaversandspinners.com.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.** See Friday listing.



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## Poetry Open Mic Thursday, Oct. 4

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## EXHIBITIONS

- **Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition** opens on Thursday, Oct. 4 at **Mahon Hall** with a gala event from 6 to 9 p.m. The juried show of work by B.C. ceramic artists continues daily from Oct. 5-12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Awards gala is on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. Panel discussion on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.
- **Salt Spring Potters Guild 2018 Fall Exhibition** featuring state-of-the-art ceramics runs at **Salt Spring Gallery** from Oct. 4-17, with an opening reception on Thursday, Oct. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild's Thanksgiving Weekend Exhibition and Sale** is

in the **ArtSpring** gallery from Saturday through Monday, Oct. 6-8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work by more than 15 guild members is presented.

- Today (Oct. 3) is the last day to see **Adoration at Salt Spring Gallery**. The exhibit features vibrant paintings and top-notch ceramics by **Lisa Lipsett, Kuno Egger** and **Ruby Egger-Lipsett**, inspired by a family's shared love for colour, textured surfaces, spontaneity, surrealism and magical creative moments.
- Island textile artists **Linda Counsell, Bobbi Janowiak, Joanie Paterson, Karen Selk, Karen Tottman, Elna Gravelle, Gill Kidd, Susan Paynter, Danielle Manners** and **Janet Wheeler** are showing at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** for the month

of October. Opening night is Friday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Opening hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 28.

- **Impressions 3:** New works by the **Salt Spring Island Painters Guild Printmakers** group runs in the **Salt Spring Public Library's program room** until Oct. 30.
- **Fault Line Projects** presents **The Importance of Small Things** by **Krystyna Jervis** until Oct. 6.
- **Auntie Pesto's Cafe** shows new work by **Gabrielle Jensen**.
- **Mary Laucks'** exhibit of paintings is in the lobby of **ArtSpring** during October.
- **League 181** painters have new works hanging at **Country Grocer's cafe**.

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**PUBLIC ART**

## Ganges Alley transformed by new mural

Artist Rea Zogia creates 'Daughter Reader Dreamer'

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The back side of Ganges Alley has sported a more attractive look in recent years with improvements to the waterside pathway and fencing. That environment became more welcoming still beginning in August when work on a mural project by Rea Zogia and friends got started.

Zogia is a Greek-Canadian artist who formed the company MoonRay Designs after moving to Salt Spring in 2015. The Ganges Alley project, named Daughter Reader Dreamer, is the most visible work to date from this young up-and-comer.

Zogia is self-taught as an artist but grew up with an art historian mother, so had a built-in education at home. She approached Ganges Alley property manager David Grayson about doing a painting after becoming acquainted with the new vendor area created in 2017. (Her partner Zak Kovac rented space there for his Kovac Creations stall.) Grayson liked the idea and proposed Zogia submit a design for the fencing that goes around the main propane storage tank. She came back with the image of a young girl dreaming in front of an oversized shelf of inspiring book titles.

"When I saw I would be working with vertical fenceposts, I thought about books," Zogia explained. "Then the books made me think about a project that my friend Loren Hendin put together."

Hendin is another young local artist who makes unique leather wares. She has also created a pamphlet of book recommenda-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Local artist Rea Zogia with the mural she designed and painted at Ganges Alley.

tions for feminine inspiration and empowerment, with titles written by women from Salt Spring and around the world.

"It took me a little while to put the design together. Then I showed it to David and gave him a quote, and he accepted it right away," Zogia said.

The mural is an appealing platform to Zogia because it can be big and beautiful without adding to consumer culture or taking up more space in the world — the painting is improving something that is already there anyway.

Response to the project has been positive ever since Zogia started to put the paint down. She had lots of help from Kovac but other friends and passers-by also offered their hands. Some people contributed with spontaneous gifts of food; one of the local business owners facing onto the alley even gave Zogia a pair of earrings

she'd made in appreciation.

"It was a nice experience for me when I was painting it. I had a chance to meet all the business owners on that side of the building," Zogia said. "It was a very positive reaction from the community, from what I experienced."

The only spot of contention came from one of the book titles Zogia had intended to include: Vagina by Naomi Wolf. As some local business owners didn't feel that word would be appropriate to brandish in oversized print, in the end she decided to include the book but wrote the title in Greek instead of English. While she appreciated the dialogue the situation engendered, she generally likes to be a mediator so settled on the less controversial approach.

"Ironically it was the one book that Lolo [Hendin] would rec-

ommend reading most from the list," Zogia said. "But it was cool because for the two weeks it was up there it got a lot of people talking about it, so that was an interesting experience."

Zogia's artwork can also be seen at the Salt Spring Wok Bar and outside Glad's Ice Cream shop. She is looking forward to doing more projects in commercial settings and private homes, and hopes to see other artists supported that way as well.

"I think one of the most positive things about [this project] is David has asked if I know any other artists who would like to paint other parts of the fence. So it's nice that through my work, it's given other artists the opportunity to do what they love," she said.

To see more of Zogia's art, visit moonray-designs.com or see her Instagram page moonray\_designs.

FOR MORE SALT SPRING ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT HAPPENINGS, SEE OUR **WHAT'S ON CALENDAR** ON PAGE 14.

**Weavers & Spinners Guild**  
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**LIBRARY EVENTS**

## Poetry open mic and vultures talk bookend week

Tech Cafe and hospice workshop also on offer

The Salt Spring Public Library continues a busy fall season chock-full of offerings to the public with a poetry open mic featuring Benjamin Hertwig this Thursday, Oct. 4.

Hertwig will read from his debut collection of poetry Slow War, an account of contemporary warfare and a personal journey of loss and the search for healing. A PhD student at the University of British Columbia, Hertwig was a finalist for the 2017 Governor Generals Award in poetry and is the recipient of a National Magazine Award for personal journalism. His writing has appeared in the New York Times, the Walrus, Ricipaper and Event.

Reader sign-up is at 6:45 p.m. and the event gets going at 7.

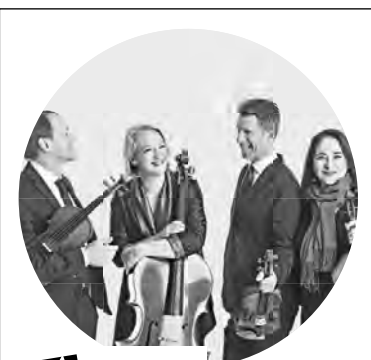
On Tuesday, Oct. 9, islanders can gain some new skills at a Tech Café session on advanced word processing. Instructor Peter Freeman will teach participants how to use style sheets instead of the complicated and error-prone process of embedding formatting; modify styles to easily change the whole document; lay out a complex document, and more. Registration is required through the library. The class starts at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Tech Cafe events include a session on WordPress Gutenberg with Phil Rees on Saturday, Oct. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. Participants will discover how to use WordPress' new editor to add more structure to posts and pages and find out how to migrate old content.

Freeman is back on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. for a class on using LaTeX typesetting software to quickly and easily produce beautiful presentations, manuscripts, reports, memoirs, letters, poetry, recipe books and more. Registration is required.

Pender Island's Dave Manning will be at the library on Thursday, Oct. 11 to launch his book The Old Man and the Vultures at 7 p.m.

A birder for over 50 years, Manning became hooked on vultures when he stumbled upon a turkey vulture chick peeking from its nest cave. His program includes information on the three vultures of North America, with a special emphasis on a turkey vulture nest site on Pender Island that was observed from mating to migration. His recently published book will be available for viewing and signing.



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CRAFTS

# Mask-making workshops on offer

Creations can fulfill multiple functions

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Anyone seeking to release their inner animal spirit or showcase other aspects of their personalities during the lead-up to Halloween may want to consider creating the outlet themselves in a leather mask-making workshop with Andrea Russell.

The Gulf Islands-based artist, performer and circus ring-leader is offering a series of dates for her popular class this fall, with options for the workshop still open on Oct. 7 or Oct. 21.

Russell teaches a fascinating ancient technique that has been used all over the world to create both art and functional items. Specially tanned leather is soaked in hot water, then sculpted as it dries and hardens. After many years of practice, she has become a master of the craft and the design process that goes into it, and has developed a method that allows anyone to create their own impressive item in a relatively short period.

Russell's first inspiration came from a trip to Venice as a young adult.

"A mask-maker there was very kind and showed me the process, which was quite complex and can include wooden forms to shape the leather," she said. "What I've done is streamlined the process so you can do it in a three-hour class."

Having recently moved to the epicentre of Salt Spring's Halloween events



PHOTOS COURTESY MUSE MASKS

Mask designs by workshop leader Andrea Russell.



on Maliview Drive, Russell is hoping to increase the level of masquerade and masks and therefore would like to get as many people involved in creating as possible.

"Mask-making is a great way for people to get a personal take on their costume," Russell observed. "I love seeing what the students create."

No special skills are needed to attend a class, and those who participate may be surprised at the quality of the leather material.

"It's very sculptable. You can shape it with your hands when it's wet," Russell said. "And then the way it stretches and

bends changes depending how dry it is."

Russell also provides instructions for painting the masks to finish them off, although this is done on participants' own time since the masks must harden for 24 hours first.

The possibilities are endless. Russell has templates for around 100 different mask designs available and can also draft an original pattern with input from the student. Frequent choices both in her workshops and among people who buy her finished designs include forest animals such as deer, birds and wolves, although the octopus has become one of the most popular in recent years. Mythological creatures such as dragons and fairies are also recurring favourites.

Masks needn't be limited to October, either.

"They can be worn, or they can be wall art. They can be for New Year's. They're not just a costume for Halloween — they're more than that," Russell explained.

Russell also gives a more in-depth workshop around the cultural significance of masks once every couple of years, and she touches on some of the material in her crafting sessions.

"Masks are used in lots of different cultures and they can have different meanings," Russell said. "Sometimes it's bringing out an aspect of yourself that you want to emphasize; sometimes it's masking something you want to hide. Sometimes it's actually to channel a god or an animal spirit. And of course when superheroes don a mask they can use their super-powers."

The class is suitable for ages 10 and up. For more information call 250-931-0557, email [thaifirefly@gmail.com](mailto:thaifirefly@gmail.com) or visit [www.muse-masks.com](http://www.muse-masks.com).

Those who don't feel like making their own leather mask this fall can find a selection of Russell's masks for sale at Waterfront Gallery, Treasures of the Heart and Salt Spring Books during October.

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Bylaws No. 488, 489 and 490

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What are the bylaw changes about?

Bylaw No. 488 amends the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan to:

- Replace the "Industrial and Commercial Services" Land Use Designation with a "General Employment" Land Use Designation on a number of Island properties;
- Establish policies for future "General Employment" growth near the junction of Rainbow and Atkins roads, near the junction of Long Harbour and Upper Ganges roads, and near the junction of Fulford-Ganges and Beaver Point roads.

Bylaw No. 489 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Replace existing "Industrial" zones with new "General Employment" zones;
- Expand the range of uses permitted on land zoned for "General Employment";
- Align "General Employment" zoning on a number of lots with the actual uses taking place there;
- Introduce new site coverage and setback regulations for a number of existing and new "General Employment" uses.

Bylaw No. 490 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Ensure that solid and liquid waste disposal sites on the Island are appropriately zoned.

How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information are available at the Islands Trust office from Wednesday, October 3, 2018:

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

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

Visit the project webpage at [islandstrust.bc.ca](http://islandstrust.bc.ca)

**Community Information Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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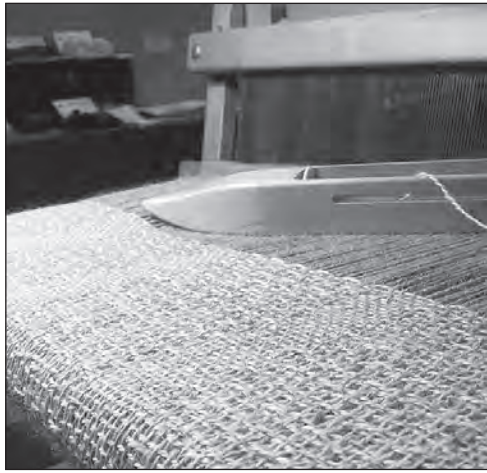
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FABRIC ARTS

# Weavers and spinners share talents



PHOTOS COURTESY SSI WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD

From left, Isabel the Gotland sheep, a shawl under construction at the Salt Spring Fall Fair and a close-up of one of the other items woven by Salt Spring Spinners and Weavers Guild member Sandra Hodgins for the group's Thanksgiving exhibition and sale.

## Guild celebrates '100 Mile Fibre Diet'

Salt Spring's Weavers and Spinners' Guild celebrates Spinning and Weaving Week with an exhibition and sale at ArtSpring this Thanksgiving weekend.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, more than 15 guild members will showcase their work. One-

of-a-kind items, ranging from blankets to scarves, tea towels and jewellery that are handwoven, hand-spun, hand-dyed or hand-felted are on display.

Dyed fibre and hand-spun yarns will also be available for fibre artists.

"Much is written about the 100 Mile Diet," says the guild in press material about the event. "This is a 100 mile fibre diet, with many of the pieces worked with fibres grown here on Salt Spring.

Isabel is helping with this. She is a purebred Gotland ewe that lives at Ewetopia Farm. Her fleece was spun for two woolen shawls. The first one was completed by guild members at a sheep to shawl competition this summer in 28-degree heat; the second at the 2018 fall fair. The shawls will be part of a silent auction to raise funds for the guild's ongoing education program that furthers skills in the fibre arts."

READING

# Wake-up calls and more at the library

New Shelves round-up for October

BY MAGGIE WARBEY  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Do you know you can get many books right on your reading device, wherever you are? There's Overdrive, of course, but our own library has a growing booklist of e-books that you can access with your library card. Often, the e-book version is available before the print book reaches the shelves, so search our online catalogue for the electronic version of the books you want to read, and manage your reading list from your My Account tab on the Salt Spring library website.

Meanwhile, on the New Books shelves, look for **Democracy in Chains: the Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for**

## ON THE NEWSHELVES

**America.** This volume provides a "piercing examination of the Right's . . . campaign to eliminate unions, suppress voting, privatize public education, stop action on climate change, and alter the Constitution." If that isn't a wake-up call to at least become aware and informed, what is? This is the chilling story of how deep, old and wide-spread the plot to destroy the progress of the 20th-century and self-government goes.

Thinking of travelling this winter? **Eyewitness Travel Beijing & Shanghai** might give you some very warm ideas! As always, this travel guide provides maps, potential itineraries, beautiful photographs and helpful tips on language, routes, highlights,

money, medical emergencies, and all else that might enhance your stay in these exotic cities. The section on Chinese history is insightful and very interesting, whether you decide to travel not. Definitely a book to explore before you set out on this year's holidaying.

**It Was Me All Along** is a deeply affecting story of one woman's battle to find self-acceptance and self-control as she looks into her heart and soul to find the roots of her addiction to food. The book details the author's awakening from a self-loathing child, teenager and 268-lb. 20 year old, to a person who understands her continual emptiness of spirit and heart, who has sought food as her best friend, and who now can find beauty and acceptance in who she is, so that food is no longer her only refuge.

**Getting Things Done for Teens: Take Control of Your Life in a Distracting World** is

especially apt as students get re-involved in the world of school. By tackling the unprecedented amount of "stuff" that enters our daily lives, the book helps readers to organize their lives while reducing the stress and distractions that afflict us all. The authors outline the key habits and practices that have enabled a generation to be more creative and more productive.

**Willa in the Wood** is the latest novel by Robert Beatty, author of the Serafina series. This fanciful tale is the first in his new series set in the Great Smoky Mountains. Here, Willa, a young-night spirit, is trapped in the day-world where she is befriended by a day-folk family. Her experiences in the day-world cause her to question the magical foundations of her own world and to learn that not all day-folk are the same, nor are they all enemies of her night-world people. This book is an intriguing start to another popular series.

ART SHOW

# Printmakers works on display this month

Impressions 3 shows fine techniques

A dozen members of the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild Printmakers group will be showing new works in their Impressions 3 exhibit at the library program room through October.

Members get together once

a month in an open studio day at ArtSpring to create monoprints, lino and wood-cut reduction prints, etchings and more. This year members are learning new techniques that require the precision and power of the newly purchased intaglio or etching press.

Some examples are figure-drawing dry-point etchings by Bernadette Mertens-McAllister, a fish-themed monoprint by Wendy Wickland, a

wood-cut reduction print of a toaster by Nora Layard and a collograph by Suzanne Prendergast.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Prendergast, Susan Underwood and other artists will give demonstrations of printmaking techniques.

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### Baba Hari Dass



The Salt Spring Centre of Yoga sadly announces the passing of our founder Baba Hari Dass on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 in California at the age of 95. Babaji provided an impeccable example of selfless service and spiritual practice for all his students. He guided thousands with his profound knowledge of yoga and Indian philosophy. Since the founding of the Salt Spring Centre in 1981, Babaji welcomed numerous seekers at our annual summer retreats and gave practical, insightful and humorous guidance to all.


A traditional Indian shradha ceremony will be held at 10am on Sunday, October 7 followed by a feast at 12:30. Participants are requested to register by contacting the Centre at 250-537-2326 or [info@saltspringcentre.com](mailto:info@saltspringcentre.com).

*"Work honestly, meditate every day, meet people without fear, and play!" -Baba Hari Dass*



### ROBERT (BOB) ARNOLD BALL

March 25, 1921 – September 17, 2018



Bob Ball passed away peacefully on Monday evening, in Greenwoods Eldercare Society facility, Ganges, Salt Spring Island at the age of 97.

His passions included music, photography, hiking and travelling which he did with zeal, as well as being a skilled woodworker and builder of canoes. He was a member of the Victoria Outdoor Club and the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, David and Naomi Ball, and his siblings Ruth, May and Jack. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Betty, sons Michael (Jenny), Tony (Sarah) England, granddaughters Christina (Steve) and Sarah (Mitch), and nephew Stephen (Tammy), as well as family in England and Australia.

He served with the RAF during WW II being stationed at the airfields in England, Canada and India. While posted to the RAF base at Patricia Bay, BC, he fell in love with the Saanich Peninsula and was determined to return to the area after the war. Thus it was that Bob immigrated to BC, with his first wife Nora and son Michael, in 1950. The family settled in the Royal Oak area of Saanich where he lived until his retirement from the Saanich Municipality in 1975.

It was 1975 that Bob met Betty Bell. Getting married in March 1976 they moved to Salt Spring Island and built their home on Mt. Belcher Heights. Here they lived until 2009 when they moved into Meadowbrook seniors living complex in Ganges.

Special thanks go to Dr. Beaver, Greenwood's nursing staff, hospice volunteers, caregivers Janet Rayner and Maha Price, as well as hiking buddy and good friend Jeff Jones, for Bob's excellent care.

In Lieu of flowers we would suggest a donation to the Salt Spring Conservancy or Greenwoods Elder Care foundation.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the United Church, 111 Hereford Ave., Salt Spring Island, at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

*Words are few, thoughts are deep. Memories of you we will always keep.*

**COMING EVENTS**

### Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

9 Oct. 2018 beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District have scheduled a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held October 9, 2018 at the Training Room Fire Hall No. 1 beginning at 5:30 P.M.

The business of the meeting will be to give second reading of bylaw "Fire Protection Taxation Bylaw 2019".

**Board of Trustees**  
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

**TENDERS**

### Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take note that two applications have been submitted by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNR) in **Nanaimo, BC**, for two **Designated Use Areas (Sec. 17)**, situated on Provincial Crown land located at **Walker's Hook, Salt Spring Island, and Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island, respectively, for the conditional withdrawal of Crown land from disposition with the intention of preserving lands for Indigenous cultural purposes.**

The Lands File Numbers that have been established for these applications are **1414844** and **1414845**, respectively.

Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development at 142 – 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: [AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca).

Comments will be received by FLNR up to **October 26, 2018**. FLNR may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: <http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp> for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development office in Nanaimo.

### Thank You from the Family of: BARBARA JEAN TOYNBEE



Our family was overwhelmed by the kindnesses of friends and family responding to the loss of our Mom, Barbara Toynbee. Thank you to all who expressed their caring through emails, phone calls, food, flowers, cards, hugs and attendance at the Celebration of Mom's Life. We feel blessed by the support and love.

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### salt spring arts council

**JOB POSTING**

The Salt Spring Arts Council seeks interested candidates for the position of **Artcraft Manager 2019**.

**SCOPE OF POSITION:**  
Artcraft, a long-standing program of the Salt Spring Arts Council, is comprised of a gallery and retail program showcasing the work of Gulf Island artists and craftspeople. The Artcraft Manager is primarily responsible for managing the programs and operations of Artcraft, including Artcraft, Wintercraft, and Showcases which take place between April – December (35 weeks). Salary Range is \$25,000 - \$30,000 dependent on qualifications. Full Job posting is available at: <https://ssartscouncil.com/artcraft-manager-2019/>

**APPLICATIONS:**  
Please send resume and cover letter, including 3 references to: **Artcraft Manager Hiring Committee, Salt Spring Arts Council**  
Applications should be emailed to [info@ssartscouncil.com](mailto:info@ssartscouncil.com)  
Deadline: Wednesday, October 18, 5pm

### salt spring arts council

**JOB POSTING**

The Salt Spring Arts Council seeks interested candidates for the position of **SSNAP Administrator**.

**SCOPE OF POSITION:**  
Launched in 2015, the Salt Spring National Art Prize ([saltspringartprize.ca](http://saltspringartprize.ca)) is a biennial competition and exhibition of Canadian visual art. Associated with SSNAP are a parallel show featuring SSI artists, youth exhibitions and activities and artists talks. The SSNAP Administrator will provide administrative and logistics support to the SSNAP committees and activities. The salary is \$25 per hour, with most work performed remotely at the employee's home/office. Commencing November 2018, the monthly time commitment of this part time position will vary according to the lifecycle of SSNAP and associated events. Full Job posting is available at: <https://ssartscouncil.com/posting-ssnap-administrator/>

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Talk shines light on Ruckle arts

Illustrated historical society presentation given by Brenda Guiled

The wealth of art and craft works created over a century ago by the Ruckle family and their neighbours will inform the next Salt Spring Historical Society event on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Treasures Found: Fine Arts & Crafts of Salt Spring Island is an illustrated presentation by Brenda Guiled. Starting at 2 p.m. at Central Hall, Guiled will discuss the south-Salt Spring artistic hub that produced many paintings, drawings, carvings, stringed instruments and woollen articles.

"Even from remote Salt Spring Island, art could be studied via correspondence; two of the Ruckle women did so," a press release for the presentation explains. "Ella Anna, daughter of the founders of Ruckle Farm, actually attended the Chicago Art Institute and kept a diary of her 1912 artist's tour of Europe and England."

People who attend the talk will see images of these treasures and learn about some recent amazing rediscoveries. The talk is a prologue to an exhibit of select works, showing throughout November in the Library Program Room and foyer display case, co-curated by Margaret Day.



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**AND THE WINNER IS!:**

Celebrating the winning ticket in the annual Greenwood's Foundation garden bench raffle are residents Marian Gilbert, bottom left, and Nancy Wright (holding the winning ticket #559) and, standing behind them, foundation board members, from left, Pat Low, Jennifer Howard, Deb Stevenson, Rick Alexander, Ann Miller and Victoria Woodman. Lifelong Salt Spring resident David Walls was the lucky winner of the bench made by Salt Spring craftsman Luke Hart-Weller. Greenwood's thanks Hart-Weller and Macdonald Realty for donating the bench, and everyone who supported the raffle. Greenwood's annual appeal kick-off date is Nov. 1. This year's project is to purchase a large modified van for transporting residents and to enhance community outreach programs.

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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)** Realizing a balance of harmony and passion in your most intimate relationships is a top priority now. The focus could include professional fronts, but is more naturally reflective of romantic relationships. Although you may be the recipient of some good karma, you are wise to exercise restraint and identify what constitutes healthy boundaries with significant others.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)** Desire is that inner urge that both makes life exciting yet can also be understood as the fire that burns. The heat of the fire is wonderful unless we literally get licked by it. As ever, moderation is a golden key to happiness. Yet, it requires both the perspective of the short and the long term. The time is right to enjoy the heat of the flame with enough awareness that no one gets burned.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** A creative cycle continues to inspire participation. It is a summons to find reason and opportunity be social and have fun. This is especially true because you have probably had to give more of late and have been dealing with lingering and worrisome issues and this cycle will continue for a while yet. Balance realistic sobriety with appreciation of life's simple joys.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)** Creating harmony and beauty close to home is an inside and out job. This can refer to your actual living space or to you personally. Beyond a purely physical perspective, this can refer to your mental, emotional and or spiritual state. When these are addressed you get to enjoy it and others do too but it is quite the opposite when they are left unattended.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)** A dynamic array of social interactions continues to keep you busy. Fortunately, there are indications that your wit is sharp and your mind is clear allowing you to meet the demand positively. There does remain some clutter to clear, on one hand, and important business to attend to, on the other, however. Trust this flow and keep your confidence levels high.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)** Financial interests, concerns and considerations are all dancing in your mind. As willing as you are to do the work required, you may also feel rather impatient regarding realizing the results you want. In this regard, you are open to investigating a wider range of strategic possibilities. You are open to discussion about it, but you also want full creative license.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)** The time has come to take new leads. This implies an independent and pioneering approach and attitude. Returns are coming in from previous investments and you would like to re-invest. You are open to entertaining the possibilities, but you will read the fine print first. The more your focus includes meaningful contributions, the more likely will you succeed.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** Balancing the need to do work behind the scenes with an urge to expand your horizons and explore new possibilities continues. This implies doing your homework and making sure that the internal structure and strategy is reliable and up to date and that the resources are there to fund the project. Doing so may require more effort than anticipated.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** Your sights are set on the future. What has gone before holds little value in light of what is rapidly approaching. In some respects you feel challenged to have faith and feel at peace and circumstances are pushing to dig deeper to access your hidden reserves of hope. Sometimes, the best recourse is to surrender, to let go of reactive attempts to control the outcome.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)** The time is right to be seen and heard. This can include getting promotions or cashing-in on earned rewards and favors owed. Venus retrograde does indicate the need to engage 'friends' with an added measure of awareness. It is natural and common for everyone to take care of their own interests first and this may prove especially true now.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)** You have entered a powerful cycle. The twist here is that you will have to exercise your personal power to be in successful alignment with it. In one respect, this is an expansive time that will activate new perspectives. In another, you will discover that this is something of a crunch period. Overall, it can be described as a break with the past.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)** You are experiencing what can be described as a change of heart. You are seeing certain people in your life with greater clarity. This is challenging you to either reduce your contact with them or to exercise more understanding and compassion. Both responses are valid and may, in fact, be the answer. Time and space can be great healers.

# people&community

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

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**APPLE FEAST:** Tables are filled with labelled apples at Fulford Hall on Sunday for the famous display of organic fruit forming part of the 19th annual Salt Spring Apple Festival. People also enjoyed a self-guided tour of about 20 island farms and related food outlets.

## SPIRITUALITY

# Three events on tap at Star of the Sea

Busy month at Fulford centre

know and love God within. The session will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Participation is by donation.

Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6 and 20, at 1:30 p.m.

renewed through a deeper commitment to the journey of reconciliation.

### Reconciliation as a Spiritual Practice

Then on Thursday, Oct. 11, a day-long workshop will be offered by Logan McMenamie, Bishop of British Columbia, in which he will address Reconciliation as a Spiritual Practice.

In this session, participants will look at how our journey with First People in relationship to residential schools has helped to form our lives as peace and justice makers. They will look at how to create a spirituality of conflict and how we examine reconciliation as a spiritual practice that we bring into every aspect of our lives. In the end it will be seen how community can/will be shaped, informed and

Before embarking on theology studies, McMenamie worked in engineering positions in Vancouver and Vancouver Island. As bishop, he and the diocese have committed themselves to a journey of truth-telling and reconciliation. He was also dean and rector of Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria for eight years.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and participants are asked to bring a bag lunch.

All events take place in St. Mary's Church, Fulford. For detailed information go to [www.staroftheseassi.ca](http://www.staroftheseassi.ca).

Registration is required for the events with Elaina Hyde-Mills and Logan McMenamie at [staroftheseassi@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseassi@gmail.com).

### SUBMITTED BY STAR OF THE SEA CENTRE

Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice will be offering a series on Sacred Chanting, on the second Tuesday evening of the month beginning on Oct. 9, with an introduction to kirtan.

This is an invitation to participate in the chanting of mantras and prayers in the traditional call/response style of India led by a group of local kirtan singers and musicians.

Kirtan is a devotional practice and categorized as one of the methods that draw the mind inward. It can be seen as a bridge between our outer and inner selves and an expression of our desire to

### Companions in the Spirit

Also beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 9 is a bi-monthly, two-hour group offering support and guidance for personal growth in the spiritual life, facilitated by the Rev. Elaina Hyde-Mills.

The group, known as Companions in the Spirit, will practise spiritual and creative exercises, contemplative prayer, Christian meditation, and will include some book, poetry or "scripture" study, journaling and personal sharing.

Participants are expected to commit to the four sessions:

## LIFE SKILLS

# Grief 101 session offers exploration

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our loss, triggered by a date, an event or a song on the radio. We can learn eventually to live with these triggers as we integrate our loss. We can gradually heal the wound and begin to experience life more fully.

Grief 101 provides the chance for those curious about our programs to not only meet the volunteers who will facilitate the group but to also get an idea of what the process will look like. By attending Grief 101 they may determine if Salt Spring Hospice has a program that may be right for them, if they feel ready to proceed.

Thanks to the sponsorship Salt Spring Public Library, attendance to this event is free.

Salt Spring Hospice is a volunteer organization that supports individuals, families and our community with compassionate care through end of life and loss. For more information, contact Salt Spring Hospice at 250-537-2770 or [office@saltspringhospice.org](mailto:office@saltspringhospice.org).

### SUBMITTED BY SS HOSPICE

Grief is a natural response to loss. Grief is sometimes described as a wound that we might cover and try to ignore, to avoid the sorrow. Opening to grief can be painful. Over time, wounds do heal with care. Healed wounds can leave a scar that can change us in some way.

Grief has often been described as coming in waves. There are times when the waters are calm and then there are times when the seas are more turbulent. We can experience these waves long after

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Please note that the **Gulf Islands Driftwood office** will be **closed on Monday, Oct. 8 - Thanksgiving** and will reopen for usual business hours on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

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DOMESTIC WATER USE

# Rainwater harvesting tour showcases local innovation



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Fernando dos Santos with east side collection during a rain event, demonstrating the cistern entry and optional shunt to storm drain.

Fifth annual Salt Spring event flows on Oct. 13

BY SHANNON COWAN  
SSIWPA COORDINATOR

Island visitors and residents are increasingly faced with water use choices and responsibilities here, where hotter drier summers and cooler wetter winters have claimed a firm foothold.

According to Environment Canada, Salt Spring Island receives 78 per cent of average annual precipitation between October and March each winter (765 millimetres, or 30 inches), and only 22 per cent during the plant and crop growing season between April and September (222 mms, or nine ins).

Many of us have designed mechanisms at home and in our local businesses and agriculture to conserve precious potable water and to protect ecosystems during drought times. Here on Salt Spring Island, wise water users hatched an idea several years ago at Salt Spring Water Council that it would be fun and very beneficial to create a tour to showcase local diversity and success stories in rain harvesting to better support the ecological and built environments.

This year, Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA) is hosting the fifth annual Salt Spring Island Rainwater Harvesting Tour on Saturday, Oct. 13. This is a great learning opportunity for children and youth, as well as adults.

The tour features two systems that were designed for 100 per cent domestic use, and a third that serves 100 per cent domestic use and all irrigation, which boasts 181,000 litres (40,000 imperial gallons) of storage! The tour also dives deep into three systems that serve non-potable uses only, one of which is a commercial seed operation with significant greenhouse and garden production.

What links all hosts on this and past rain tours on Salt Spring Island is a desire to respect the environmental needs of the island and create sustainable and innovative water source-and-use solutions.

Chris and Brenda Dixon have been moved by their environmental ethic and economical mindset to create efficient methods for using rain for as many non-potable uses as they can over their many years in this community. They hosted past Water Council Rainwater Tours where they featured a system with above-ground swimming pools successfully storing rain for use in a commercial greenhouse operation. Now, they've retired to a different property, different water needs and have installed a two-year-old 8,000-gallon setup for use in their garden, greenhouse, and for fruit trees and a little landscaping.

You can be sure Chris and Brenda have applied what they've learned along the way. They are passionate about demonstrating to tour participants how their rain catchment, storage and distribution successfully shrinks their personal "treated water footprint," which is the total vol-

groundwater in their area and to provide for their domestic uses all year round, with occasional irrigating of a very drought-tolerant ornamental garden in the summers when their well produces little.

Also for reasons of environmentally conscious and practical design, the dos Santoses incorporated a 55,000-litre (12,000-gallon) underground cistern in their home build. The rain they catch undergoes an alkalization process that adds beneficial minerals, prior to two-step filtration, and finally UV treatment. Now, three years in, they trust that rainwater, when properly treated, is superior to most groundwater.

It could be argued that Fernando and Tami encountered a bit more difficulty than they planned for, or imagined, along the way from design to a functional, safe domestic rainwater source. In particular, they found there was little bureaucratic support and they encountered some professional advice that was inaccurate. They look forward to telling you about their success story and the journey to find it, in case it could help you achieve some gains in reducing your "water footprint."

Fernando emphatically confirmed that up-front costs (\$30,000 for the whole system) were worthwhile in exchange for long-term benefits. They are also thrilled with their ability to track all of their volumetric uses, including knowing that their drought-tolerant modestly sized garden requires 400 litres per watering, and that at the end of this year's drought (as of the second week of September) they still have 30,000 litres remaining.

Although the needs and systems and costs differ, these two stories, and those of others on the tour this year, line up in one respect: Tour

hosts agree that while others are facing water use restrictions, they would be hard-pressed to use up all that they have stored.

The Rainwater Harvesting Tour is free and open to everyone. Tours begin on the hour starting at 11 a.m. (at each of the locations on the map), and the last tours begin at 3 p.m.

And, don't miss your opportunity to submit a door prize ticket at each tour location. One ticket per participant, per location is requested.

Tour maps are available from the Tourist Information Centre. Digital maps are available at [www.ssiwpa.org](http://www.ssiwpa.org) - click "Meetings and Events" on the main menu to find the Rainwater Harvesting Tour page where you may download the tour map. More information is available through [info@ssiwpa.org](mailto:info@ssiwpa.org).



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*to our*  
**Salt Spring Dental team!**

Dr. Marler is a recent graduate of the University of British Columbia's Doctor of Dental Medicine program. She is familiar with the Southern Gulf Islands - having spent much of her childhood on nearby Pender. She loves all things active and received her undergraduate degree in Kinesiology from UVIC in 2014.

When Emma isn't practicing dentistry she loves to be outside. Her hobbies include running, skiing, and trail riding on her horse, Vesper. When the weather keeps her inside she enjoys cooking, painting, and playing the guitar. Emma and her fiancée Alex live happily on the peninsula with their cat, Edmund.

Dr. Marler is passionate about providing dental care to all members of the family, but she especially loves working with children. Emma appreciates the tight knit and supportive communities that thrive on the Southern Gulf Islands, and is looking forward to serving Salt Spring residents.

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## FIRST NATIONS

# Many hands carry Xwaaqw'um canoe

Launch event draws huge crowd

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Community members braved the grey weather on Sunday to celebrate the launch of the Xwaaqw'um big cedar canoe or "snuhwulh."

The event took place at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Welcome Poles in Burgoyne Bay, also known as Xwaaqw'um. People gathered to help launch the canoe, which had been carved out of a single cedar tree over the last six months.

"It's so nice today. Look at all the people who came out," said Touslium (Ron George), a local First Nations elder. "All these people here, they're bringing good thoughts, good words. It's good to see. There are good feelings already."

Work on the canoe began in April in Tla-o-qui-aht territory on Vancouver Island. After nearly six months of work and countless peoples' efforts on the project, Snuhwulh was placed into the waters in the bay at high tide, borne on the shoulders of the community.

The event began with the elders blessing the canoe, and with Quw'utsun Tzinquaw dancers performing. The canoe was then



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Xwaaqw'um project leader Joe Akerman addresses the crowd at Sunday's canoe launch event. From left are Tousilum, Qwiyahwul-t-hw, Jr., Akerman and Luschiim before Akerman presented the canoe to Tousilum as a thank-you gift.

carried by the large group of people who had worked on it. The vessel's maiden voyage was out into the calm waters of the bay, and was met with cheers from the crowd.

As part of the ceremony, one of the project leaders, Joe Akerman, gifted the canoe to Tousilum as a way of saying thanks for the elder's contributions to the community.

"When it actually happened it was so great," Tousilum said. "So many things ran through my mind. I remember the carvers saying they were going to look for a cedar tree, but they'd check around to see if there were any nests or any animals. If so, they didn't fall the tree, they leave it because they don't want to interfere with the environment of the four legged animal or the eagle or you name it."

The canoe will be used by the community for tribal journeys, as well as for Indigenous youth camps, school groups and transportation to and from Salt Spring Island. One of the main uses in the next year will be a long tribal journey from B.C. to California along the coast.

"She's a sea-going canoe. There'll be waves as high as those trees," he said.

The canoe is 36 feet long. For longer voyages, the canoe will have room for nine paddlers, and removable seats can be added for school groups or smaller trips.

"It's such an old relation we have with the cedar tree. It has been around with us for generations. Many of the ancestors who totally believed in and depended on our relationship with [the cedar tree]," he said. "There's so much honour and respect



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Pi'kwun BBQ salmon at Sunday's event.

for the idea of the cedar tree and how it gave its life . . . so we need to bring it back to life."

Xwaaqw'um is named after a Quw'utsun village that was made up of at least five longhouses in the Burgoyne Bay area. The group hosts youth camps and gatherings, teaches Indigenous knowledge and is helping to build relationships to benefit youth and future generations.

After leading the group in a song of thanks and opening the table for the pot-luck salmon lunch, Tousilum waded into the water with the help of Akerman to take his first trip in the canoe. With Tousilum's son Qwiyahwul-t-hw, Jr. (Benny George) at the helm and other members of the community on board, the canoe glided out into the bay through the mist.

## AWARDS

# Salty nominations invited

Community and business categories open to Oct. 10

voting process to determine the winners. There is also a Fun and Games category for quirky entries.

Anyone can nominate a Salt Spring business, community group or area during the nomination process, which ends on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Each IP address can be used twice for nominating and twice for voting once nominations are set. Participants can sub-

mit nominations and vote through saltspringchamber.com, and do not need to be a Salt Spring resident to do so.

After the nominations are closed, voting will take place from Oct. 11 to Oct. 20. After that date the voting will be closed and results will be tabulated.

The awards banquet will take place Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Harbour House Hotel.

Members of the public have just one week left to submit their nominations for the 2018 Salt Spring Community and Business Awards.

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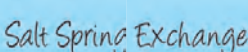
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# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS) NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING 2018

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) that an Election By Voting is necessary to fill the offices of Trustees on the Board of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) and that the persons nominated, for a four year term commencing December 2018 and terminating after the election held in 2022 in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act, as candidates at the Election By Voting and for whom votes will be received are listed below:

**GALIANO ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected:

| Surname       | Given Names | Residential Address                              |
|---------------|-------------|--|
| <b>GUIN</b>   | Deblekha    | 452 Linkwater Road, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0 |
| <b>LAWSON</b> | Shelley     | 6284 Porlier Pass, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0  |

**MAYNE ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected

| Surname       | Given Names | Residential Address  |
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| <b>LAWSON</b> | Janelle     | 507 Abbott Road, Mayne Island, B.C., V0N 2J1<br>Elected by acclamation |

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| Surname      | Given Names | Residential Address   |
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| <b>LUCAS</b> | Gregory     | 3735 Bosun Way, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M2<br>Elected by Acclamation |

**SALT SPRING ISLAND:** Three Trustees to be elected

| Surname        | Given Names | Residential Address   |
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| <b>BOULTER</b> | Tisha       | 171 Cedar Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R1                           |
| <b>DENZ</b>    | Stefanie    | 471 Beaver Point Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2J9                    |
| <b>PINGLE</b>  | Rob         | 200 Cedar Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R3<br>Elected by Acclamation |

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| Surname          | Given Names | Residential Address  |
|------------------|-------------|--|
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**General Voting Day** for the election of trustees will be open **Saturday the twentieth (20th) day of October 2018**, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (Gulf Islands) at the following places:

- 1. GALIANO ISLAND**  
Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island , B.C.
- 2. RICHMOND, B.C.**  
Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, B.C.

Between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, the twentieth (20th) day of October 2018** of which every person is hereby required to take notice and be so governed accordingly and

**Advanced Voting Days** for the election of Trustee Galiano Island will be open between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, the tenth (10th) day of October 2018 and Wednesday, the seventeenth (17th) day of October 2018** at the following Voting Place:

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- 2. SIDNEY, B.C.**  
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**VOTING BY MAIL IN**

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Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this twenty second (22nd) day of September, 2018.

Thomas F. Moore,  
Chief Election Officer

**NOTE:**

A person must not vote in a local government election unless entitled to do so. If you are not on the List of Registered Electors you may register to vote on General Voting Day or Advance Voting Days providing you meet the eligibility and residency requirements. You must produce two pieces of identification that proves your identity and residency and at least one piece of identification must bear your signature (e.g. drivers licence or credit card).

**RESIDENT ELECTOR**

To be a resident elector in the jurisdiction you are voting you must meet the following requirements on the day of registration:

- You must be, or will be, age 18 or older on the day of voting
- You must be a Canadian citizen
- You must be a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before voting day
- You must be a resident of the jurisdiction for at least 30 days immediately before voting day
- You must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting at this election or otherwise disqualified by law

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- You must not be registered as a resident elector
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- You must be a Canadian citizen
- You must have been resident in British Columbia at least six months immediately before voting day
- You must have been a registered owner of real property within the jurisdiction you are voting for at least 30 days before voting (the only persons who are registered owners of real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding property in trust or a corporation of another trust)
- You must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting In an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

You must produce two pieces of identification (at least one piece of identification must bear your signature), proof that you entitled to register in relation to a property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property written consent from a majority of the registered owners that you have been designated to vote accompanied with adequate documentation, such as a Land Title search, proving ownership of the property claimed as a basis for the vote.

A person may only register as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property in the jurisdiction he/she wishes to vote.

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

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Old Boys off to a flying record start

Ball-passing rumours prove true

BY FRASER HOPE  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Away games at Tyndall on a late Saturday afternoon often pose team personnel problems for Old Boys coach Graham Tweddle with other duties and family commitments making a full team lineup difficult.

The new spirit in the locker room has been such a catalyst that 14 players made it to Tyndall Turf Field for a 4 p.m. start versus Gordon Head Gunners. The Old Boys Management Committee would like to thank the hardworking researchers at Langley, Virginia; Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; Lubyanka Square, Moscow; and the PLA Unit 61398, Beijing in providing the team tracking app to add to our Golden Boot Award digital resources. Coach Tweddle was able to tell the team at kickoff that Mike Berndt was traveling down the Malahat and would provide fresh legs for the second half.

A large crowd of supporters, family and at least three dogs were in support to see if "the dream" could continue. As reporter I was refreshed by the fine sausage rolls at the local township coffee shop that had been kept especially for me, according to the management. Hmmm! Maybe we should look a bit closer at this newfangled tracking software.

Old Boys, bolstered by the return of silky Richard Steel and the northern grit of Phil Ritson, looked to capitalize on the winning start to the season. The referee was overheard to remark "the Old Boys pass the ball around" to the home team bench. Who needs scouting when social media bares all and we're not talking senate hearings here?

Just to prove the rumour was true, Old Boys dominated the opening 30 minutes with several opportunities, resulting from the ball being skillfully worked out by the defence (Dave Toynbee in the unaccustomed role of centre back), the mid-field of Dave Eadie, Stefan Cermack and Matt Johnson providing opposition-splitting pinpoint passes for strikers McCormick

and Stee. They gave the goalkeeper plenty of exercise to keep him warm, Tyndall being by far the coldest, windiest ground in the league.

An early clash found Tweddle trying to see out of a poked eye while his assailant lay writhing on the ground in tremendous pain from the minimal contact he had with Tweddle. The hushed crowd expected to hear the sirens of an approaching ambulance to take him to emergency. Somehow he was helped off to the bench to be "finished" for the game.

As play continued, Steel found himself one on one with the keeper, who managed to keep the score level. Supporters were comfortable with the notion that goals would surely come with this dominant Old Boys pressure. Yes, readers, you know what's coming! An innocent wrong turn saw our "hospital case" opponent swiftly latch on to a mistimed back pass to give an undeserved lead to the Gunners.

**Confidence is just oozing out of the collective team pores.**

This would be the test! Could the Old Boys martial their inner strength and overcome this unexpected hurdle? Minutes later, Ritson calmly ignored the Gunners' shouts of "offside, ref" to almost walk the ball into the net to equalize 1-1. The old adage to "play to the whistle" was never better displayed as the home team looked darkly at the assistant referee, who fortunately was a member of the Gordon Head club.

Half-time came with goalkeeper Dennis Shaw making a dramatic scrambling save from a rather innocent shot to add to the excitement. The Juggler, or El Malabarista, as he is better known at Camp Nou, always tries to bring a refreshing lightheartedness to the seriousness of a match.

Coach Tweddle welcomed Berndt safely off the Malahat and with the admonition to the team to make sure the next goal was for the Old Boys and not the opposition. Very

quickly Old Boys returned to their early game dominance and Ritson, casting off years of cobwebs, sprinted onto a defensive error and rocketed a shot to give the team a deserved 2-1 lead. Many supporters were hoping to see Christian Ronaldo's rippling abs but were just as excited by Ritson ripping of his team shirt as he ran to the bench to accept the congratulations of manager and subs. He avoided a yellow card because the referee was still arguing with the Gunners over the disputed goal.

That old defensive shell is one of the hardest tasks to overcome in coaching terms and, true to instincts, Old Boys gave ground to a Gunners team seething with resentment. In my dual capacity of reporter/assistant linesperson, I gave several offside decisions that further increased their ire. The referee warned our modern-day Lazarus that he would be red carded if he continued his abuse. Thanks, ref! A goalpost saved Shaw on one occasion, and Lazarus was too cute in trying to curl a shot on the advancing Shaw, which saved an almost certain equalizer.

It was the TSN game turning point. With Gordon Head and the Old Boys both anxious in the final five minutes of play, both myself and Shaw were exhorting the team to take the ball to the corner flags to run out the time. Instead, coach Tweddle crossed to the corner kick where Stefan Cermack glanced the ball to McCormick, who settled the result with the third goal for a fine victory. Old Boys are making a habit of coming from behind early goals to turn out well-deserved victors.

Confidence is just oozing out of the collective team pores. It's not a pretty thought, but a successful productive result.

The soft drinks cooler became the subject on the way home. With impending legislation coming into effect on Oct. 17, there is speculation that these three wins in succession (a first in Old Boys history, according y "high" point of the season!

This weekend is Thanksgiving, so no matches are scheduled, but the Old Boys go for four in a row on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at GISS, or more likely Portlock Park.

Four in a row, you say. Sshhh! We don't want to tempt fate!

## GOLF

# Season concludes with cups and titles

Men's and women's leagues call it a wrap

## GOLFTEES

BY MARCIA HOGAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Under sunny skies and on lush fairways, members of the men's club teed off for the annual Terry Stringer TNT Tournament last weekend.

Troy Kaye shut out the rest of the field with his low net 62, to take home the Terry Stringer trophy. Runner-up Mike Sawchuk carded net 66 to pick up the Aage Villadsen trophy. Following a tie breaker on scores of 67, third place went to Tony

Faulkner and fourth to Kerry Marshall.

The Lynn Andrews low-gross trophy was won by Steven Elwes, who shot 72, just four strokes better than second-place winner Steve Marleau.

Final results are now in for several summer match play events.

Elwes defeated Kevin Powers to win the low-gross Matson Cup event. Semi-finalists were Jordan Haenen and Brian Dunabin.

The Matson Cup Consolation Round ended in a tie on the 18th hole between Chad Little and Don McMahon.

Kerry Westfield won the Parsons Cup over Gary Tremblay. Quarter-finalists were Gus Agostinis and Doug Fraser.

In ladies golf, the Bank of Montreal Cup went to Darlene Wellington with a net score of 70. Just one shot behind was runner-up Joni White. The final competition of the year is the Crier's Cup, awarded to a golfer who has not won a competition during the regular season. Michele Dunkerley scooped that cup with a low

net of 76 on a wet and rainy ladies day.

Monday night ladies closed their season last week with the awards presentation evening. The 2018 low gross winner was Denise Heaton while Karen Davies earned the runner-up position. Connie Hardy took top spot for low net followed by newcomer Beth Hall in second place.

Even though league play has ended, dedicated players will continue to golf through the winter season. Exciting events include the Grey Cup tournament and the Sock and Toque New Year's Day competition.

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# ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING

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