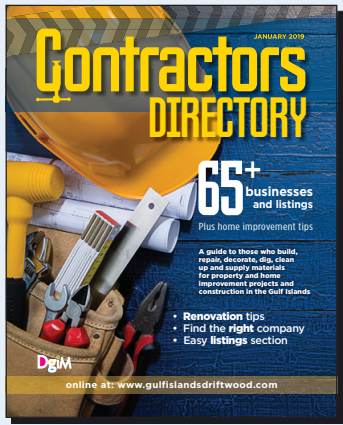


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## FARMING

# Farmers fight CRD policy shift

### Compensation alternatives to be explored

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District has stepped back from a proposal to eliminate compensation for livestock killed by rogue dogs but will continue to explore the possibility for communities to opt in or out of the arrangement.

Last September, the CRD's board of directors directed staff to bring forward bylaw amendments to eliminate future compensation claims for six participating communities, including the three electoral areas. The board discussed the results at their Jan. 9 meeting, with a staff report firmly recommending amendment of the Dog Regulation and Impounding Bylaw.

While Juan de Fuca electoral area director Mike Hicks had championed the change, citing frustration that his electors might pay into claims for other farmers, he withdrew the motion after hearing from farmers in the region.

Staff were asked instead to come back with another report on the possibility of segregating the service by community. Hicks later said he supported a service that all CRD member communities would pay into.

Salt Spring director Gary Holman said he does not support any kind of loss of compensation for his electoral area.

"I have no intention of changing the policy. It's been infrequently used but the conversations I've had with the farming community indicate it's still useful," Holman told the Driftwood. "It's still an important element of supporting farming in the Gulf Islands and on Salt Spring, and I agree with that."

B.C.'s Local Government Act makes it possible for municipalities and regional districts to enact livestock compensation bylaws, but it does not require them to do so, and many other communities have chosen not to.

"We are fortunate in that way but we are also an area where a



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Lambi the ram from Swallow Farm nibbles on a button of a Driftwood photographer's shirt on Monday. Gulf Islands farmers have been among those urging the CRD to not eliminate compensation to farmers whose sheep are killed by rogue dogs.

lot of agriculture is close to suburban and urban areas," said Barbara Johnstone Grimmer, who is currently raising 200 sheep on Pender Island and is a past president of the B.C. Sheep Federation. "People are encouraged to visit our trails and parks and the population explodes with people coming over with their dogs from urban areas. So I think [compensation] should be a shared cost through all the CRD."

Saturna Island farmer and Inter Island Sheep Breeders Association president Jacques Campbell feels that separating the service would do nothing except add to administration costs. A border collie named Meg from Campbell Farm was the very first dog to get its licence in the CRD when the bylaw went into effect in 1980.

"I have four dogs now and I've been paying for it ever since. I con-

sider it my insurance policy," Campbell said.

According to the Jan. 9 staff report, dog licensing fees are inadequate to fund livestock compensation. The report notes the last two claims have been high — \$2,043.75 and \$4,500, respectively — and there are further costs incurred by the investigation process. There is no specific budget for livestock compensation and no maximum limit to be paid out per year or per claim, although there is an individual limit of 75 per cent of the value of an animal, up to \$750.

"Since this function was introduced, livestock insurance has become widely available, which often includes coverage for home and contents, farm products and other damage," the report states.

At the same time, the total number of claims made is relatively low,

with just 10 in the past 15 years of service. The CRD only pays compensation when livestock deaths can be attributed to dogs and the farmer does not know the dogs or who they belong to. When the dogs can be identified, it's up to the farmer to seek compensation from the owner.

Salt Spring's Windrush Farm focuses on heritage breeds, raising both heritage turkeys and rare Cotswold sheep. For sheep of that value, the CRD's \$750 maximum would not recompense the real value of the animal, but it would be better than nothing.

"I would be very disappointed if the CRD eliminated this compensation because I don't think there's a good alternative," owner Margaret Thomson said.

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**BLOOMIN' EARLY!:** Clockwise from top left, Chevy checks out a broom plant blooming on Channel Ridge on Jan. 12; Vesuvius cherry tree has blossoms on Jan. 1; and daffodils bloom off Beddis Road, found by Joe Clemente on Jan. 2. Clemente thought the daffodil bloom might have been the earliest he had recorded, but he had previously photographed blooming daffodils on Dec. 31, 2016.

### NSSWD

## Modular home park tax changes in effect

### Water utility receives 12 court of revision requests

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has implemented changes to its parcel tax assessment bylaw, adding a surtax on additional units for properties classed as modular home parks.

The change only impacts Brinkworthy Estates on Lower Ganges Road, and was the subject of litigation when the change was first proposed in 2016.

The base parcel tax for the 137-unit Brinkworthy community decreased from \$456.17 in 2018 to \$290.75 in 2019. However, a new parcel tax worth \$290.75 per home was put in place. Additionally, a \$280 surtax for each additional unit has been added to help repay the \$8.4-million loan approved by referendum for the St. Mary Lake water treatment plant, which is currently in final stages of testing.

In 2017, Brinkworthy Estates Ltd. asked the Supreme Court of B.C. to review the parcel tax assessment and bylaws, and to determine whether the district acted within its authority to pass bylaws. The ruling was that the district does have that authority, but that the reasons for the proposed huge jump in the modular home park rate were unclear to the Supreme Court. The district was directed to reconsider that rate.

A report published in September

2018 found that residents in Brinkworthy consume 22 per cent less water on average per unit than single family dwellings that are on properties of less than one acre in size. Therefore, the base parcel tax of \$290.75 is 22 per cent lower than that of a single family dwelling in the NSSWD.

In the Dec. 20, 2018 NSSWD trustees meeting, it was explained that the surtax of \$280 was applied to each unit in a modular home park because they were considered equal to any other parcel in their contribution to the St. Mary Lake water treatment plant debt.

**"We believe that the court of revision made decisions that were in line with what was being requested."**

KEN ROGGEMAN  
NSSWD financial and corporate officer

Ken Roggeman, financial and corporate officer at the district, said in the meeting that "it is simply because a large bulk of that money goes towards paying for the long-term debt costs of the St. Mary water treatment plant. All parcels and residential dwellings would contribute equally to that, thus the \$280. Whether you're a modular home,

a strata or a single family on a one-acre piece of property, it's \$280 each."

Also added in 2019 is a new "town home" class, which will pay a parcel tax worth 83 per cent that of a single family dwelling on a parcel of land up to one acre. Town homes are homes in strata-like set-ups that use slightly less water than typical single family dwellings, Roggeman explained. The town home class has been applied to 221 homes.

"Somewhere along the way, 221 town homes would have contributed x amount of tax, but now they're going to contribute y — which is a little bit less than it was. This goes into the mix and now we have to ensure that we have enough revenue to do what we plan to do," Roggeman said.

No other classes of property were affected by the 2019 change. Last year, amendments were made to business, accommodation and marina properties based on the number of units they have.

Residents were given the chance to appeal their assessment on Jan. 7. In all, six people attended the court of revision in person, and 12 requests to reconsider property classifications were received.

"We believe that the court of revision made decisions that were in line with what was being requested," Roggeman said. "It's mostly about getting our records up to date: Do you have an AirBnB or not? Is there a rental suite? It felt good and I think the response was positive for the people that attended."



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Traffic fines

Several fines were handed out during a traffic court session held at the Ganges courthouse on Friday, with matters ranging from driving without a seat belt to driving without insurance.

Judge Roger Cutler noticed the latter charge appeared to be prominent on the list.

"Lots of no insurance here. Is that a problem on Salt Spring?" he asked.

An attending Victoria Police officer assured him that it was.

Fines issued Friday included \$598 to Bonnie Reynolds for driving without insurance. The matter was set for trial but was resolved through a guilty plea by proxy. The star rower is away at university in Ontario and was unable to attend the session in person.

Bruce Jordan also pled guilty to a charge of failing to wear a seat belt. His ticket was reduced to \$83.

Several people on the list did not appear in court so their matters were proclaimed to be uncontested, and therefore amounting to a guilty plea. Marisol Gauthier will receive a \$598 fine for driving without insurance. Annick Savigny was fined \$368, and Megan Ritchie and Christine Fowlie were each fined \$167 for other traffic offences.

### Logs wanted

With so many trees toppled on the island following the December windstorm, the Copper Kettle Community Partnership hopes some might end up in their community woodpile program.

Providing wood to islanders in need is one of Copper Kettle's activities. Phone the group at 250-537-5863 for more information.

## WINDSTORM AFTERMATH

# Recovery slow for recreation areas

Therapeutic riding, golf, squash and park areas among those impacted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The windstorm of Dec. 20, 2018 may be slowly fading to memory as friends and neighbours edge away from disaster survival tales and back into their regular daily chores.

Cleaning up from the disaster will be a weeks-long process for many residents, however, and among those the hardest hit are the recreation areas that many depend on for exercise, relaxation and therapy.

The Salt Spring Golf and Country Club had obvious damage around its edges and through the grounds, causing a halt to play for golfers and disc golfers. While club member Randy Cunningham reported a strategy is in place for the bigger jobs and volunteers are lined up to tackle the rest once that's done, the officials in charge were not able to share their plan with the Driftwood as of press time.

Markus Wenzel of the Salt Spring Squash Club said the squash facility on the golf club grounds was hit by an arbutus tree.

"The damage is significant, but we are open, dry and safe to play while the repairs take place."

Right across the street from the golf course, the new home of the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association also took a big hit. Coordinator Erika Ponsford reported that 30 to 40 trees had come down on the leased property, many of them big firs.

"I went up on the Friday and it was like a tornado hit. You just don't see that," Ponsford said.

The fencing for six of seven paddocks was crushed and will be replaced by the insurer. Fortunately the six horses (four full-sized and two minis) that reside in stables on-site were not physically harmed.

"The horses are spooked and the landscape's changed a couple of times," Ponsford said. She added they were locked in their stalls when the worst of the storm hit, which would have been howling and crashing all around them. "That would have been very unsettling for them."

The Upper Ganges Road property was without power for eight days. One hay field and one riding ring had intact fences so volunteers were able to bring the horses out three days after the storm.

Riding association volunteers started the cleanup but were aided immeasurably by Lloyd Cudmore and crew, who donated days of machine time to get all the fallen trees moved



PHOTO BY JULIA GILBERT

Cut trees on the Upper Ganges Road side of the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club property with the squash court building seen behind.

and stacked. Forester Jamie Harris was another great help, Ponsford said.

The therapeutic riding program normally has 20 students registered for its programming through the course of the school year. The winter session will not start until Feb. 5 so that all clean-up and mending can be completed and the horses feeling like themselves again.

"I'm happy with the progress so far," Ponsford said. "We're just going to get one paddock functioning and then move along until we get them all."

Hikers who are fond of Mount Erskine are going to have to explore other terrain for a while longer. The Salt Spring Conservancy reported last week the trails leading to and inside the Manzanita Ridge reserve were clear, but there were trees across the trail leading from Manzanita Ridge into Mount Erskine. All trails leading into Mount Erskine Provincial Park have been marked closed for safety reasons and to allow trail restoration, with an estimated 500 trees down on the mountain.

"Just stay out of there," advised Rick Laing, the conservancy's volunteer park warden. "I've lived here a long time and never seen anything like that."

Laing said the damage is potentially environmentally devastating as well as dangerous. Areas of older growth were more able to withstand the wind, but stands of second growth that may have been growing too quickly were just pushed over.

One of the sad outcomes is that a stand of lodgepole pine trees, rare to the region, was

completely flattened.

"They've been struggling for years now and now they're gone," Laing said.

Staff from BC Parks' contract operator K2 Parks have meanwhile been at work clearing some fallen trees at Ruckle, Burgoyne Bay and Mount Maxwell provincial parks. Damage was more minimal in these locations.

"I think Ruckle is in pretty good shape," said Debbie King. "[But] the roof of the old heritage barn had quite a bit blown away."

One outhouse also had a tree fall on it, but King said everything should be in order by the time campers start coming back in May.

While trees will be cleared from trails, there are no plans to remove them from park premises completely.

"Trees that come down in a protected area are left in the environment as important components of the forest ecosystem. These trees contribute to the critical habitat needs of old growth species and the ecosystem in general," an email from BC Parks explained.

BC Parks reported that its staff are still in the process of updating park websites to provide accurate information on conditions, hazards and trail closures. Park operators have been conducting post storm assessments to determine the extent of the damage in their respective areas.

"At this time, due to the varying degrees and significance of damage and assessment required, dates for trail reopening are not available and will be dependent upon the level of damage and restoration required."



Capital Regional District

## 2019 Budget Presentation

**Date:** January 22, 2019

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**Place:** Salt Spring Island Public Library - Program Room

**Presented by:** Gary Holman, CRD Director  
Robert Lapham, CRD Chief Administrative Officer



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RADIO

# Radio group submits application

Non-profit society enters new phase of activity

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring Island may have been without a radio station for the past three and a half years, but a non-profit society working to re-establish the service hopes the silence will be broken in the not-too-distant future.

The Gulf Islands Community Radio Society recently submitted its application for a licence to the Canadian Radio Telecommunications Commission.

"It's very exciting," said GICRS president Damian Inwood. "We've really passed a milestone now, after three years of hard work to get the application in to the CRTC."

Inwood said it could take a year for the licence to be approved, and society members may have to attend a hearing in Ottawa as part of the process. Some existing stations on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland have the right to object if they feel a Salt Spring-based station could interfere with their signals.

The group has submitted a request for call letters CHIR, with the IR representing "Islands Radio," and it will be pronounced "cheer." As the society's name implies, they would like to include the other Gulf Islands in their coverage.

"We are going to use the same two frequencies [as the previous station]: 107.9 and 102.1. They are available and we thought people are used to using those wavelengths on their radios."

Transmitter locations on Mount Belcher and Mount Bruce are also the same as the previous CFSI station, which operated as a commercial venture under two different owners from 2009 to 2015 until its licence was revoked by the CRTC, but Inwood said better equipment would be used.

"Now we start some of the heavy lifting, which is raising capital funds. We need \$85,000, mainly for the transmitting equipment."

The society is embarking on a fundraising drive, using a pledge system and possibly a crowdfunding campaign.

"If we didn't get the licence, any money we raised would be returnable to people," he notes.

Approximately \$30,000 has already been spent, largely on the detailed engineering study required by the CRTC and undertaken by Yves R. Hamel and Associates Inc. of Montreal. Rent and other costs for its present activities, which are done online through islandsradio.ca at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre, must also be paid on an ongoing basis.



PHOTO BY CHARLEY MILLER

Gulf Islands Community Radio Society president Damian Inwood, left, with online morning show host Scott Merrick at the society's current studio at Salt Spring Seniors.

Current islandsradio.ca programming sees Scott Merrick host a morning show from 7 to 9 a.m. Monday to Friday, which is also repeated in the evening. Music is otherwise heard on the site.

The group is inviting anyone interested in doing a program, either online now or through the station when it gets going, to send proposals to Inwood at president@gicrs.ca.

"We are looking for more programming and have already been contacted by quite a few people."

A talk show, various music programs and shows with a focus on specific topics like the environment or green living, LGBTQ issues or gardening have been suggested. Inwood would also like the station to do live broadcasts of community and musical events.

One important function of a radio station is communications during natural disasters and power outages, such as the recent windstorm, he said.

"We would be hooked into the emergency program and they would just tell us what the people need to know."

Anyone with a battery-powered radio could then receive the information during a power outage.

Inwood encourages islanders with an interest in the radio station or specific programming to connect with him via email.

"We've got a keen group of volunteers who work with us and we are always looking for more help."

## Marriage Commissioner

The Vital Statistics Agency, Ministry of Health, is looking for an individual to serve as a Marriage Commissioner for Pender Island. The individual will perform civil marriages within their community on behalf of the Agency. Applicants must reside on Pender Island in order to be considered for this position.

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# Insurance not viable option

## LIVESTOCK

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Thomson's insurance policy would require her to have every animal appraised and scheduled individually in order to claim a loss. The insurance only covers the remainder of value on top of any government compensation paid, and the policy's deductible would apply to any claim.

"I don't know anyone who ever has [had an insurance payment]," Thomson said. "Another problem is they may not want to insure you again after you make a claim. Often if they make a payment they don't want to know you."

"I don't think having insurance is an adequate alternative, because it can happen more than once and insurance companies don't like repeat claims," Grimmer agreed. "And some producers are small and don't carry insurance."

Grimmer said many livestock deaths caused by dogs never get claimed. She had sheep that were being pastured on Salt Spring killed by dogs, and was so upset she just dealt with the remains and didn't think of doing anything further.

In other cases, dogs can kill sheep by chasing them without leaving

evidence like bite marks on the bodies. Pregnant sheep often lose their lambs when chased. Sheep that are running in hot weather can die from a heart attack, and those that are chased into water can drown.

"I don't think the current direction to staff is really clear, but the farmers are all giving our input whether they're asking for it or not," Grimmer said.

Thomson believes that since dog licensing fees are meant to cover animal bylaw enforcement, that should include livestock deaths caused by dogs. As someone who deals carefully with breeding lines for her work, she also feels that dog owners need to be more responsible — both around breeding dogs and what type of dogs are brought to the island from shelters.

Thomson said because dog attacks are random in nature, it is unreasonable to set a maximum amount for compensation and say "no more" if that runs out.

"It's difficult to set a budget, but the money has to be allocated from somewhere," she said. "Maybe some of the money could be spent on education [of dog owners], including more emphasis on training."

ECOLOGY

# Blowdown a windfall for research

UBC researcher seeks fallen old growth for sampling

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A University of British Columbia researcher is using windfall from the Dec. 20 windstorm to further her research into the history of wildfires on Salt Spring Island.

While old-growth trees can be a wealth of information about the history of climate change and wildfires for a given area, taking samples usually ends up killing the tree. However, the recent windstorm has provided researchers with an opportunity to obtain samples and valuable insights from the fallen trees.

"These big old trees are so rare that we don't want to be cutting into them for this type of project," said lead researcher Tara Martin. "When I started to notice that several big ones fell in our area, I thought it was a good opportunity to put out a wider call."

First Nations peoples traditionally used fire to promote food and other resources. The oldest trees on the island will often have scars or remnants of those fires. However, the last 150 years have seen fewer fires and any fires have been actively suppressed.

"When we combine fire suppression with post-logging regrowth — most of our forests are second-growth forests with the exception of these few big old giants — we get structurally a very different looking forest," she said.

Martin said that Garry oak meadow ecosystems were more prevalent on the island before fire suppression. These ecosystems have been replaced by stands of Douglas-fir growth, particularly in deeper soil areas.

"The [samples] can tell us about how we might want to manage our forests in the future if we're interested in plant diversity and maintaining biodiversity," Martin said. "They can also tell us about minimizing fire risk in terms of what our forest should look like to minimize fire risk in terms of risk to property and human life."

Martin is asking for anyone who might have a tree that fits the criteria to contact her. The trees need to be older than 250 years old, which can be difficult to determine. She is looking for samples of the tree rings cut at a height of about 1.5 metres. For her research, she also needs information about where the tree grew.

"It's challenging because depending on where that tree grew, you can have one tree that is a couple of metres across whereas there might be another one that



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Old-growth tree with knobbly bark and a fire scar that was uprooted in the Dec. 20 windstorm. Tara Martin from UBC is seeking examples of such trees for research purposes.

is only half a metre across that could be the same age," she said. "Really big knobbly fissured bark, or bark that has a fire scar on it — often these big old giants have fire scars on the bark itself — are really good clues. Generally [we're looking for] trees that would take two or three people to wrap around them, but it depends on where that tree grew. You can have trees that are seemingly relatively small, but that's because they've been growing on a very shallow, rocky site."

The researchers are speaking with First Nations elders who may have information about past forest fire activity through oral histories. They are also looking at soil samples to determine the amount of soot deposits, as well as studying the silica remains of plants to understand the past biodiversity of the island.

"Parts of plants that are made of silica remain in the soil for hundreds of years," Martin explained. "You can take a soil sample and analyze those silica structures and determine what a plant community looked like hundreds of years ago. It might reveal that, for example, a site that is now a Douglas-fir forest used to be a Garry oak meadow."

Those who have a potential tree on their property are asked to contact Martin at tara.martin@ubc.ca. Martin can also help identify trees that might be useable.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Tourism tax on the way

Administering society incorporated

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Five southern Gulf Islands including Salt Spring are on the way to becoming a unified tourism sector managed with the help of an accommodation tax.

The Salt Spring Economic Development Commission announced advancement of the plan to become a Destination Management and Marketing Organization, which is being implemented in partnership with the Southern Gulf Islands Economic Sustainability Commission, during its business meeting Monday afternoon.

As of last week, the incorporation of the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership Society has been completed. The program also incorporates the chambers of commerce and/or tourism information branches on each of the five islands. Their application can now move forward from Destination BC to the Ministry of Finance and eventually to the provincial cabinet

for approval.

Once an order from Cabinet is finalized, the new body can collect a proposed two per cent tax on accommodation purchases throughout the islands, and use that funding to create a more sustainable tourism environment. Part of the plan is to balance tourism more sustainably year-round.

"The key is you have to manage this, and you have to manage this well," CEDC member Randy Cunningham explained about the program. "The key for our small island community is you have to be on top of it."

Cunningham and four stakeholders from within the accommodations industry are the first directors of the society. It must have its first annual general meeting within 15 months.

The group recently held a well-attended information session on Pender Island and will continue its public engagement on Salt Spring in the coming months.

Cunningham said he felt the Pender crowd was happy to hear the plan was not to increase general tourism marketing.

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### EDITORIAL

# No time to snooze

January may be winter doldrums time, but it's also the month to wake up and connect with government services and elected officials.

If people have not yet opened the envelope containing their 2019 property assessments, they really should do so. While BC Assessment pegs the average Salt Spring residential property increase at 15.31 per cent, a number of property owners have reported increases at double or triple that rate, which could seriously bump up their property tax amounts. The active real estate market of the past few years has naturally translated to valuation increases, but it is up to property owners to do the research required to determine if the hike they have received makes sense when compared to neighbouring properties. A search tool on the BC Assessment website makes it easy to collect relevant assessment and property sales data for one's area. The deadline to appeal an assessment is Jan. 31.

### THE ISSUE: Government accountability

### WE SAY: Use opportunities to give input

to raise concerns about provincial and federal matters affecting the islands.

In a similar vein, Salt Spring's new Capital Regional District director Gary Holman has scheduled a public meeting to talk about the CRD budget and its impacts for islanders. It's on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the library program room from 1 to 3 p.m.

Another body with local taxing authority is the Islands Trust. Trustees are meeting with each other and staff this week in Nanaimo to draft a preliminary budget. They will then ask for public feedback before adopting a final budget in March.

It's easy to believe that government bodies don't care what constituents think about how they spend their money, but that isn't necessarily true. At the local level, especially, elected officials and staff tend to be sensitive to criticism and don't want unhappy campers to deal with.

Often, government bodies do what they do with minimal direction or feedback from the public. Politicians are not mind readers and as bureaucratic processes subsume them they may easily lose touch with those they serve.

Take advantage of upcoming opportunities to let those we elect know how we want our money spent or not spent, and where we want them to direct their energy.



# Sam Chan: a special man

BY GEORGE EHRING

Early last week, while raking up debris in his yard from the windstorm, Sam Chan had a heart attack and died.

As word spread by the well-lubricated Salt Spring rumour mill, we were shocked, saddened, and hoped it wasn't true. Alas.

Sam, of course, was the friendly face for roughly 35 years at the Golden Island Restaurant. He was the guy who knew everything about what we liked, and many was the time the tea, coffee (no cream), beer, or in my case ginger ale arrived at the table even before we'd had a chance to ask for it. Often enough he'd come to the table, take out his little pad, and tell us what we wanted. People were surprised if they learned that Sam never had a piece of the action; he was a steadfast, loyal employee, and you couldn't have asked for a better one.

I remember the night my partner Katharine and I had dinner with old friends of hers who had adopted two young girls from China. Naturally enough, Sam was

### VIEWPOINT

very curious how this young white couple had these Chinese girls, and he sat with us and listened to their adoption stories. They ordered two small glasses of milk for the girls, and Sam explained that many Asian people cannot drink milk.

"Raise them like Western children," he said. "They will have Coke!" (He brought milk.)

### He treated all of us the same. As friends.

Sam loved his wife and family, was proud of his children, and never complained about the disability that caused his severe limp.

He had a ready wit and an impish sense of humour — many times I watched him put ice down the back of some unsuspecting teenager — and toward the end

of your meal he might wander over, pick up a pair of chopsticks, and grab an orphan piece of red pepper or Szechuan chicken.

Sam didn't care if you were a retired professor, head of your department, at the end of a distinguished academic career. He didn't care where the mud on your boots came from after you climbed off your backhoe, got in your truck, and drove to the restaurant for lunch. It didn't matter if you were with a bunch of your high-school friends or a group of mauve-haired seniors. He treated all of us the same. As friends.

That is what made Sam so special. In his quiet, unassuming way, he was teaching our community a lesson, one that it is good to be reminded of from time to time. It's a lesson about tolerance, respect, dignity, and learning to live well with each other no matter what we do or what we think. He set us all a fine example.

My heart goes out to Sam's wife and family, but his loss is felt by the hundreds of us he treated as friends.

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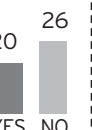
### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Are you more prepared for the next natural disaster?

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you satisfied with your property assessment?



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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**"I went up on the Friday and it was like a tornado hit. You just don't see that."**

ERIKA PONSFORD, SS THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

## SALT SPRING SAYS

### WE ASKED:

*What do you think will happen in 2019?*

#### ALWYN GEELING



I am going to learn to sail. I'm an artist and I just bought a sailboat so I can paint the boats from the water side.

#### HEATHER MARTIN



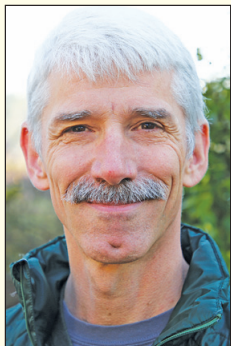
More drought, more of the same and maybe finally Trump will step down. I think the younger generation will increasingly speak out.

#### LORNE CAMPBELL



I think the shutdown of the government in the states will be over.

#### MITCHELL SHERRIN



I predict people will be a bit more prepared for emergencies after the storm we've had.

#### URSANE VILANDRE



I think there will be a shift in mentality led by the younger generation towards taking concrete action for the environment.

## 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

### Potential damage from aquaculture

Thank you, David Denning, for your very profound and thought-provoking treatise about the commercial aquaculture "licence of occupation" that has been applied for by Penelakut Seafoods Inc. at the mouth of Booth Canal and the canal itself (Jan. 9 "DFO policies a problem" Viewpoint). I can't imagine that anyone would not support the ideals that you have so eloquently presented in that piece.

I, too, am primarily concerned about the potential damage to this very unique and ecologically sensitive area if this commercial aquaculture enterprise gets the go ahead.

The huge tonnage of

clams and oysters they expect to farm each year would require an aquaculture operation on an industrial scale, which is probably necessary in order to be a viable and profitable business.

I am also concerned that it could evolve virtually unchecked over time into something even more environmentally corrosive.

First Nations "traditional" shellfish harvesting is one thing, but we should not forget the devastating results that the commercial aquaculture industry has inflicted on Denman Island, with little or no consideration for the residents, wildlife or the environment.

My hope is that a less sensitive and less populated location can be found for this operation.

**GILLEAN PROCTOR,**  
SALT SPRING

### Vandalism disappoints

We were shocked and horrified when we heard about the recent vandalism to Scott Royal's log truck while it was parked at the golf club. We do not expect this kind of hurtful and destructive behaviour from any thinking person in our community.

Scott is a third-generation Salt Spring resident. Both his father and grandfather before him were skilled woodsmen here. Living in a rural area as we do, we need people with these skills. Over the 26 years we have had our Salt Spring property, we have called on Scott many times to deal with dangerous big trees. He is the most professional, upright, honest, hard worker anyone could ask for. Scott has always given us good arboreal advice. His knowledge of trees has been invaluable in helping us man-

age our forest and keep it healthy. And when a job has to be done, he is fast and efficient. Anyone who has had dealings with Scott will say the same.

In the days following our destructive windstorm, he was one of the first people out, helping his neighbours and others without thought of reward. Scott is part of the fabric of our community — not a logger, but a "tree guy."

So now, just because he is doing an unpopular job that a landowner has legally employed him to do, he seems to have become a target, very unfairly. The person or persons who damaged his work truck should be ashamed of themselves. It was a reprehensible act and not worthy of our community.

**COLIN & ERICA ROSS,**  
RAINBOW ROAD

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

## Inedible bird protein and other holiday memories

I hope you had a jolly, merry Christmas because I didn't. Mine was s#\*^!

It had been a difficult week. Heroic, of course, but difficult nonetheless.

Even now, days after I started to write this column by candlelight and after enduring an entire week in the Dark Ages, I reflect on how similar my life had become to the early voyageurs, those intrepid souls who eventually carved their own version of civilization into the not-quite wilderness that was to become Canada.

I've endured days of being intrepid. Also of being not a little rancid, because it goes without saying that personal hygiene is an early sacrifice to the misery of living without electricity.

My electric toothbrush was first to go, and I was reduced to brushing manually! Do you know how tiring that can be before the day has even properly started? Next the hot water ran out and within a day my hair, usually a finally coiffured confection of gold and silver, was an unlovely coxcomb of drab mouse and I was ineluctably obliged to wear a hat.

And the truth is that I am hat-challenged; there isn't a hat in the world that doesn't make me look simple. The British don't really DO hats unless you're the Queen or one of her tribe. The bowler hat is a figment and any Englishman in a baseball cap looks like a Nigerian in a kilt looks like a Nigerian in a kilt. I've worked my way through flat caps, toques, tam o'shanters, sombreros and Stetsons and have never looked anything less than half-witted. I suppose that if I'd got any grubbier, I could have worn a miner's helmet and explained that I'd just left the coalface.

Meanwhile, the Christmas laser light display I paid a stupid amount of money



**Paul McElroy**

**+ ANOTHER THING**

for in the "Festive Decorations for the Bone Idle" department of Pharmasave spent Christmas in its box for want of anywhere to plug it in. The tree we had had especially hacked down before it was big enough to become another nuisance stood standing forlorn in a corner of the living room, its lights out and largely undecorated because the Christmas spirit had evaporated after the first two days of perpetual gloaming.

And as for keeping warm, I'd forgotten that toilet seats used to be icy cold and bathrooms bitter and so, much like our ancestors, I had decided to bathe once a year whether I needed one or not.

But at least we were warm in parts.

As luck would have it, we recently had our stove reinstalled and serviced but it does need wood to work and I became a wood Scrooge, fretting over every log, twig and splinter as if it were the last. God knows that the Great Storm has left us with enough firewood to keep the next five generations cosy, but you can't be too careful.

Christmas fare had been a challenge, too. Have you ever tried to roast a goose on a barbecue? No, me neither because my son, whose house is on a road of absolutely no significance, somehow got HIS electricity back days before me and so I roasted the wretched bird in his oven and carried it, like a greasy benefaction, down the road in the back

of my car. We then spent the rest of the day boiling cinnamon sticks because I'd left their house smelling like a knacker's glue vat.

The thing about even a small goose is that it generates enough fat to lubricate the entire B.C. Ferries fleet so if the household close to me with the squeaky generator would like to drop by, I can probably guarantee us all a better night's sleep.

The goose, for those of a culinary disposition, was distinctly unpleasant despite its trip around Salt Spring. I've owned shoes with more taste and texture and now understand why the goose's liver is basically the only part worth eating. Or maybe the feet and beak.

As it turned out, our Christmas dinner comprised a lump of inedible bird protein, some undistinguished roast potatoes, a can of sweet corn into which my wife had stirred some chopped red pepper in a fruitless attempt to colour it festive. The locally bought dessert that followed was so sweet it made your teeth curl.

But what about that wind, eh? My lawn is an absolute mess, let me tell you, and an errant treetop has carved a hole in my fence large enough to allow deer and other vermin access to Mrs. McElroy's verdure. Not that it bothers me much, but her secretive purchase of a hunting crossbow, a quiver of bolts and hunting camouflage is concerning.

Don't misunderstand me. I haven't gone all cuddly-wuddly over the dear little deer, it is simply that I don't relish the prospect of trying to cook another slab of meat that was best left chewing the cud or making an unwholesome goose mess of the ninth hole at the Salt Spring Golf Course.

Happy New Year!

# RANTS + *Roses*

## RANTS

To the lady who told me if I wanted to iron my shirts properly, I would have to get a mister, and use it every time. I didn't know she was talking about her husband. Roger Brunt

Lines still down on Langs Road after three weeks; telephone and cable service still not restored; and 12 days without power. Not good enough. M. Fenton

## Roses

A warm, fully powered room full of roses to Kathryn Anderson and Dan Olsen, who initiated the Jan. 1 Blowdown Brunch celebration and fundraiser at the Farmers' Institute. Their idea was brilliant and just what was needed to bring the community together after the traumatizing events and aftermath of Dec. 20.

We would like to thank the folks at the Salt Spring Inn for their hospitality on that day nobody will forget: Dec. 20. No ferry, no electricity, and they found a way to help everyone with free food and beverages served by candlelight. I'll never forget their kindness. Mike and Lanna from Duncan

Just to let everyone know how this senior survived five days of blackout in paradise: thanks to all my neighbours; search and rescue and indeed the whole community who helped me out by bringing me food, water and wood. My heartfelt thanks and a whole garden of fragrant roses to all of you! Ling Weston, North Beach Road

A big heap of poinsettias to all the supporters of Santa's Workshop this year: Volunteers: Christa, Carmelle, Linda, Barry, Diane, Janice, Deborah, Gail, Lucille, Robyn, Glynis, Liesbeth and Meghan. Drop-off points: Country Grocer, Pharmasave Uptown, West of the Moon, Mouat's. Xmas tree points: CIBC and the Legion. Donations: SSI Toy Run, Women's Institute, West of the Moon, Diane and Randy, Nancy, CRD (pool passes), Michelle (breast pump), Linda (bike), Cedar Mountain (plaques), Margriet (books) and to all the people who kindly donated presents through our drop-off boxes and Xmas tree ornament program. Biggest thanks go out to the SSI Toy Run and Central Hall. Without them we could not function. Wendy (head elf)

Roses to all who purchased tickets for our quilt raffle. We raised \$1,690. Wow! Many thanks to Gwen Denluck who made and donated

the beautiful quilt and to all the participants and support workers who sold tickets. GIFTS

A hall full of red roses of love and appreciation to all the people who helped make Christmas memorable for so many. Thank you all for your donations of transportation, money, music, food and hard work. We are grateful and proud to be a part of this wonderful community. We couldn't have done it without you. Extended thanks in the classifieds. Love from Michael and Helga

The staff working at Lady Minto on Dec. 11 would like to send Little Finn and Noella Merry Christmas hugs for their kind gesture of a specially wrapped gift for each of us. We loved the beautiful artwork on each gift and enjoyed the delicious treats inside! Thank you! Kelly-Ann

A beautiful bouquet of Christmas roses to each and every one of you caring and generous Salt-Springers who contributed to the Lesotho Solar Cooker Project in 2018. Together we have raised enough money to cover the expenses associated with the distribution of 45 sun-stoves to 45 caring but tired grandmothers who are looking after their AIDS-orphaned grandchildren, and for whom this will be life-changing. Jill Willmott

Multitudes of roses to Kurt Irwin for fixing a leak in the back window of my Escape. The whole floor was wet and now it's all dry. Thanks so much. Also, my new windshield is wonderful too! Many thanks. Janet Marshall

## MORE LETTERS

## Charged up

The EV Group would like to send roses to those kind and generous Salt Spring businesses and organizations that installed free chargers for their customers.

During the few very challenging days following the Dec. 20 windstorm, some EV owners could not get to their home chargers and, if they could, many houses did not have electricity. Emergencies can happen and transportation can be crucial. Having the ability to charge your vehicle and where electricity was restored was wonderful.

We do remind folks to have home chargers and never rely on the public chargers, unless under unusual circumstances, and the recent experience really rings that bell.

**JIM STANDEN,**  
EV GROUP,  
SALT SPRING

## Parking for scofflaws?

I am still shaking my head about your Dec. 5, 2018 story headlined "Study finds parking not an issue."

It said a study was done and that when you add up all the legal and illegal parking lots, there is lots of parking.

I am confused. If it is illegal parking does it not mean that you should not be parking there?

If you should not be parking there does that not mean that the study should not have counted it?

Or does it mean that even though it is signed as illegal parking it is not really illegal at all and you can park there?

Does it mean there is really no parking enforcement in Ganges? Or does it mean that there is lots of parking but only for scofflaws?

Perhaps our elected officials could clarify this for me.

**GREG MIDDLETON,**  
SALT SPRING

## Bravo to acting class

I was fortunate enough to see the production of One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest put on by this semester's GISS Acting 11/12 class.

One of my favourite novels from my younger days, I was unaware of the adaptation for the theatre by Dale Wasserman. I saw the film version of Kesey's great novel, however, something was missing from the movie, the meat and the guts.

The second I took my seat at ArtSpring, saw the fog on the sparse stage, even before the play began, I knew I was in for a different ride.

I was not disappointed. Here was the voice of Chief Bromden in the flesh, telling the story. The fog, the machinery in the walls, "the combine" came to life, as they are present in the novel. I was spellbound by the storytelling from start to finish. The fact that this was a play slipped away as I found myself in Kesey's novel.

I applaud the young women and men who tackled such a complex script with such ingenuity, honesty and aplomb. Ken Kesey might have tipped his hat to the film version of his work, but he would have given a standing ovation to the play I saw that night; I certainly did. Bravo!

**MIRO CERVENKA,**  
SALT SPRING

## Scrooge donors appreciated

Today I learned that some of the ArtSpring patrons who were unable to see the Dec. 20 performance of Christmas with Scrooge due to the windstorm cancellation, and who are fully entitled to a ticket refund, have instead declined the refund so that Newman Family Productions would not lose so much money.

Wow. Thank you so much.

**RACHEL JACOBSON,**  
SALT SPRING



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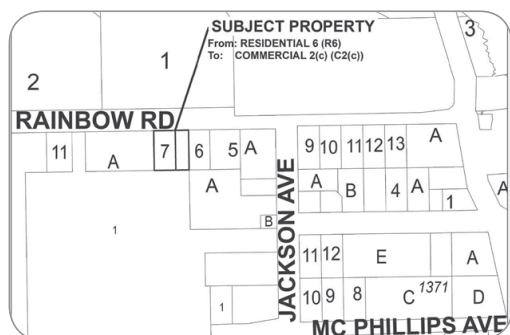
What are the bylaw changes about?

Bylaw No. 510 amends the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan to:

- Change the Land Use Designation of one of the subject properties from "Agriculture" to "Ganges Village Core"
- Include both subject properties in Development Permit Area 1 (DPA1)

Bylaw No. 511 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Change the zoning of both subject properties from Residential 6 (R6) to Commercial 2(C)
- Permit buildings and structures in the rear and side lot line setbacks



How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information is available at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays from January 15, 2019. Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) to answer any questions about the proposed bylaw amendment will take place at 9:30 a.m. The Public Hearing will commence immediately following the CIM.



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# Generosity overwhelming during power-out days

BY FRANTS ATTORP

Doing without power for eight days tends to drive home the realities of island living. To say that I forgot the boy scout motto would be an understatement.

At first, I was as bewildered as anyone else. I went to Thrifty Foods and grabbed the third-from-last container of water on the shelf. I felt rather sheepish taking that last bit of water as I know I can fend for myself in extreme circumstances. When all else fails, there are a variety of natural sources of water on the island . . . providing access isn't a problem.

From Thrifty's, I went to fill up at the Co-op, only to discover cars lined up far along Rainbow Road. People were apparently concerned about a shortage, which is not entirely irrational as there are no back-up generators at either of the two gas stations on the island.

Rather than spend the morning in a lineup, I decided to head home and get organized. A large tree had just missed our house while another had decided to spare our studio. Trees are a beautiful, defining characteristic of the Gulf Islands, but oh so scary and destructive when they topple.

As for electricity, the tangle of trees and wires on our road told the story. BC Hydro wants everyone to stay back 10 meters from downed power lines, but how is that possible when there is only one way out and help is days, if not weeks, away?

Even before the wind died down, someone wielded a chainsaw and cut a swath through the fallen trees. Then people started to drive over the downed power lines. Not exactly safe, but that's what happens

## INDEPTH

when people are trapped and the entire island is in chaos.

The storm struck the day before the winter solstice, just when there is least daylight. Out came the candles and the flashlights with the half-dead batteries. A trip to Mouat's confirmed what I already suspected: all sold out, as were the other stores in town.

Our daughter arrived from Victoria on Christmas Eve bearing precious gifts: bottles of drinking water and an LED headlamp. What a great invention: a light that leaves your hands free and can illuminate the whole world with three AAA batteries!

**Above all, the great windstorm of 2018 has opened my eyes to how quickly things can change and how woefully unprepared we are for emergencies.**

We were able to stay warm thanks to our wood stove, which also proved useful for cooking and heating water. Unfortunately, our grand plans for Christmas dinner were cancelled, leaving us with a thawed 15-pound turkey. Not one to waste food, my wife spent the better part of a day making

turkey chili, turkey "catch-a-tory," curried turkey and turkey soup, all on a single-burner camp stove. The barbecue was also put to good use.

As the days passed, I gave up listening to the "we are aware of a power outage" message, and busied myself with my biggest challenge: procuring water. Being on a well system, our supply stopped the minute the power went off, except for the bit remaining in the pressure tank. We had stored enough water for about three days, but never imagined a power outage could last longer than that. Big mistake!

I soon figured out that we needed three types of water: pure for drinking and cooking, something less pure for washing up, and pretty much anything for flushing the toilet. The first two were obtained from friends who have generators or whose power had been restored, while the third was scooped from a seasonal creek. I couldn't help thinking how much more difficult the situation would have been had the outage occurred during the dry season.

The kindness and generosity of the island community was overwhelming. In addition to water, friends and neighbours offered us everything we needed, including the use of their washing and kitchen facilities. One kind soul lent us her portable generator, which saved the contents of our freezer. We were also invited for Christmas Eve dinner by people we hardly know. Even hitchhiking became easier as a spirit of friendship and cooperation swept the island. Dare I say there was excitement in the air?

The entire experience has reinforced my antipathy to camping. Water weighs a ton

and my right knee isn't what it used to be. Furthermore, I hate shaving with cold water and stumbling around in the dark. Perhaps the greatest deprivation was having to do without my morning cups of coffee.

I did not bathe properly for almost two weeks. To ration my supply of clean clothes, I took to wearing my socks and underwear for two days in a row. The rest of my Salt Spring attire, I discovered, can last up to a week, especially since spills and stains are practically invisible after dark. As for the smell, the wood smoke seemed to cover that quite nicely.

On the positive side, my wife and I, who usually take a keen interest in world affairs, started to focus almost entirely on the daily business of survival. Donald who? Trade war? I abandoned the computer, and spent more time connecting with other people. My scribbles continued, but by candlelight and with pen and paper.

Above all, the great windstorm of 2018 has opened my eyes to how quickly things can change and how woefully unprepared we are for emergencies. I have started to make a list of what we can do to prepare for the next calamity: store more water, top up gas and propane tanks, stockpile batteries, buy a generator and perhaps even a manual coffee grinder.

An emergency coordinator who picked me up when I was hitchhiking to Ganges after the windstorm stated: "This should serve as a giant wake-up call for everyone on the island. It's just a small taste of what may be coming our way. We need to be prepared for up to six weeks of self-sufficient living." I'm pretty sure he used to be a boy scout.

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## EXHIBITIONS

# GISS visual art gets interactive at Mahon Hall



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Wearable art and other pieces that GISS art students are showing at Mahon Hall through Friday.

Exhibition closes Friday with fashion show and live music

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School's visual arts students have created an immersive and interactive art environment at Mahon Hall, where this week visitors can see the results of the creative process as explored by 65 different participants.

Under the guidance of this semester's teacher, Emily Gooden, students have delved not only into their studio process but

into all aspects involved in creating a group exhibit. Their learning experience in the school's art room has included zine making, silk-screen printing and button making as well as making wearable art out of found materials, ceramic mask-making and more traditional drawing and painting techniques.

With the help of visiting artists and community mentors, they have also learned to create an exhibition space that draws in the viewer. Following the example of contemporary artists such as Colette Urban and Patrick Cruz, their strategies include laying paintings on the floor, staging an inviting environ-

ment using their test fabric as tenting, and displaying masks on rods for an uncanny eye-level view, to name a few.

The show was produced in partnership with the Salt Spring Arts Council. Additional support came from artist Melissa Searcy, Richard Steel on exhibition installation, Sue Earle on beginner's sewing, David Borrowman on photographing artworks and Jane MacKenzie as SSAC co-ordinator/liason.

The show continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 18 and ends with a closing party and fashion show featuring the wearable art, live music by students and food from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

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## ART REVIEW

# Art crowd pays respect to Michael Robb



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Michael Robb sculptures with paintings in the background at Fault Line Projects gallery, and a photo of Robb at work done by photographer Michael Wall.

Michael Wall photos capture magic in artistic process

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders turned out en masse Friday evening to Fault Line Projects for the opening of Eidolon, the joint show by Michael Wall and the late Michael Robb.

The show contains a beautiful selection of Robb's more recent and smaller sculptural works, as well as the paintings he had turned to over the past few years. Illuminating the process behind some of the works seen at the gallery are a series of photos by Wall, a skilled industrial designer whose art practice leans toward abstraction and chaos in contrast to his professional career.

Wall's photos of Robb at work give viewers some insight into the sculptor's process of creating surreal figures from old propane canisters and other metal scraps. In some, crisply defined sparks fly against equally defined wisps of smoke. In other works, the medieval jumble of Robb's workshop with multiple paintings and sculptures competing for space suggests an echo of the interior world where so much creativity was housed.

The show continues at the Grace Point Square gallery to Feb. 9.

Visitors who knew Robb are encouraged to take home one of his trademark headscarves.

Robb, a longtime Salt Spring resident and highly respected member of the arts community, died at Lady Minto Hospital on Dec. 23.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Jan. 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**GISS Dance.**  
Term-end show of pop, jazz, hip hop and contemporary dance works at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Historical Society: Embracing Diversity - A New Narrative.**

Kathryn Gagnon of the Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives will give an overview of the local museum's journey to reinterpret storylines that better reflect the many communities that make up the Cowichan Valley. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

**Central Community Hall Board of Directors Meeting.**

Public welcome to attend. Central Hall. 7 p.m.

**Music Bingo.**

Wednesdays with Taylor at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program.**

Join Nomi and Hannah on Wednesday mornings in the Salt Spring Public Library program room. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For parents and children ages 0-6. Sign up at the info desk, by phone at 250-537-4666 or email to info@saltspringlibrary.com.

**Tech Tutoring with Peter.**

Free training and assistance for tech issues including Windows, Mac, iPads, eReaders, tablets and more with Peter Freeman. Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up at the info desk, by phone at 250-537-4666 or email to info@saltspringlibrary.com.

## Thur. Jan. 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**GISS Dance.**  
See Thursday's listing.  
**Open Mic Night at the Legion.**  
Thursdays at the Legion. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Open Mic at Moby's.**

Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Town Hall Meeting with Elizabeth May and Adam Olson.**

Get updates and ask questions of our MP and MLA. GISS Multi-purpose Room. 5:30 to 7 p.m.



## Fri. Jan. 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Please Touch the Art Closing Night Party & Fashion Show.**

GISS students wear their wearable works down the runway at Mahon Hall. With live music and food. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Karaoke at the Legion.**  
Enjoy karaoke at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Man - Contemporary Dance.**

Dance Victoria presentation of work by eminent Norwegian choreographer Solvi Edvardsen. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**DJ Boomtown.**  
DJ music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**Luke Wallace Live at the Mateada.**

Concert at the Mateada Nitro Lounge. 7 p.m.

## Fri. Jan. 18

### ACTIVITIES

**StoryTime.**  
StoryTime is a great way to build early literacy skills, read new books and old favourites, and have fun with games, crafts, and more. Salt Spring Public Library children's area. 11 a.m. For ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers.

### ACTIVITIES

**StoryWalk.**  
A self-led program where participants walk from the library, through Moutat Park to the pool, following the story along the path. Today's story is Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Make It Workshops.**  
For youth aged eight to 14 and taught by GISS students and grads: silkscreening on fabric, creative button making, and how to make a 'zine. Mahon Hall. 12 noon to 4 p.m. Register through Salt Spring Arts Council.

**Family Movie Matinee.**

This season Family Movie Matinee plays sequels to movies from past movie matinees. Salt Spring Public Library. 2:30 p.m. Today's movie is Paddington 2. Kids and families welcome; unattended kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Includes free popcorn.

**Nairn Howe Basketball Tournament.**

Senior boys games all day at GISS gym.

**Friday Games Night.**

Free weekly drop-in evening of board games and other interactive games facilitated by Bryan Dubien at the Salt Spring Public Library beginning at 6 p.m.

## Sat. Jan. 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Vetta Presents Great Russian Trios.**  
Vetta concert of Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich and Arensky with Anastasia Markina, piano, Joan Blackman, violin, and Eugene Osadchy, cello. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Check for ticket availability through ArtSpring.

**Salt Spring Underground.**

Rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Nairn Howe Basketball Tournament.**

Senior boys games all day at GISS gym.  
**Girls Soccer.** U14 Salt Spring Strikers girls soccer team plays a semi-final game against Sooke at Portlock Park. 12:30 p.m. Spectators to cheer on the girls are encouraged!

## Sun. Jan. 20

### ACTIVITIES

**Women's Walk Salt Spring 2019.**

Salt Spring joins the global march for equal rights beginning at 1 p.m. on the library steps. Speakers, a silent walk around Ganges, and then music back in the library area.

**Spanish Conversation Meetup.**

Sundays in January and until Feb. 17 at the Salt Spring Public Library. 3 to 5 p.m.

**Old Boys Soccer.**

Salt Spring Old Boys host Juan de Fuca at GISS at 10:30 a.m.

**Women's Soccer.**

Salt Spring United Div. 2 women's team hosts Fernwood City FC at Portlock Park. 12:30 p.m.

## Mon. Jan. 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**GLOW: GISS Music Show.** Term-end show of high school music program featuring GISS concert band, concert choir, and original compositions and arrangements from the junior composition class and GISPA music students. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tech Tutoring With Conrad.** iPad, Tablet, eReader and basic Mac tutoring with Conrad Koke at the library. Sign up at the info desk, by phone at 250-537-4666 or email to info@saltspringlibrary.com. Sessions are available every Monday from 12 to 3 p.m.

**Monday Night Darts.**

Every Monday at the Legion. 6 p.m. (Sign-ups and warm-up starts at 5:30 p.m.) Drop-ins welcome.

**Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.**

Portlock Park Portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

**Salt Spring Fire Protection District Trustees Meeting.**

Ganges fire hall training room. 7 p.m.

## Tue. Jan. 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Public Meeting on CRD Budget.**

Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman holds a meeting on the proposed 2019 CRD budget at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 1 to 3 p.m.

**Trivia Tuesday.**

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



## Wed. Jan. 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Chronic Pain Self-management Program.**

Six-Wednesday course begins today at Seniors Wellness. 2 to 4:30 p.m. Register via www.selfmanagementbc.ca or 1-866-902-3767

**Music Bingo.**

See last Wednesday's listing.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program.**

See last Wednesday's listing.

**Tech Tutoring with Peter.**

See last Wednesday's listing.



Pianist Anastasia Markina performs in Vetta's Great Russian Trios concert on Saturday night at ArtSpring.

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### THE FRITZ CINEMA

• **The Old Man & the Gun** (Robert Redford & Sissy Spacek) runs Friday, Jan. 18 to Sunday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. each night plus a Sunday 3 p.m. matinee.

• **Can You Ever Forgive Me** (Melissa McCarthy) runs Monday, Jan. 21 to Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. each night.

### EXHIBITIONS

• **Fault Line Projects** presents **Eidolon**, sculpture and paintings by **Michael Robb** and photographs of their creation by **Michael Wall**. Show continues until Feb. 9.

### EXHIBITIONS

• **GISS art students** present **Please Touch the Artwork**, an exhibit of drawing, painting, ceramics, silkscreen, wearable art construction and zine making at **Mahon Hall** until Friday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Friday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m., "Make It" workshops sponsored by the **Salt Spring Arts Council** will be offered by GISS students and grads to youth aged 8 to 14. There will be silkscreening on fabric, creative button making, and how to make a 'zine. Then from 7 to 9:30 p.m. the students will present a fashion show, live music and food.

• **Salt Spring Photography Club** members hold their annual show in the **ArtSpring** lobby through January.

### EXHIBITIONS

- **Lucky and the Inquisition** is an exhibit of work by **Lucky McEachern** and **Jason Newport** at the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through January.
- **Salt Spring Gallery** artists have work hanging in **Island Savings**.

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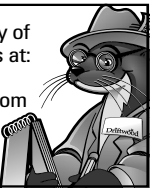


# ISLAND LIFE

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## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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Capricorn time ends and Aquarius begins on January 20 this year. It does so on the eve of a Lunar Eclipse at 0 Leo 51. 0 and 29 degrees are generally regarded as 'critical' in astrology. The term does not strictly indicate sirens and emergencies, yet does indicate an added factor of influence. 0 degrees represents a brand new cycle and so the influence is considered 'young' or green, as in inexperienced and tends to manifest as some measure of naivety when present in one's Natal Chart. This factor is easily identified and demonstrable, perhaps especially to the family members and friends of the person who has it, but self-honest and self-aware people will usually agree. Yet, the transit factor or the focus on it as an event like a Full Moon Lunar Eclipse, for example, refers to how it is destined to have an influence. The generic perspective can manifest as a social, fun and playful influence. At an individual level, it activates destined changes.

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Climbing to great heights is challenging and sometimes the descent is even more so. As ever, it depends on what you feel you truly want and need. Currently, your focus is upon home and family and the comforts, security and emotional satisfaction they bring. Joining with loved ones on a private beach in equatorial climates might prove especially appealing now.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

As your Aries friends descend, you meet them in passing as you climb with earnest determination. Sometimes the climb is more internal, however, like now. The inner work that precedes the outer action can prove wise as it serves to build inner strength, resolve and strategy. Do it now because you will soon be busting through the gates.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Many changes continue to rumble within. Yet, for now, your focus is upon those closest to you. Reminders of what is important and to be fully present are featured. Wealth, security and power are important, but sometimes the greatest value is simply what is in the here and now. Sharing quality time with family friends and fans alike is gold for you now.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Regardless of what others think or say, you feel inspired and determined to express yourself your way. Doing so diplomatically does matter to you, however, especially now, even though you may wish it didn't. This can also manifest as a challenge to exercise patience with others and grace under pressure. Be willing to take risks, but make them calculated ones.

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Can we be called within even while we year to expand without? The answer most certainly is yes! This is exactly what artists, writers, composers, designers, planners, big dreamers and even unscrupulous schemers all do. Pink Floyd said it well: 'You gotta go in to get out...'. So, now that you know your direction all you have to do is to decide what you will do there.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

You have been summoned to make meaningful contributions to the world. This particular call is underway now but will likely continue well into the future. The first phase, which literally reaches back for seven years or so, was to deeply establish a core sense of individuality and independence. Now you are preparing to enter more fully into a whole new scope of interaction.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Big drums are beating close to home. Much is underway. This cycle of influence will continue. It is already and will manifest as changes on relationship fronts, especially linked to friendships. Yet, this can also include new love interests. At worst, you feel pulled in many directions and may feel scattered and overwhelmed. Positively, there are probably few dull moments.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Accessing the deeper reaches of your intuition is a key theme these days. It may be helpful to consider that intuition is not instinct or logic. However, it does weave well into your reasoning powers, which are linked to your personal interests and life circumstances. You do have reason to protect your sense of individuality, and you will.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The changes unfolding now simply require you to surrender. This can also be interpreted as going with the flow. It includes acknowledging those circumstantial realities that push, demand and even command you to take certain action. Keeping it simple, your common sense will support you to know what to do. Adapt is the keyword.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Making extra efforts to consider the impact you make on others continue. This includes using your imagination to get closer to understanding what they consider to be important and how they may feel. If you can become deeply appreciated of their needs, interests and choices and support them to realize and achieve them, you will have passed an important spiritual test.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Over the past several weeks in particular you may have noticed that you have been more inward and introverted. Hopefully, you tuned-in and allowed yourself to retreat and rest. The Sun in your sign accompanied by the Leo Lunar Eclipse is activating new modes of self-expression. In the shorter term, romantic interests are stimulated.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

The time has come in your life for you to decipher what else makes you special. This is a call to lay claim to latent gifts, skills, aptitudes and abilities. This is a gestation period for these to come more fully to your consciousness. This is a good time to inquire both within and without to decipher the possibilities. Change in your usual routine is featured.

## ISLANDERS

# Circumnavigation the slow way

Fred LaLau's lifelong passion for the sea recounted

BY RICHARD LALAU AND GAIL MEYER

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Springer "Fred" Ybo LaLau is a man of the sea. Now in his 80s, he has spent much of his life cruising and living on or near the sea, but his dream of circumnavigation began during his first ocean voyage in 1946. Sixty-eight years later, he finally achieved his goal.

In February 1946, the MS Tegelberg arrived in Jakarta's port Tanjung Priok to evacuate Dutch families who had just been released from four years imprisonment in Japanese prisoner of war camps. Among the families boarding the ship was Jacoba Henriëtte LaLau and her six children including Frederik Ybo. His father, Ybo Herman Leonard LaLau, had died tragically at the age of 38 when the Japanese forced prisoners of war to work on the Burmese Railroad.

Frederik Ybo was a skinny 16-year-old and the trip to Amsterdam via the Suez Canal began his lifelong love of the ocean. The ship was commissioned in 1938 by the Dutch Royal Packet Company as a 14,000-tonne, 11,000bhp diesel passenger liner running at a maximum speed of 16 knots. It originally cruised with 131 first-class, 84 second-class and 179 third-class passengers through some of the world's most exotic ports of call, including Bombay and Suez. Amenities like suites, sports decks and the Lido Café were ripped out in 1942 when the Dutch War Department chartered the vessel for a troop transport ship. After modifications, the Tegelberg now accommodated 2,000 people. Many of the passengers aboard had lived on the Indonesian Islands for generations and the LaLau children had been born there. Captain Zandhuyzen steered the ship toward a new life in post-war Europe and after going through the Red Sea, traversed the dangerous Bay of Biscayne. Magnetic mines remained from the war which attached themselves to steel ships and exploded. Fortunately, none were encountered and the ship eventually reached Amsterdam. For the families from Indonesia, an adjustment had to be made from a life spent in the sunshine of the tropics, to the icy weather of the Netherlands in winter.

By his early 20s, Ybo's wanderlust became a desire to immigrate and in 1954 he continued his circumnavigation by travelling aboard the Holland Amerika's chartered Johan van Oldenbarnevelt from Rotterdam to Quebec City, arriving on July 31. At 20,000 tons and attaining a maximum speed of 19 knots, this ship normally ran as part of the Orange Line between Indonesia and the Netherlands. Although no one was aware of it at the time, Ybo's son's future mother-in-law travelled on board, yet they never met until many years later.

Ybo, who is also called "Fred" by his Canadian friends, then travelled by steam train from Quebec to Melfort, Sask. and worked on a farm where he maintained and operated farm equipment. In 1955

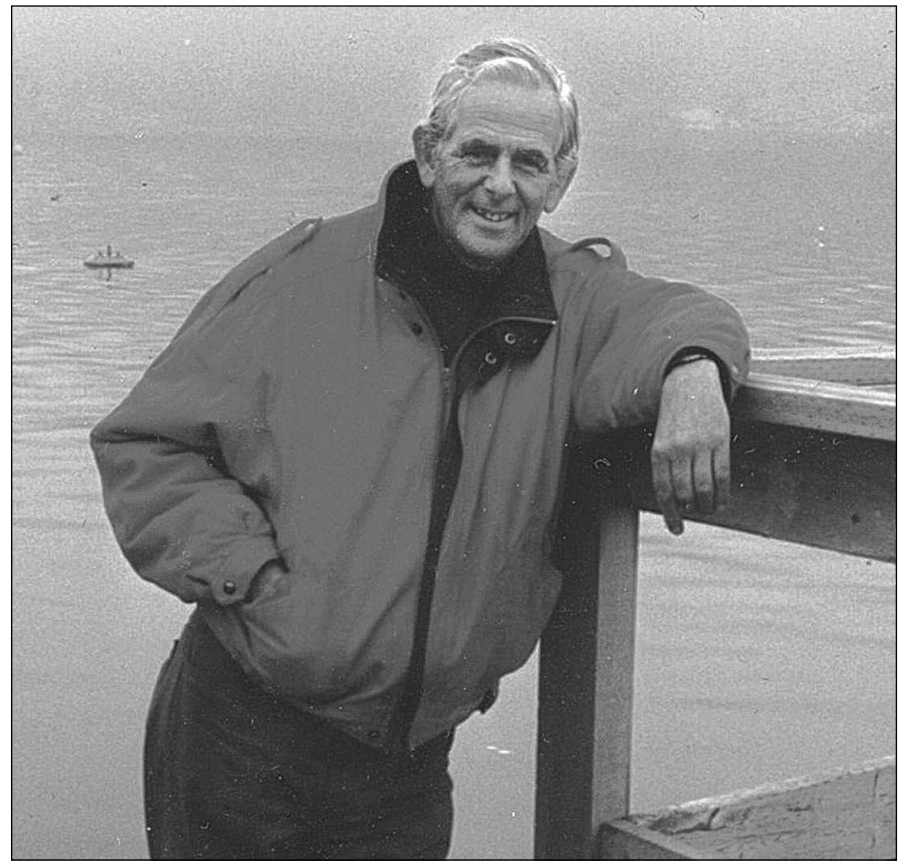


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Longtime island resident Ybo "Fred" LaLau in Ganges Harbour. LaLau's love of the sea prompted him to circumnavigate the globe, albeit very slowly, beginning in 1946 and ending in 2014.

he headed for Vancouver and eventually was employed by the City of Vancouver for 27 years. He worked as a heavy duty mechanic, then as foreman of the maintenance department and finally as acting superintendent of equipment maintenance. During this time he owned several sailboats for coastal exploration and eventually the 11.6-metre steel ketch Jubilee.

In 1979, Ybo crewed aboard the ketch-rigged 13-metre sailing vessel SV Williwaw, Dutch registered out of Belgium. The skipper, Willi de Roos, was renowned as the first person to sail single-handed through the North West Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific. De Roos had just completed this feat when Ybo boarded in Vancouver and crewed aboard the Williwaw to Papeete, Tahiti. This non-stop, 42-day trip meant that Ybo had come one step closer to completing his dream of world circumnavigation. De Roos then went on to circumnavigate North and South America from the North Pole to the South Pole before heading back up to the northern Atlantic.

In 1984, Ybo decided to retire to Salt Spring Island. After buying Powder Island in Ganges Harbour, the first challenge was to build a dock for the Jubilee and the second to complete a 27-square-metre floating home. He named his home Garuda after a Javanese hawk-eagle and the national symbol of Indonesia. Garuda was secured on the rocky Powder Island and registered as a vessel. This small house ran on solar, wind power and rain water catchment and was completely off the grid. He then modified a five-meter gasoline-powered boat to solar-electric, to run across the harbour to Ganges. Ybo also experimented with hydrogen which

he extracted from sea water and used to heat his home. He designed a sun evaporation system to water island plants and harvested firewood from the sea when logs floated by. A worm-eaten plank was creatively turned into a table. At one point he needed a closet and wondered how to get plywood to Powder Island, and the next day a sheet of plywood washed up on his beach. Ybo lived an environmentally low-impact life on Powder Island for 30 years, each day coming ashore to chat with his many friends among the locals as well as talking to visitors.

Aboard the Jubilee he cruised the B.C. coast and Alaska extensively. Then he decided to have the midnight-blue steel ketch cut in half and extended by 3.5 metres in a boatyard on the Fraser River. All the modifications to the interior he built himself and the project was finished within three months. The result was an even more comfortable live-aboard of 14.6 meters to cruise the Gulf Islands and beyond.

In 2014 Ybo finally completed his lifelong dream of travelling around the world by sea. With his son Richard and daughter-in-law Sharon, he flew from Vancouver to Singapore. They boarded Holland America's elegant 62,000-tonne, 85,000bhp MS Rotterdam to cruise the islands of Indonesia. When they crossed 106.8 degrees east longitude near the island of Java (Indonesian Jawa), he completed his west-east circumnavigation some 68 years, 24 days and roughly 19 hours after he began. His goal, which began at age 16, was finally completed at the age of 84. And consequently, Salt Spring's "Fred" Ybo LaLau may actually hold the record for the world's slowest ocean navigation around the world.

# Remember WHEN

Some items from Driftwood newspapers from the third week of January in years past.

## Five years ago

• The Capital Regional District attempted to resolve an ongoing dispute between the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club and its neighbours with a proposal to prohibit shooting on Sundays, Monday and holidays but to leave most of its other operations intact. Trap shooting and cowboy shooting were to be limited to one day under the proposal. Delegations from the club's executive and the neighbours were expected at the meeting in Victoria, with both sides opposing the compromise for their own reasons.

## Ten years ago

• The first public meeting of the ad hoc Save Our Surgery Committee was held at Community Gospel Chapel. The committee formed after the Vancouver Island Health Authority failed to hire a replacement months after previous general surgeon Roy Preshaw retired. The group's goal was to have VIHA commit to maintaining and funding the Lady Minto operating room and surgical services with the necessary trained staff, and to ensure a competent general surgeon was recruited who would become a full-time Salt Spring resident. About 40 members of the public attended the meeting and voted to support the committee's terms of reference.

## Twenty years ago

• Two men were killed in a fiery crash on Mayne Island after their plane clipped a mountain. Debris from the plane was scattered over an acre of land in the Mt. Parke area. Though no one on the ground was hurt, the sound of the crash was heard all over the island and students waiting for the water taxi on Saturna Island witnessed the glow, which lit the sky over Mayne like daylight. The crash occurred amid ongoing aircraft safety concerns in the area, and just one day before a petition was delivered to the House of Commons demanding that aircraft flying over the Gulf Islands stay at a minimum altitude of 2,500 feet.

## Thirty years ago

• Judge R.E. Hudson dismissed charges of Islands Trust bylaw violation that had been laid against Kings Lane residents Lloyd and Cordelia Kinney. The Kinneys were charged with allowing their rural-residential land to be used for an unpermitted purpose. The judge found the trucking operation located there fell under the definition of an essential service, as the business had been licensed by the province. Defence lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd said he was pleased by the decision, and gave the opinion the Trust would have no choice but to zone some land for industrial purposes.

## Forty years ago

• The herring roe fishery was closed for one year in Area 18, including Ganges Harbour, Welbury Bay and Long Harbour, so the Fishery Service could assess a troublesome decrease in spawning stock. Officials noted the spawn had covered an area averaging 422,000 square yards in the first six years of the fishery, from 1970 to 1975, but had dropped to less than 100,000 square yards between 1976 and 1978. The fishery had brought close to 300 boats to the Ganges area for the previous year's catch.

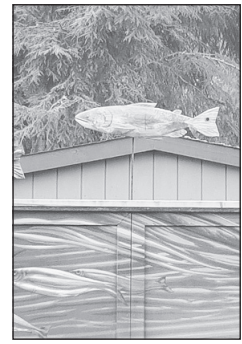
## Fifty years ago

• BC Liquor Store employee Fred Spracklin received a "25-year scroll" for service to the province, accepting the award in person from Premier W.A.C. Bennett at a luncheon ceremony. Spracklin had worked for the past 16 years at the Ganges Liquor Store, including when it was located in the old Driftwood office building.

# What is this? Where is it?



Can you identify what and where this is on Salt Spring? It is not just a random rock between two trees! Send your answer to [news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com) or drop off a paper copy to the Driftwood office at 328 Lower Ganges Rd. The first person to submit the right answer gets their name published in this space.



**LAST WEEK:** Anthony Matthews recognized this as being part of the mural by the boat slip at Centennial Dock, operated by the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island. It's a beautiful new addition to public art on the island (and is much bigger than the bit seen in this photo.)

## SALT SPRING **Star** of the WEEK

### Greg Bellavance



Greg Bellavance is among the many unsung heroes and heroines of the Dec. 20 windstorm and its aftermath. Through his company's marine transport service, Greg worked for 12 days straight taking BC Hydro crews to and between the Gulf Islands so the workers could repair the power-line and infrastructure damage on those islands. He was up at 4 a.m. and worked between 12 and 16 hours a day.

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## EVENTS

# Burns nights planned

At Meaden and Fulford halls

Favourite January traditions continue on Salt Spring with two Robbie Burns celebrations set for next week.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 and its Ladies Auxiliary will host a Burns Night Supper with traditional activities in Meaden Hall. The event begins at 6 p.m. and tickets are available from the Legion bar.

Then the following night the Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club holds its Burns Night Dinner and Dance at Fulford Hall.

Scottish traditions at the Jan. 26 evening include songs and speeches to the immortal memory of Robbie Burns and toasts to the laddies and lassies. A full roast beef dinner is served with a taste of some authentic Scottish haggis offered.

Scottish country dancing, for which no experience is necessary, rounds out the evening's activities.

For ticket information, contact Peter at 250-537-8544 or email [peterdkgking@gmail.com](mailto:peterdkgking@gmail.com).

## DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Application No. FLNRORD PMP South Coastal 2019-24

**Applicant:** Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Range Branch  
441 Columbia St, Kamloops, B.C., V2C 2T3

**Agent:** Drinkwater Environmental Services  
Telephone: 604 302-2317  
Email: [invasive.plants@gov.bc.ca](mailto:invasive.plants@gov.bc.ca)

The purpose of the proposed multi-agency Pest Management Plan (PMP) is to manage invasive alien plants and/or noxious weeds on provincial Crown land under the jurisdictions of the Ministries of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Environment and Climate Change Strategy – BC Parks, in the southern interior of B.C. The PMP applies to areas located within the Capital, Cowichan Valley, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox Valley, Strathcona, Powell River, and Mount Waddington Regional Districts. This includes areas located within the vicinity of the communities of Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Campbell River, Powell River, Courtenay, Comox, Parksville, Qualicum, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Duncan, and Victoria.

The pest management methods proposed for use within the area to which the PMP applies includes mechanical, cultural, biological control, and the use of herbicides. The active ingredients and trade names of the herbicides (in brackets) proposed for potential use under this plan includes: aminocyclopyrachlor (included in Truvist, Navius); aminopyralid (included in Milestone, Restore, Clearview, Reclaim and Reclaim II); chlorsulfuron (included in Truvist); clopyralid (included in Lontrol 360, Lontrol, Transline); dicamba (included in Dyvel DS, Dyvel DSp, Vanquish, Overdrive, Banvel VM, Banvel II); diflufenzopyr (included in Overdrive); flazasulfuron (included in LongRun); flumioxazin and pyroxasulfone (included in Torpedo); fluroxypyr (included in PastureGard, Spotlight, Summit, Escalade); glyphosate (included in products such as WeatherMax, Vantage Plus II, Vantage XRT, Vantage Plus Max, and RoundUp); 2,4-D (2,4-D Amine 600); halosulfuron (included in Sandea); imazapyr (included in Arsenal, Powerline, Habitat); mecoprop-p (included in Dyvel DS, Dyvel DSp); metsulfuron methyl (included in Escort, Clearview, Reclaim, Reclaim II, Navius); rimsulfuron (included in Elim and Prism); and triclopyr (included in PasturGard, Garlon XRT). Additionally, blue herbicide spray marker dye (Basicid Blue, Hi-Light, Turf Mark) may be used along with surfactants (such as Gateway, Agral, Sylgard 309) to improve herbicide application and efficacy.

Herbicides will be applied using selective application methods such as: wick/wipe-on, injection, vehicle mounted sprayers, and backpack or handheld sprayers.

The proposed duration of the PMP is from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2024

A draft copy of the proposed PMP and maps of the proposed treatment areas may be examined in detail at: Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6J9, online at [www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/pmp.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/pmp.htm), or by contacting the **Agent** listed above.

**A person wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the pest management plan, may send copies of the information to the applicant (c/o Drinkwater Environmental Services, Agent, listed above) within 30 days of the publication of this notice.**



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*Phyllis Wainman Tatum*  
January 25th 1940 - January 3, 2019



Previous Salt Spring Island resident, Phyllis Wainman Tatum, 78, of Salmo, BC transitioned on Thursday, January 3rd 2019 at the hospital in Trail, BC due to various forms of cancer that began with her fight against breast cancer in 2007.

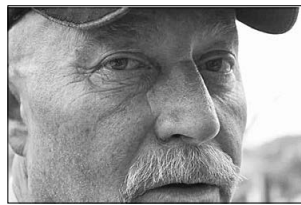
Born in Utica, NY on January 25th 1940 to the parents of Shirley and Gordon Wainman, Phyllis is survived by her brother David Wainman of Ilion, NY, her son Jeffrey Winston Tatum of Penticton, BC, her daughter Stacy Lowe Tatum of Tijeras, NM and her granddaughter Raven Gabrielle Francis-Tatum of Albuquerque, NM. As Phyllis also had a deep relationship with each of her pets it's quite fitting to mention them here as Chelsea, Sugarplum, Captaintn, Sunshine, Moonlight, Sushie, Bear, Eddy and finally Jimmy, were all very much apart of her life and loves.

A Smith College Graduate with a Masters Degree in Social Work, Phyllis married Ronald W Tatum of Joplin MO, moved to Albuquerque, NM where she had her 2 children. By 1975, Phyllis and Ron divorced, and Phyllis became an independent woman as a weaver and then one of the original business owners of the Mariposa Gallery. Then in 1981, she continued her journey and immigrated to Canada with her kids and opened up her 1st private counseling practice on on Salt Spring Island in British Columbia. In 1994 she then moved on to Nelson BC, and then finally to Salmo, BC in 2005.

Phyllis will be greatly missed as a deep friend and therapist to many as well as an accomplished artist and craftsperson. On the side of course she had the occasional point to make at the town council, was an avid gardener, loved to hang out by her cedar tree reflecting, to play in the Salmo bridge group and to support to the local library.

A celebration of her life gathering will be held in the spring. Memorials are suggested to the Callanish Society, a cancer healing retreat in Vancouver. <https://www.callanish.org/donate/>

*ROBERT BARRY LONG*  
August 28, 1954 - January 2, 2019



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barry "Bear" Long of Salt Spring Island on January 2, 2019 after a recent illness.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Amber (Brad), his son Reid, his mother, Norma, his sister Jacqueline (Bill), his brother Larry, his grandchildren Jake and Frankie, niece Danielle, nephews Joshua and Matthew, his partner in life Jackie as well as a large extended family. He was predeceased by his daughter, Lena.

Born on August 28, 1954 in Newmarket, Ontario, Barry's life was filled with many great adventures with family and friends as well as the multitude of different lines of work that he pursued. Barry was a very social being and will also be missed by the many friends that he made along the way and around the world. He always loved to tell a story as well as listening to one and many were shared over the years. The tough "Bear" persona was largely overridden by the kind and generous help that he provided to many people everywhere he lived.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

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# Feelings and needs: where communication begins

In the last column we discussed how making careful observations will improve your communication skills.

It is quite common for these observations to coincide with physical sensations. For instance, if you are the recipient of a good deed, you may feel a sense of gratitude and warmth; if something scares you, you might break into a sweat or even start to shake. These body sensations are responses to underlying instinctual needs that can be emotional or physical. Pleasant feelings like joy and contentment arise when these needs



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are met, and unpleasant feelings such as anger and frustration occur when these needs are not met. For example, you may feel frightened when you see a

car speeding down the street because of your need for safety. Or, you've lost your wallet and feel anxious because you have a need for security. When a Good Samaritan returns your wallet, you feel relief and joy as your trust in humanity has been restored.

Human beings everywhere have the same feelings and needs. It is this understanding that helps us see ourselves in one another and develop compassion. The better you know yourself, the easier it is to express your thoughts. When you speak from your heart, others will rec-

ognize these same feelings and needs within themselves. This is where we find connection and have more meaningful conversations.

*"We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race. We all share the same basic values."* Kofi Annan

During the following weeks, notice your feelings and connect them with your underlying needs. For lists of feelings and needs go to: [www.cnvc.org/Training/feelings-inventory](http://www.cnvc.org/Training/feelings-inventory).



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**LOST AND FOUND:** Seen hanging from the post holding the dogipot litter bags at Duck Creek Park on Monday was a black brassiere. The post is an informal lost and found depot for the park.

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*Thank you!*

# Spirit of Salt Spring



Viva Chorale! Community Choir's artistic director Caroni Young, left, and Salt Spring Island Community Services program director Annika Lund thank all who attended the choir's annual Food Bank Fundraiser concert on Dec. 14, which raised almost \$1,500 in food and funds for the Salt Spring Island Food Bank.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.  
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**D.W. Salty** is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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## MARTIAL ARTS

# Shorei-Kan karate students achieve next level

Okinawan philosophy of Shorei-Kan suits Hickman

BY BRENDA GUILDED

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On Dec. 29, long-time Salt Springer Andy Hickman earned his black belt in Shorei-Kan karate, a ranking he has aspired to since he was a kid.

Over many years, he has studied various forms of martial arts, but hadn't found the approach and methods he needed to avoid injuries and achieve this goal.

He came to Salt Spring Shorei-Kan Karate School a little over three years ago, at age 68. He needed continual physio and massage treatments to minimize pain, so he could keep moving. Shorei-Kan go-ju (hard-soft) style suited him perfectly, where flow and dance are key to street-smart self-defence. He now relies mainly on the karate training to stay fit and to move without pain. He has marvelled that he now feels as spry as he did at age 50.

Shorei-Kan's traditional Okinawan philosophy suits him as well: to never throw the first strike (in any situation; physical or otherwise) and to always work for win-win solutions. This means no competitions, tournaments or free sparring using techniques that are too effective for sport. The art itself has its own rewards, sufficient to keep him keen to continue.

Also testing that day was Elias Balec, for Ni-Dan, or second-degree black belt. He has been a Salt Spring Shorei-Kan Karate School assistant instructor for the last three years, and is a great favourite with all the students. Balec is an accomplished musician, now studying to be an audio technician at Nimbus School in Vancouver. He will be able to continue his karate studies there, with master Tomoaki Koyabu, who brought Shorei-Kan karate to Canada in 1972.

Salt Spring Shorei-Kan Karate School was founded by chief instructor Brenda Guiled in 2002.



PHOTO COURTESY SALT SPRING SHOREI-KAN KARATE SCHOOL

From left, Salt Spring Shorei-Kan Karate School chief instructor Brenda Guiled, black belt Andy Hickman, second-degree black belt Eli Balec and examiner Tomoaki Koyabu after Hickman and Balec completed their tests on Dec. 29.



## U14 Strikers

Salt Spring United's U14 girls soccer team will play in a semi-final game in front of a home crowd this Saturday, Jan. 19.

The Salt Spring Strikers will host a Sooke team — one of its biggest rivals — at Portlock Park beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The Strikers currently sit in second place in league standings and would qualify for the finals in February with a win on Saturday. Islanders are encouraged to come out and cheer the girls on to victory.

The Strikers are coached by Chris Jason.

## Goddard wins

Scott Goddard won his first tennis tournament this past weekend in Victoria at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

Seeded first in the Tennis BC Boys U12 two-star event, Goddard posted three good wins after a first round bye in the draw.

Round 2 saw Goddard defeat lefty Calvin Bott of North Vancouver with a solid 4-2, 4-2. In the semi-finals, Goddard defeated Charlie Murray of Victoria 4-2, 4-0. The finals saw Goddard defeat second-seed Caden Steele of Victoria, again with a 4-2, 4-2 straight-set victory.

Goddard has been training for several years with Peter Schelling and Marjorie Blackwood, coaches at the Salt Spring Tennis Centre indoor courts, and 2018 saw him compete in 20 tournament events, mostly off-island.

## RUNNING

# Vancouver Island race series takes flight with Harriers 8K

Salt Spring Sneakers team gets a jump on point tallies

SUBMITTED BY SS SNEAKERS

This past Sunday dawned clear and slightly chilly for the inaugural event of the eight-race Vancouver Island Race Series, the 40th running of the Prairie Inn Harriers 8K, and the first of the 12 BC Athletics Super Race Series.

The BC Athletics designation attracted Canadian elite runners, Natasha Wodak, holder of the 10K and 8K Canadian records, and Rachel Cliff, the holder of the Canadian record in the half marathon. The 8K out and back course circling the old Sandown Racetrack site in North Saanich is distinguished by having a clear view of Mount Tuam on the return leg.

Although crippled by the injuries of four of the Sneaker regulars, those who did attend acquitted themselves, the Sneakers team and the island well. The first Salt Springer across the finish line was Pat Peron, whose personal best time of 35:17 earned him seventh place among the 32 men in his age group, 116th of the 271 men who ran, and 147th of the 547 runners who finished the race. Second Salt Springer to finish was Lise Fraser, whose time of 36:38 earned her a first in the female 60-64 age group, 41st of 275 women and 171st overall.

The third Salt Springer across the

finish line was Eric Ellis, whose personal best time of 39:00 earned him a first place of 18 in the men's 70-74 age group, 161st of all men and 231st overall.

Marion Young followed closely with a personal best time of 39:44, earning her a seventh in the female 60-64 age group, 78th woman and 250th overall.

The fifth Sneaker to finish was Duncan Elsey, whose time of 40:53 earned him a 17th of 23 men in his 50-54 age group, 187th male and 280th place overall.

First-time competitor Melissa Klassen distinguished herself by finishing in the top 10 of her 25-29 age group with a time of 42:01, earning her 114th woman and 310th person to finish.

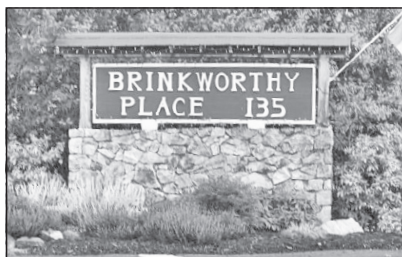
Doreen Peron finished the race in a time of 47:29, improving her previous performance on this course by two minutes and 31 seconds for 22nd place in the 60-64 age group, 182nd woman and 412th overall.

Karen Clark improved her performance on this course by one minute and 18 seconds to finish 12th in her age group, 222nd woman and 474th woman.

Salt Springers earned two first places and achieved five personal best performances on this course. Their individual performances earned the team 82 team competition points, placing them eighth out of 33 teams competing.

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