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## Epic snowfall tops record books



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Liliana Gay plays on Salt Spring Elementary School playground equipment in full snow gear on Family Day on Monday. More snow is currently in the forecast for Friday and Saturday.

### 'Snowmageddon 2019' compared to past years

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
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Environment Canada has confirmed this February is the snowiest on record for Victoria International Airport, the nearest site where federal snowfall data is collected.

Just midway through the month on Feb. 15, the airport station had received 68.3 centimetres. That's a big jump on the previous snowiest February in 1949, when 44.5 cm was reported.

The snowfall is due to regular wet weather combined with extra chilly temperatures caused by an Arctic air mass, according to Environment Canada.

"It's really the cold that's been pretty unusual," said meteorologist Carman Hartt. "When we look at our temperatures we're about six or seven degrees below normal at all our stations [for southern Vancouver Island]. It's very cold, so when systems go by they're coming down as snow rather than rain."

Hartt said unusually cold temperatures can be expected to continue right through the end of the month, which means even more snow could be coming.

The series of snowfalls that started on

Friday, Feb. 8 and continued through the week astounded residents of Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands, where schools were closed for three days in a row and many businesses were shuttered for at least part of the time.

Especially harrowing conditions may have peaked last Monday and Tuesday, but with snow flurries still continuing days after the biggest accumulation and limited melting leaving snow on the ground, many people were left wondering if this is in fact the worst winter in living memory.

A look back through the Driftwood archives suggests snowy periods may be more common than we think; and though usually short, they tend to cause maximum chaos to roads and power whenever they do occur.

#### The 1960s

Islanders disgruntled by snow can be traced back almost to the Driftwood's origins in the early 1960s.

The March 8, 1962 paper reported: "Many people were walking, cars were in ditches and the wreckers and taxis were working as steadily as the road crews" after 21 inches came down over the past week. "Meetings were cancelled, bridge games called off, and

some went to a cocktail party in evening dress and rubber boots."

The Jan. 2, 1969 front page photo ran with the heading "SNOW... SNOW... SNOW ... SNOW ... SNOW ... SNOW ... SNOW... SNOW."

The story underneath explained: "Traffic came to a standstill and the islands froze as the last days of 1968 brought blizzard, near-zero temperatures and several feet of snow. Ferry services were suspended, water systems froze and power failed. Only the advent of the new year brought relief from wintry conditions."

#### 1980s and 1990s

February 1986 was a record breaker for the month on Salt Spring after 25 cm of snow came down on Feb. 15.

But the big storm that everyone remembers came at the tail-end of 1996. The huge dump of snow over 24 hours from Dec. 29 to 30 covered Vancouver, Victoria and the Gulf Islands, with an astonishing accumulation of 133 cm recorded in Ganges.

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ENVIRONMENT

# CRD declares climate change crisis

Zero emission goal set for 2030

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
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The Capital Regional District has joined a growing list of global communities by voting to declare a climate change emergency at its Feb. 13 board meeting.

Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps introduced the motion, which she brought forward with Saanich councillor Ned Taylor and Sooke mayor Maja Tait. She noted the CRD is already a climate leader but said the declaration will help the regional body build on that work, including a plan to eliminate the region's carbon emissions by 2030.

"The logic is . . . we're in a climate emergency, let's say so . . . but I really strongly disagree with any characterization of this as a symbolic gesture because hopefully when this makes it to our regional tables hopefully the answer will be yes there as well and then we'll see a concerted effort to reduce our emissions down to zero by 2030 in this region," Helps said. "The first step is to call it an emergency but then the actions that flow from the motion I think will get us there."

Taylor, who at 22 is the youngest director serving the CRD Board, seconded the motion.

"This is such an important issue we're discussing today," Taylor said. "I really do believe it to be the most important and pressing issue that is facing our region and our world today."

Taylor added that for him, the action that will stem from the motion was the most significant aspect.

Victoria councillor Jeremy Loveday thanked the directors who brought forward the motion as well as the people who came to share stories and a hopeful vision for the future, while recognizing that "hope will not be enough."

"Recent studies have shown it is still possible to restore a full climate and prevent full-scale climate catastrophe, only if emergency society-wide action is taken, and that action needs to happen now," Loveday said. "It's true the CRD has shown climate leadership, but we are now in the middle of a full-scale crisis, and that means a new level of action needs to be taken, and that means a crisis level of response is needed, and I think this is a good first step of that new response."

The CRD's move comes shortly after two Canadian cities declared climate emergencies: Vancouver on Jan. 17 and Halifax on Jan. 29. Another two dozen cities in the U.K., U.S.A. and Australia have taken the same step.

As part of the motion, CRD chair Colin Plant will write to all local governments in the region requesting that they also declare climate emergencies and commit to working towards climate neutrality by 2030. The board will also assert its support to close the 25 plan emissions gaps in the provincial government's CleanBC Plan; and call on the province to provide the powers and resources to local governments to make the region's 2030 target possible.

The emergency declaration found added urgency due to another aspect of the motion, which concerned a \$1-million grant possibility through the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions at UVIC. Grants are available to "connect top researchers with policy and industry leaders to develop climate change solutions for British Columbia and beyond." Projects will be funded to a maximum of \$250,000 per year for up to four years. Expressions of interest were due on Feb. 15.

A number of citizens came out to Wednesday's meeting support the motion, with 23 people giving related delegations. Among them was Caleigh Aalders, a Saanich resident and a UVic environmental student who said she comes up against the reality and urgency of climate change every day in her studies.

"It's the defining issue of my generation along with the other planetary boundaries that we're rapidly overshooting, such as loss of biodiversity and ocean acidification," Aalders said.

"Climate change is affecting the shape of my own future as I consider the world I'll inhabit in 30 years and whether it's a good idea to bring children into it."

Aalders concluded that people in the region have an obligation to take a leadership role. The west has benefitted from privilege and the rewards of resource extraction: now it is time to take responsibility, she said.

Dion Hackett is a Salt Spring Island resident who is greatly concerned about the climate crisis and feels everyone, not just governments, must take action.

"When you learn that we need to change and that it is life or death, how can we keep going on with this business as usual? So it's very encouraging that the CRD says this is an emergency, and hopefully the Islands Trust will do the same."

But he does think governments could do more to encourage ordinary people to retrofit their homes by boosting financial incentives. He advocates use of a "local improvement charge" bylaw that would allow governments to provide low-cost loans to facilitate improvements, with a charge registered on the property's title.


# EMERGENCY preparedness

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# Beddis customers on boil water advisory

Water main break impacts service

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
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Customers of the Beddis Water Service Area were issued a boil water advisory on Sunday due to a break in a major water main.

The Capital Regional District issued the alert Sunday evening. Around 60 customers out of the 127 in the district were without water or had reduced service for a few hours before the main was repaired.

Construction taking place in the upper part of the system is the suspected cause

of the damage. As a result of the issue, the CRD issued the boil water advisory in consultation with Island Health for the entire service area.

The advisory will be lifted when Island Health is satisfied the drinking water does not pose a health concern. Residents will be notified as soon as possible when the "all clear" is given, the CRD stated in its alert.

CRD Integrated Water Services's senior manager Matthew McCrank noted district customers may be feeling frustrated, having undergone a recent boil water advisory following the Dec. 20, 2018 windstorm.

"Certainly the CRD recognizes the inconvenience and we apologize for that,

but public safety is our primary concern," McCrank said. "We have to ensure the integrity of the water supply before we can lift the boil water advisory."

McCrank said the CRD would undertake flushing and then testing for bacteria on Tuesday and again today (Wednesday, Feb. 20.) They are hoping to hear back from Island Health by Thursday or Friday as to whether the advisory can be removed or if more needs to be done.

Updates can be found on the CRD's website at [crd.bc.ca](http://crd.bc.ca), or by following the CRD on Twitter. Residents are also encouraged to register with the Public Alert Notification System to receive relevant notices. Sign up <https://www.crd.bc.ca/pans>.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### RCMP report

Salt Spring's RCMP detachment had a steady week dealing with several calls related to the winter weather.

On Feb. 10, police responded to a single-vehicle collision on Fulford-Ganges Road near the Seabreeze Inne. A single occupant in a north-bound vehicle lost control due to the snow, went off the road and down the bank, coming to a rest near the motel's parking lot. The driver sustained minor injuries.

• On Tuesday, Feb. 12, police responded to a mischief complaint in downtown Ganges. A male was observed throwing a rock at the window of the Pemberton Holmes realty office in Grace Point Square. The male was described as 6'0" tall and dressed in dark clothing. Evidence was seized from the scene. Police are currently canvassing the businesses in the area looking for surveillance video. Anyone with any information related to this investigation is asked to contact the Salt Spring Island RCMP or CrimeStoppers.

### Marine SAR's Webber saluted

Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Unit 25 said farewell and thanks to 16-year veteran Roger Webber at a recent meeting.

According to the RCMSAR, Webber joined the then Coast Guard Auxiliary unit after seeing an ad in the Driftwood. At that time, the Ganges Harbour-based crew was using a 10-foot rubber dinghy to respond to calls on the water.

"Through his years, Webber progressed and went to the Coast Guard Rigid Hall Inflatable Operator Training school at Bamfield on the west coast of Vancouver Island in 2006 and became a coxswain after completing the training," explains a press release.

"Webber still remembers his first night of on-the-water training. That night one of the worst storms in years was blowing through the area, which would have been enough for some to have second thoughts about pursuing this type of volunteer work, but he stuck with it. In time, he assisted in training many of the senior members, most of whom are still active within the unit."

Webber said he enjoyed the camaraderie and excitement during his tenure, even in rough weather.

# Worst winters recalled



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

A scene from December 2007: Former Fulford resident and business owner Bruce Patterson is thigh deep in a ditch trying to unblock a culvert to prevent flooding.

### SNOW

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Salt Spring weather observer Robert Aston's data showed the snowfall between Dec. 1 and 30 that year was four times higher than the average total annual snowfall for the previous decade. The Dec. 29 storm was so bad, the Driftwood published a free foul-weather edition instead of the regular paper on Dec. 31 because its Vancouver Island press was shut down due to the snow.

Salt Spring's annual snowfall for 1996 was 199.9 cm. Aston's data for the previous 20 years found the next highest annual snowfall in that period was in 1980, when 80 cm fell. Victoria International Airport's all-time winter snowfall records are 1968-69 with 148.4 cm and 1996-97 with 128.1 cm.

### The 2000s

A series of bad winter years hit the island from 2005 to 2008, according to Driftwood reporting.

The Dec. 6, 2006 paper voiced relief that all was calm after 10 days of snow-induced chaos, "with all electricity fully restored and only pockets of phone service still disrupted."

At the peak, some 8,000 Gulf Islands homes were without power, and schools were closed for two and a half days. And even after most households were back in order, 70 Salt Spring Island households remained without Telus telephone service and were told they could expect to wait until mid-January before service was restored.

Almost one year later exactly, the Dec. 5, 2007 paper reported an echoing chaos when more than 24 hours of snowfall was followed by heavy rain. Environment Canada recorded snowfall up to 59 cm fell on Vancouver Island on Saturday, Dec. 1 before it changed to rain late the next day. Around 41,000 customers across B.C. were without power during the height of the storm.

Soaring temperatures and heavy rain contributed to widespread flooding across the island in the following days.

"Drainage ditches over-flowed onto roadways from Isabella Point to Sunset Drive, and residents were left scurrying to save their belongings and businesses as water began to rise on Sunday night," the Driftwood reported.

One of those hardest hit was the Salt Spring Public Library, then located in a historic house on McPhillips Avenue. The library suffered extensive damage to its roof and some of its contents when heavy snow and rain caused leaks in the roofing membrane.

The following year saw a particularly

bad run of weather, with a succession of heavy snow dumps and plunging temperatures occurring through the second half of December 2008.

After the first storm hit on Dec. 13, 75 vehicles were towed by Johnson's Automotive and Me & Ron's Towing. The Dec. 17 Driftwood reported the towing companies worked around the clock pulling vehicles of all kinds, including a five-ton moving truck, out of ditches.

The Dec. 24 paper reported another 38-hour snowfall with 34 cm accumulation, followed by black ice. The Dec. 31 paper suggested the series of snowstorms over the past few weeks had "left islanders with enough holiday horror stories to last through a Gulf Islands power failure." Among the more recent damage, three cars parked at the top of Charlesworth Road had effectively trapped residents living on Mount Belcher Heights, Cudmore Heights and Wilkie Way for four days because the road could not be plowed.

Stories of people digging vehicles out of snowbanks, being snowed in at their homes and left without a way to get around the island had become commonplace by January 2009. The compound trauma of successive storms left many people publicly asking whether the road contractor was up to the job of keeping roads clear and safe.

In the Gulf Islands, North Pender Island was especially hard hit, with 90 cm of snow recorded.

### 2017: Snowmageddon

Last week's persistent snowfall earned the social media hashtag "Snowmageddon 2019" for a reason: the coast had experienced a similarly epic February snow week just two years back and gave it a widely accepted disaster movie theme. ("Snowpocalypse" was another popular name.)

Beginning on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, snowfall records for individual dates were broken around the province. Island residents had reported receiving between 30 to 50 cm of snow by Feb. 7 depending on their location, and another wallop came on Wednesday, Feb. 8. More than 1,000 Salt Spring Island homes had been without power over the weekend. Gulf Islands schools were closed for three days. Victoria Airport recorded 32.8 cm snow over the six-day period, beating its normal winter average of 31 cm for the entire season.

The week would be the finale to a series of particularly cold and wet weather events for the 2016-17 winter, which included five Arctic air outbreaks between December and February. That same winter included the historic freeze in January that made Cusheon Lake safe enough to skate on for the first time in decades.

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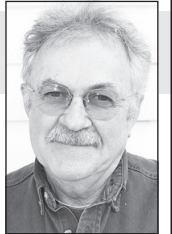
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## FOOD SECURITY

# Building plans progressing well at The Root

Funding support still needed to outfit kitchen

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The long-held dream of creating a community food storage, production and distribution centre on Salt Spring is becoming closer to reality every day, but more help will be needed for The Root to take hold of its potential.

Speaking during a Seedy Saturday presentation on Feb. 9, Salt Spring Farmland Trust president Pat Reichert said the new three-storey building at Beddis Road is just about at lock-up stage, with insulation in but doors still needing to be installed. An operating plan is likewise in development, all of which is sparking interest in a unique island innovation.

"We have received a lot of off-island and regional interest in what we're doing here, because it's really the only one of its kind in the province," Reichert explained.

The Root grew out of the Salt Spring Area Farm Plan. Hundreds of islanders participated in the planning exercise and resulting strategy to improve local food production and food security,

which was adopted in 2008. The Salt Spring Farmland Trust has been working on those goals systematically ever since. Items successfully checked off so far include establishing the community abattoir and community farming plots in the Burgoyne Valley.

The Root will complete another part of the picture by providing space for islanders to store and process large food crops. The new building is being constructed by Mark Saunders of SR Design and offers around 3,000 square feet of space on a 1,000-square-foot footprint. The ground level will be for temperature-controlled storage, including open, refrigerated and freezer storage. Currently there is a lack of such space available to growers.

"We'll be able to grow more, and store it through the seasons," Reichert said, noting that would help extend a good local apple crop, as one example.

Additional storage on the property will be possible by installing temperature-controlled containers if needed. Dry storage of things like pulses and grains will take place in the existing barn, which has been refurbished with new wood and a new metal roof. A temperature-controlled seed bank is already in place there.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Farmland Trust board member Larry Starke at Seedy Saturday on Feb. 9, before his group shared news about progress on the community produce centre called The Root.

The main building's second floor will have a washing station and processing areas for canning, drying and other types of preserving. Reichert said the oven will have functions that would normally require three or four different types of equipment. In addition to being available to process food, the kitchen is also imagined as an educational space. The soci-

ety is looking into how it might partner with Camosun College to offer the entry-level Red Seal chef course (which is no longer being taught at Gulf Islands Secondary School).

The top floor will house a two-bedroom rental suite. Reichert said this will be available first to the site manager who will be hired to oversee the operation,

and if that person doesn't need housing it will be an affordable unit for the community.

Landscaping of the property is planned to be done as a permaculture food garden designed with help from Michael Nickels and Erinanne Harper. The buildings themselves will collect rainwater to supplement the groundwater supply. Solar panels and net energy monitoring are being installed. Eventually the hope is to have an electric truck on site that can be used to transport products between local farms and The Root site.

"We're trying to be as environmentally sensitive and sustainable as we possibly can be," Reichert said, describing a plan to capture waste energy from refrigerators to heat hot water. "So that is the kind of circle we're trying to develop as we go along with this plan."

The organization is loosely targeting a fall opening date for the centre. While many granting bodies and private donors have already helped, completion will depend on raising additional funds necessary to purchase the kitchen equipment and other construction needs, as well as for ongoing operations.

For information on how to help, visit [ssifarmlandtrust.org](http://ssifarmlandtrust.org).

## GISS NEWS

## GISS info portal suffers hiccups

Frustration experienced by students, parents and staff



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In November 2018, the Myeducation BC family portal was launched at GISS. The portal displays all student information including report cards, schedules, and detailed attendance records, digitally.

Both parents and students are able to set up accounts to review their records at any time. The portal has replaced the need for paper report cards and semester schedules. However, the main goal of the family portal is to increase accountability for student attendance.

Gulf Islands Secondary is home to over 500 students and provides excellent arts, athletics and trades programs. However, in recent years the academic standing has steadily declined. While controversial, the Fraser Institute's Report Card is a document that analyzes the academic performance of all B.C. schools. Gulf Islands Secondary School ranked in the bottom 10 of 253 secondary schools in the province in 2017. This information provides some context on the heightened need for attendance accountability. As stated in GISS' Student Growth Plan, "Positive attendance has a direct correlation to academic success."

In theory, the portal is a great idea. Students are able to have access to their grades and schedules, digitally, which in our day and age, is fitting. Parents are able to start an open dialogue about attendance, without having to wait

until the end of the semester. And the school saves time and paper that they would typically use for printing off reports and schedules. However, the implementation is off to a rocky start and the portal has not been welcomed with open arms.

The first hiccup in its execution was logging on. Parents and students alike struggled to set up an account. Once the accounts were made, logging on was and is equally trying. The second difficulty is the school's inaccurate attendance reporting. Many students have received emails home reporting that they were absent from classes that they attended. The open dialogue that they envisioned has turned to frustration from both parents and students. The reality of it is, the portal is taking up a lot of students', parents' and administrators' time to get the same effects as paper reporting.

That being said, the portal, once its kinks are ironed out, will be a beneficial tool for everyone. Like every new resource, a learning curve is to be expected, and the same goes for the Myeducation portal. Hopefully it will be better received as more time goes by.

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# Help needed for Lyme battler

Online campaign and trust account set up for Sharon Shewchuk

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's farming community and other friends are asking for support to provide ongoing treatment for Sharon Shewchuk, an islander who is experiencing a severe relapse of late-stage Lyme disease.

Shewchuk is the operator of Salt of the Earth Farm, located on the side of Mount Maxwell. She described her Lyme symptoms in the Driftwood last May as "a terrifying experience of smouldering fevers, swollen joints, trembling limbs, unearthly peripheral neuropathies and nauseating pain. It's like being dismantled alive, part by part."

Shewchuk's neighbours have recently taken over responsibility for her goats, her 100 laying hens and the eggs they produce as she has essentially become bedridden by pain. Friends have also stepped in to set up a GoFundMe fundraising campaign and an Island Savings trust account for donations to help with treatment costs, which could run into the tens of thousands.

The campaign raised nearly \$6,000 in the first few weeks, but with medications costing close to \$1,000 per month, much more will be needed. Long-term treatment of 18 months or more may be required.

"We have every faith that Sharon will get better. We just need to give her time to do that," said Shewchuk's neighbour Ahava Shira. "The money we gathered so far is fabulous, but the treatment is so expensive. If we're looking at one to two years, we need other avenues."

While Shewchuk lives alone and has no family nearby, she has been embraced by the weekly meditation group that Shira runs, as well as the farming community.

"This woman needs help. She's ours," said island farmer Marsha Goldberg.

Goldberg has contracted Lyme disease twice herself but was fortunate enough to catch it immediately both times. She is intimately aware of the pain and illness Lyme brings, even during a short run.

"For me right now it takes a village. We really do need to do everything we can," Goldberg said of Shewchuk's condition. "She has to go into treatment before there's nothing left to fight."

Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* (B. burgdorferi). It can cause extreme arthritis-like pain, loss of motor skills and loss of cognitive abilities. The bacterium is transmitted to people through the bite of infected insects, mainly blacklegged ticks and western blacklegged ticks.

The federal government has singled out Victoria and the capital region as one of the five areas where tick populations and B. burgdorferi are known or most likely to occur in the nation. The government also recognizes the risk in some regions is expanding due to a variety of factors, including climate change.

According to the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, there is no universally accepted test for Lyme disease: "Every lab test has its advantages and disadvantages, but overall, Lyme tests in Canada are largely flawed." The protocol for treatment is equally contested. Many doctors believe a short course of antibiotics is sufficient, but others say that doesn't take into account the chronic condition, which can develop if the disease is not treated properly in time.



PHOTO COURTESY AHAVA SHIRA

Sharon Shewchuk at her Salt of the Earth Farm on Mount Maxwell. The farming community are among those rallying to support Shewchuk, who is suffering from a severe relapse of chronic Lyme disease.

**"We have every faith that Sharon will get better. We just need to give her time to do that."**

AHAVA SHIRA  
*Fundraiser coordinator*

"As time passes, both treatment and diagnosis become more difficult," the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation explains. "Symptoms worsen during each stage of infection, ranging from flu-like symptoms to neurological illnesses, including paralysis. With chronic Lyme disease there is not one system of the body that can be unaffected . . . this includes various hormone production as well."

Shewchuk was severely disabled by Lyme disease from 2003 to 2010 when the illness ravaged her muscles, joints, nervous system, immune system and vision. Swelling in the brain caused a series of small strokes which left her unable to speak for years. She required assistive devices to communicate and accomplish basic tasks.

"It took Sharon many years to obtain a correct diagnosis from an infectious disease specialist, but with the prop-

er treatment she made an astonishing recovery. Within a year of beginning antimalarial and antibiotic therapies she had recovered her speech and progressed enough physically to become a passionate and dedicated member of Salt Spring's farming community," the GoFundMe page explains.

One of the first things MP Elizabeth May worked to accomplish after she was elected was to advocate for a federal Lyme disease framework. Her private member's bill passed in December 2014 and the framework was approved in 2017.

Shewchuk appreciates May's effort to have Lyme disease acknowledged as a real and growing health risk. So far the framework has not made a difference to her personal experience, however, and the message does not appear to be getting to the medical community.

"Even with Elizabeth May's work it has not changed things on the local level," said Shewchuk, who said her GP has refused her a long-term medication regimen or treatment for chronic symptoms. "Hope is really what it's about for me now. Trying to find it and cultivate it is the biggest thing, just because

there are so many barriers."

Shewchuk has located a naturopathic doctor in Victoria named Dr. Maria Payne Boorman who has been working to develop a protocol for Lyme disease over the past eight years. Her treatment plan for Shewchuk involves oral, intramuscular and intravenous antibiotics and antimalarials, along with supportive therapies to rebuild the immune system and manage pain.

A local naturopath on Salt Spring has agreed to administer the treatment Boorman specifies, since even travelling to Ganges is beyond Shewchuk's current ability. The cost of the drugs and supplements is very high, however, and coverage has been denied both by the province and the supplying company.

Donations can be made to the GoFundMe campaign under "Help Salt Spring Farmer Fight Lyme Disease" or to Islands Savings account #2688620.

Shira said help will also be needed for a letter-writing campaign to B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix to lobby for Shewchuk's medication coverage. Details will be announced when a date is organized.

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### EDITORIAL

# Windstorm sharing

Even though the devastating windstorm day is now two months in the past, people on Salt Spring Island are still talking about it, and for good reason.

As a report from a debrief session of the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program neighbourhood POD leaders articulates, the Dec. 20 windstorm and its aftermath was frightening, shocking and challenging, which almost anyone on the island that day can relate to. It brutally brought home our dependence on electricity, water and clear transportation routes, and how much work is involved in dealing with fallen trees and property damage of all kinds.

Windstorm debrief meetings have also been held by emergency service groups and the Capital Regional District, and neighbourhood action plans put forth by the emergency program.

### THE ISSUE: Windstorm debrief

### WE SAY: Participate in meeting

The Salt Spring Community Alliance and CRD director Gary Holman have organized the meeting, which is set for the alliance's regular monthly meeting day this Monday, Feb. 25 at Lions Hall. It will be an opportunity for people to talk about what they learned from the windstorm experience so that everyone can be better prepared both individually and as a community when the next emergency arrives.

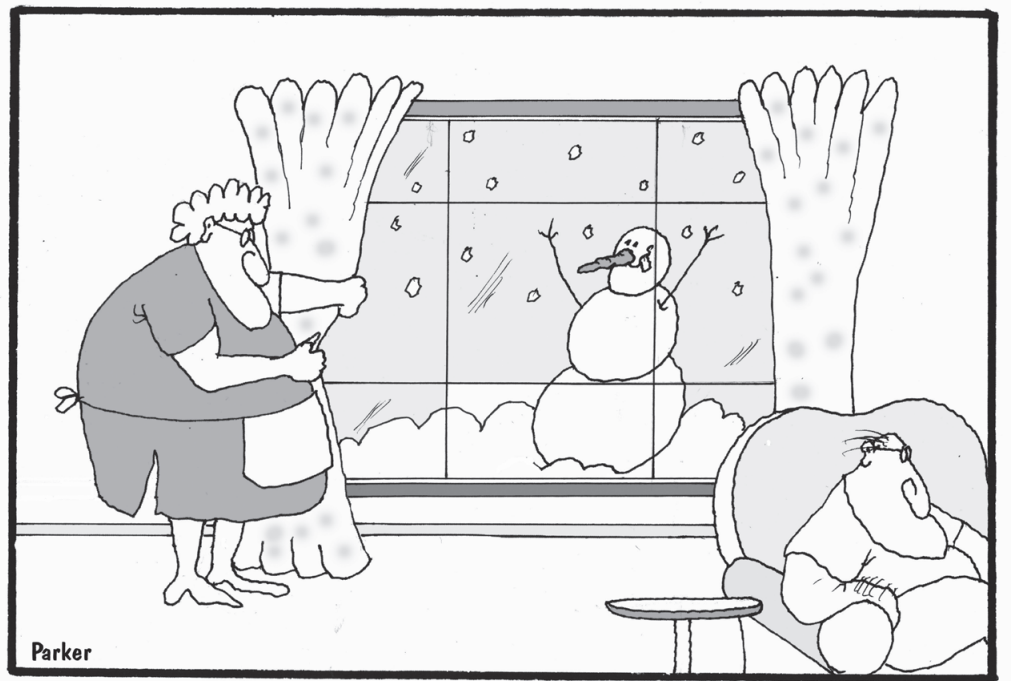
The current snow and deep freeze has in fact been a mini emergency scenario, with many people trapped on their property due to overwhelming snow loads on their driveways. The Emergency Operations Centre was set at Level 1 monitoring for several days, with regular communications bulletins issued by the emergency program, the EOC call centre opened around the clock, the POD system activated and Search and Rescue volunteers tasked to do wellness checks on residents known to be vulnerable.

With weather hopefully warming up soon, memories from December will soon fade. Monday night's meeting at Lions Hall may be the last time we are motivated to get together to talk about the windstorm event and learn from each other through that discussion.

Don't miss the opportunity to say your piece and listen to others as well.

The island's communication abilities should be greatly enhanced during future emergencies when the power goes out, with some 20 people signing up for an amateur radio course that began this past weekend.

But now the general public's chance to weigh in on the windstorm experience has arrived.



Parker

# New water ideas needed

BY PETER VINCENT

Last week's draconian, finger-wagging proclamation by North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustee Chris Dixon in response to this newspaper's kid-gloved reproach in its Feb. 6 editorial is little more than self congratulatory back slapping and school yard bullying.

Once again, the NSSWD has turned down another meritorious water hookup application. We should just sweep this board away and start fresh.

As the Driftwood wrote, the application put forward by the owners of the Creekhous property (to build a suite for an in-house security person) was sound. Many downtown business owners have been the victim of thefts and vandalism (my gym, twice). The downtown core becomes a veritable free-for-all after the sun goes down. A security person in the area would do wonders.

The building owners committed to installing water-saving fixtures throughout the building, which would have resulted in a net savings of water consumption, which would seem like the whole raison d'être for a water board concerned about the diminishing levels of

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water. They can spin it any way they want (and if you read the article, incredibly, they do), but anything resulting in a net reduction is a good thing. Not so, apparently.

Their stance is "no exceptions, no how." How ham fisted is that?! Most civilized government agencies and boards have a mechanism for exceptions — it is called a board of variance. Most civilized agencies have this mechanism to look at cases that may be worthy of exception. The brightest of the bright green, the "Agricultural Land Commission," which is mandated to stop the erosion of farmland by development — even that rabidly "preserve and protect" provincial organization has a board that will look at applications even handedly. They will trade tracts of land for other tracts, if deemed useful.

Not so the NSSWD. If legally possible, they quite proudly drown any and all applications, and have the temerity to tell us all what a wonderful job they are doing by standing firm.

Years have been wasted on feeble fixes such

as installing aerators in St. Mary Lake that are no longer used. The latest of these is the board's misguided moratorium. This last affront to common sense with the Creekhous application being kicked to the curb should be a wake-up call. One would hope that if islanders cry loud enough and long enough, the board may take another look. But that may be asking too much.

In my opinion, it's time to change course. It's time to encourage folks to get off the water grid. Salt Spring is famous for its forward, "out of the box" thinking. The NSSWD might want to consider giving district water users incentives such as low-cost loans or tax relief or outright grants to get off the water grid through installing a water catchment system or drilling a well.

And yet here we are, the tail wagging the dog, listening to the same tired old rhetoric with the same old failed "solutions" from the same old entrenched board.

Time for some fresh blood and new ideas.

*The writer is a Salt Spring property and business owner.*

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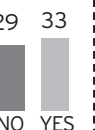
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Do you like the B.C. government's new budget?

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you have winter tires on your vehicle?



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## { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**"Sustainability can't just be for those who can afford it, it has to be for everyone."**

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### SALT SPRING SAYS

**WE ASKED:** *What do you appreciate the most about your family?*

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**BRIAN PYPER**



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#### Clear the village snow

As a regular walker in and around Ganges village, I note what a great job our local merchants have done in dealing with the massive amount of snow that has descended upon us in the last couple of weeks.

It is a shame that school district personnel, which should have the necessary equipment on hand, has failed to clear the very important corner of Rainbow Road and Lower Ganges Road. Had they done so they may have embarrassed their neighbours across the street to do the same.

It would not be a bad idea if the Island Pathways group who, at great expense, have done a magnificent job of building a great pathway system around the downtown core could not invest a couple of thousand dollars on a snow blower that could be put to work on keeping these very

important and heavily used pathways clear and safe for walkers to use.

**NICHOLAS HUNT,**  
CHURCHILL ROAD

#### Promotion is promotion

I found Elizabeth Nolan's "Tourism tax on the way" report in the Jan. 16 Driftwood about the formation of the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership somewhat disturbing, especially as chambers of commerce seem to be included.

The plan was not to increase tourism marketing, according to spokesperson Randy Cunningham. I doubt if the Pender crowd was as happy as he says they were at the Pender meeting. Sounds like smoke and mirrors to me!

To promote tourism in the off season is to promote it in all seasons. They may manage it but will not control it. When will it all stop?

**CHUCK HARRIS,**  
PENDER ISLAND

#### True energy security needed

The situation we are facing with the recent BC Hydro bailout of \$1.1 billion is at first glance rather unfortunate.

The rationale behind the Clean Energy Act created by the Gordon Campbell-led Liberal government was, in my opinion, sound and responsible.

As a province it is essential that we provide clean energy security, so does that mean we should give out fat independent power producer contracts that will shackle the BC Hydro ratepayers with billions of dollars in energy costs? Probably not.

Reactionary measures such as cutting programs that encourage solar installations and energy conservation will prove unfortunate for energy security as we move forward into

an ever-changing meteorological landscape full of unknowns.

According to a BC Hydro climate change impact study: "More than 90 per cent of the electricity in British Columbia comes from falling water." "The amount of available water is directly affected by variations in climate."

BC Hydro's 2012 report called Potential Impacts of Climate Change on BC Hydro's Water Resources also speaks to the decline in water flow necessary to provide adequate electricity during the summer months. Imagine the coming heat waves and a community dependent on air conditioners.

Solar energy and other renewable energy sources will pay dividends when we need them, unlike the run-of-river power generator that creates energy when we are already overflowing in power.

**DION HACKETT,**  
SALT SPRING

## So what about this 'grace' stuff, anyway?

"Which one of you is Grace?" he asked. Stunned by the question, it took several seconds for me to realize that if one of us was Grace, the other might have to be Will. My heart sighed for poor Will who, heaven forbid, must therefore be aging.

My stepdaughter Janice had joined me at a table at the Fulford Christmas Craft Fair where I was flogging my new book, *Aging with Grace: Dispatches from the Front Lines*. Without benefit of foresight, I'd flung myself onto one of the steeper learning curves in my life and was dragging Janice along for the ride.

Many of the grownups attending the fair acted as if the concept of aging was at most irrelevant, or worse, a curse. They'd glance at the title, avert their gaze, and scoot by — as if aging might be catching.

Maybe it's something they've been drinking because we noticed it was taking no time at all for their babies to turn into tiny tots with eyes all aglow, attracted by a caricature of me on the cover, only to become disappointed when they discovered inside was mostly words with only seven cartoons to illustrate them. Out of nowhere, a former tot, suddenly transformed into a budding teenager — "Where did the time go?" his mother must have asked — stepped forward to ask which one of us was Grace.

But he wasn't the only one! The identity of Grace was so frequently inquired about I wondered idly how many people slot the hymn *Amazing Grace* right up there with such bygone hits as *Sweet Caroline*, *Sexy Sadie* and *Mustang Sally*. Awesome!

Stranger still were the negative reac-



**Helen Hinchliff**  
AGING WITH GRACE

tions of some who perhaps understand the concept of grace but reject the idea that it has any place in the lives of older people. One 60ish woman let me have it loud and clear: "I'm not going to age with grace," she proclaimed, "I'm going to fight it every inch of the way." And then she marched away in triumph leaving me to wonder if I'm a voice crying in the wilderness. At least she didn't say, as one 70ish man did, "I'm not going to age with grace; I'm going to be a grumpy old man!"

Just kidding . . . of course.

But the prize for gracelessness went to a 50ish woman who was doing her devotions at the altar of lotions and potions. To fill the time, the man in her life started reading the blurbs on the back cover of my book. Looking up from time to time and noticing her continuing pursuit of youthful perpetuity, he perused the table of contents, and then the introduction. The more he read, the more intrigued he became. Twice, book in hand, he walked across the aisle and tried to get her attention, but she brushed him off. When at last she'd made her precious purchases, he started to tell her he wanted to buy the book.

"Aging?" she exclaimed as she noticed the title. "Are you suggesting I'm aging?" Her voice wrathful, her eyes

vengeful, she stomped off toward the nearest exit, leaving him with no apparent choice but to replace my book on the table and toddle along behind.

A vendor who'd observed this encounter, shook her head, and opined, "If you'd called your book *Reverse Aging*, you'd be selling more copies because nobody wants to get old," she explained.

Well, good luck with that! Human history is studded with seekers of fountains of youth, but sooner or later they all grow old and die. Unless, of course, they die young. Now there's a choice!

What good can we do by proclaiming we're going to fight and be grumpy when, with a modicum of grace, we can accept the fact that we're never going to be a day younger than we are today. Wouldn't it be a good thing to thank God for today and each one that lies ahead, accept them with gratitude, embrace them, and try to make them the happiest, healthiest and fullest possible?

And while we're at it, why not look for the twinkle in one another's eyes and the smiles on each other's faces, adorned with wrinkles though we may be? And, no matter what our age, we all have something to learn from those who are older still.

As the late U.S. President George Herbert Walker Bush said to Sergeant First Class Mike Elliott in 2014, "Just because you're 90 doesn't mean you have to sit in a corner. You can still enjoy yourself." And so, to celebrate his 90th birthday, he went skydiving with Sgt. Elliott, just as he had done on his 75th, 80th and 85th birthdays.

He had grace and so might we.

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# Our better selves can triumph

BY MIKE NICKERSON

Deep in debt, caught in jobs we don't like, many find it hard to imagine finding the time and freedom to create a different society.

A precedent, however, comes from ancient Greece. In the 6th century BC, Greek society was on the verge of disintegration. Solon, an appointed official, decreed that all debts were to be cancelled. The result was that, instead of people working in bondage to creditors, they explored the possibilities of architecture, astronomy, mathematics, literature, philosophy, art and other frontiers of human potential. Some recognize this liberated creativity as the foundation of the Western world.

It can happen again!

Civilizations rise and fall. They rise on unifying visions, sometimes inspired and sometimes imposed. What is consistent is that the population works on various parts of a process that provides food, shelter, artifacts and an organizational structure to make sure that those things continue to be available. Civilizations fall as local resources are exhausted and/or the population grows resentful at growing inequality.

Our civilization emerged from the Middle Ages as tradesmen and artisans engaged in local trade. It has grown for centuries to where vast, powerful global corporations dominate the Earth. With the communication revolution, the winners of the Global Monopoly Game have access to the cheapest labour and lowest environ-

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mental standards. Local enterprise is hard pressed to compete. Enormous volumes of goods, including single-use and short-lived products, require billions of tons of minerals and living things to be taken from the Earth, processed, sold and thrown away.

This established order is losing its appeal. Resentment is growing about the rapid rise of the one per cent while the 99 per cent experience dwindling fortunes and an exponentially expanding system that endangers planetary health. Donald Trump, Doug Ford, Brexit, the Yellow Vests and more signal a longing for change. What do we need to become?

We humans are truly remarkable. We are capable of creating a civilization that serves everyone while preserving the health of our only planet. We have thumbs, memory and compassion; we learn, remember, invent, create and build, individually and in groups. With our knowledge we can make products to be durable rather than to go obsolete.

Our communications technology could encourage people to appreciate familiar and durable goods, rather than to throw things away and buy new. Most promising, our capacities for learning, love and laughter, for friendship, art, music, dance, sport, service and appreciation enable us to provide ourselves with lifetimes of inspiration and true satisfaction, while

minimizing resource exploitation and waste.

Life — our physical bodies and the consciousness that we carry — is composed mostly from gases that float freely in the atmosphere, almost everywhere on Earth. The denser materials needed to thrive can be cycled endlessly in local soils, as they have throughout the ages.

We can build buildings that need almost no energy to heat or cool. Education consists of knowledge and good will, both of which are available in any quantity we wish. Health care, on the preventative level, is also primarily knowledge and good will. We could have a well-fed, comfortably housed, educated, healthy population on a small portion of the natural resources and waste of the present system.

We built the world we have. We can recreate it. Imagine a civilization truly worthy of our better human nature, a world that is fair enough that people will cooperate and enlightened enough to maintain the health of the planet we depend on. As this awareness spreads, we are ready. Each one of us can spend time learning more about the challenge — and acting.

Find a group already engaged, or start something yourself. Help put pieces of the new order in place. This is how civilizations rise.

*The writer is co-founder of the Institute for the Study of Cultural Evolution.*

## Rants + ROSES

### Rants

A quiet time-out in a snowbank for those who do not take the snow off the roof of their vehicle. It's inconsiderate to those behind them and it would be dangerous for them if they had to hit the brakes. Greg Middleton

### Roses

Bunches of icicle roses for my helpful neighbour Dave Carey! Thank you for digging my car out from the snowbank. I was gratefully surprised to tears! Ellen Reid

A well-earned rose of gratitude to Salt Spring paramedic Cody, firefighters Shawn, Campbell and Capt. Dale Lundy, MainRoad and my neighbours who came to my aid in the midst of our snowmageddon after being injured while clearing snow. Without your prompt response in adverse conditions, I'd still be laying on the side of the road and not well on my way to recovery. Ken Jackson

Ice wine to all the wonderful people who rescued our car and us from a snowdrift on Hereford Avenue last Thursday morning. Jill and Michael

I would like to send a bunch of roses to all those brave and hardworking fellows (who risked their lives, I'm sure) to fix all those downed wires and felled trees to get us our electricity back, and those who opened the roads following the December windstorm. Many many thanks to all of you. Rita Aptekmann

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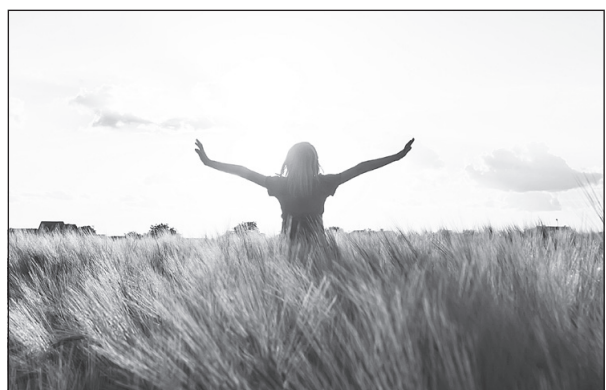
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# Passing the shovel: a new generation of farmers

Two farmers share stories

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Kaleigh Barton wasn't planning on becoming a farmer. The reason she came to Ruckle Farm on Salt Spring from her hometown of Port Alberni was to learn about wool.

"At the time I was taking a degree in textile arts. My big interest was wool and I wanted to know where it came from," she explained. "I'd learned lots about yarn and how to spin it and weave it and do all these kinds of hand skills so I was curious to see how the sheep were raised, how they were shorn and what the wool is like when it's on the sheep."

However, most of the work she did on the farm took place in the vegetable garden.

Now, Barton runs Heavenly Roots Farm with her husband, Ben Corno, working a five-acre property leased to them by the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust, selling their produce at the Tuesday and Saturday Markets in the summer. They are also beginning to sell their produce into local grocery stores. Although neither of them have a family background in farming, the idea of growing organic and sustainable food appealed to them, and set them on an unexpected career path as young farmers.

Barton is not alone in this decision to farm. She is part of a growing movement of young people drawn to the honest work of providing food for people. This young generation of farmers combines the ideas of permaculture, resilience, conservancy and food production

to make a whole new way of feeding ourselves.

"We see different things crumbling around us and we want to prop them back up and create something beautiful . . . Once that's started, [we] realize how healing and grounding it is to be involved in those natural cycles and to be aware of when the rain is coming and be excited about it. Having dirt under the fingernails all the time is a pretty good feeling," said Milo Stuart, another young farmer working on the island.

Stuart grew up in Oakland, Calif. and was introduced to farming in Hawaii when he got a job at a work trade farm.

"I was just completely blown away by that concept. You have a place to stay, and you have to take care of some animals and plant some food. I was like 'OK! Sign me up.' I had no idea that that was even a thing and it completely opened my world," he said.

Stuart farms at multiple locations on the island. He is a full-time farmer for Salt Spring Island Community Services' Harvest program, and has begun a nursery and landscape design company that gives people the chance to learn how to create productive food-generating landscapes. For him, the goal is to create a sustainable food system, through building food forests or incorporating less impactful practices into his farming.

"Right now farming is heavy heavy input. Even organic manual vegetable market gardening is extremely input heavy," he said. "You're having to baby these really spoiled

brats into yielding these vegetables. You can't just go and throw seeds into the ground and watch them grow . . . I'm not saying it's bad, I'm just saying there's definitely a balance to be struck."

While young farmers face multiple hurdles like high land costs, they can also access resources that were not available to previous generations. Social media is a big help for new farmers, both as a marketing tool and a source of inspiration.

"It's super fun for me as a farmer to be able to see what's happening on farms all over the world via Instagram," Stuart said. "There's a camaraderie in it and it is super inspiring to see the movement happening actively."

Barton uses social media more as a way to document the growth of her farm.

"I do a little bit of blogging, especially about seed saving because that's one of my biggest interests," she said.

When she came to Salt Spring, Barton wasn't planning on becoming a farmer. She wasn't planning on the work, on hammering in fence posts around a five-acre plot, on getting her hands dirty, or on having her hopes dashed by a disease or a cold snap.

"When I look at it, I'm most proud of the big things. I see the whole yard that's fenced and I remember pounding all of the posts and that gives me a lot of pride. I never knew how to do that, and I never even thought of how a person would put up a fence. It kind of amazes me that we did that," she said.

"I think I'm a farmer now."



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Milo Stuart digs trenches on land in the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust's Shaw Community Gardens in the Burgoyne Valley.

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## Burrows/Morena Jazz Quartet



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## FILM FESTIVAL

# Human/climate impact explored

Metamorphosis screening and workshop come to 2019 festival

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Most documentary films end leaving the audience on its own to deal with the complex issues raised in the subject matter, but one film coming to the Salt Spring Film Festival will be offering a bit more to viewers.

The film called Metamorphosis was created by Nova Ami and Velcrow Ripper. It deals with climate change and the ways that humanity can transform itself to deal with the crisis. The film looks at the effects of climate change and goes through solutions that people can begin enacting in order to help stave off the biggest effects.

"It looks at how humanity is dealing with change — how we resist change, how we move through change and embrace change," Ami said. "It's a very cinematic film that is kind of like a poem. We explore the themes of the psychological impacts of climate change, and we also incorporate the work of artists with ecological themes."

The experience of Metamorphosis also includes an experiential workshop that helps personalize the climate crisis and explores



PHOTO COURTESY SALT SPRING FILM FESTIVAL

Filmmakers Nova Ami, left, and Velcrow Ripper will be in attendance at the 20th annual Salt Spring Film Festival on March 3, and give a workshop on the psychological effects of dealing with climate change on March 4.

the psychological effects of dealing with climate change.

"For us, the workshop is almost as important as the film itself. It's great to see the film, but the workshop is so rewarding," Ripper said. "We feel that people really need this: to come together and go deeper because we're all confronting this right now."

"A lot of people might come out of the film wanting to do something, to make change and might not be quite sure how to go about doing that, or how to go about sparking change in their communities," Ami added. "It provides a container for people to really

focus on the feelings that they experience during the viewing of the film."

The film follows the path of the monarch butterfly from its birth as a caterpillar to its annual migration from Canada to Mexico. That metamorphic journey is a parallel to humanity's path through the crisis. The film compares our current state to the caterpillar, consuming everything in sight, and says that the way we can survive is through transformation.

"We need to recognize that we're in a climate emergency, and we can't continue business as usual, we actually need to change almost every angle," said

Ripper. "In a shift to a carbon-free future we also need to change the kinds of jobs that are available. Sustainability can't just be for those who can afford it, it has to be for everyone."

The experience of Metamorphosis is not just a gloom and doom tale of climate change. Ripper and Ami wanted to incorporate some of the beauty and love that people have for the Earth as part of their work. The original idea for the film was to have it look like a painting. Using cinematography techniques like drone flying, time-lapse motion control and macro lenses, Ripper and cinematographer Grant Baldwin were able to incorporate art and beauty into the film, creating stunning visuals to go along with the subject matter.

"This could even be a climate change date movie. This is the kind of move that you can go to and take your family, friends or date and not be totally depressed afterwards. You'll be inspired and have a cinematic experience," Ripper said.

Some islanders may know Ripper from his time spent living on Galiano Island.

The film shows at the film festival on March 3 at 12:30 p.m., and the workshop, co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council, will be held at Mahon Hall on the evening of March 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. See the film festival and Salt Spring Arts Council websites for more information.

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## CONCERTS

# Jazz quartet plays All Saints

Afternoon concert set for Wednesday, Feb. 27

Salt Spring Island will have the opportunity to hear an accomplished group of musicians during a special concert by Burrows/Morena Quartet coming to All Saints by the Sea on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

The afternoon show starting at 2 p.m. features the results of a collaboration between Carlo Morena, one of Italy's foremost jazz pianists, and acclaimed Vancouver educator, guitarist and composer Jared Burrows.

Morena has a masters degree in jazz performance and composition and is an accomplished classical pianist. Press material explains he has performed and recorded with musicians such as Dave Liebman, Bob Mintzer, John Abercrombie and Charlie Mariano.

Burrows leads the Jared Burrows Quartet

and Sextet and the Vancouver Improviser's Orchestra. He participates in many other musical projects in jazz, free improvisation and new music as well as in regular collaborations with musicians from India, China and Ghana. He currently teaches at Capilano University.

"Through connections in jazz education, Morena met Burrows three years ago and the two found they share a similar approach to composition and harmony influenced by European composers such as Kenny Wheeler and Enrico Pieranunzi," the press release notes.

The group will present compositions by Burrows and Morena in company with Toronto drummer Joe Sorbara, and Burrows' long-time collaborator, Montana bass player Rob Kohler. Audiences can expect music focused on melody and an intimate, chamber jazz aesthetic.

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VISITING ARTISTS

# Artist in Residence events on tap

Aboriginal beading workshop on Feb. 23

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Arts Council is rounding out its third year hosting the Artist in Residence Program with an exciting list of events where islanders can interact with visiting arts professionals.

The AiR Program provides an opportunity for artists to work in Salt Spring's vibrant arts environment through subsidized studio space and accommodation. Open to all professionals working in the arts, in any genre or medium, the intent is to support time and space for creativity — and to introduce enriching cross-fertilization by having visiting artists involved in public events.

Coming up this weekend, the arts council will host a beading workshop led by First Nations artist Teresa Vander Meer-Chasse. It runs Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mahon Hall and is suitable for ages eight to adult. Participants will learn the fundamental techniques of beading as they create either floral or salmon pattern keychains, while hearing about beading history from the Yukon, Alaska and B.C.

Information from the arts council states Vander Meer-Chasse is a proud member of the White River First Nation who defines herself as a contemporary Upper Tanana visual artist, incorporating her culture in all the work she creates.

Vander Meer-Chasse primarily works with beads, hides, bones, quills, felts and abalone. Currently she is collaborating with Nicole Bauberger on a series of raven-inspired sculptural works using found tire remnants. The collaboration is being funded by Canada Council for the Arts.

People can register for the workshop through the ssartscouncil.com website or contact SSAC program manager Jane MacKenzie at wor@ssartscouncil.com or 250-538-8447.

## March program

Events scheduled next month include studio time and an artist's talk with March's Artist in Residence Audrey Feltham. Two dates planned for an open studio are Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 23, both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 132 Beaver Point Rd.

Feltham is described as a professional printmaker and fibre artist who has been working in the visual art field for over 26



PHOTO COURTESY SS ARTS COUNCIL

Newfoundland-based artist Audrey Feltham, who will host open studio time and give an artist's talk on Salt Spring in March.

years. She was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alta. but has lived in Newfoundland and Labrador for 47 years. She has travelled extensively to do residencies and workshops, and her work is collected in public galleries and museums both nationally and internationally.

Feltham will discuss her work in printmaking and fibre during an artist's talk at Mahon Hall running from 2 to 4 p.m. on

Sunday, March 10.

Those who were disappointed to miss a talk with 2017 SSNAP finalist Noelle Hamlyn due to last week's snowstorms will get another chance on March 24. Hamlyn has a background in craft, textiles, fine art and costuming, and is fascinated with materials and process.

For more information on the Artist in Residence Program and events, visit ssartscouncil.com.

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CONCERTS

# Folk Club presents boogie-woogie piano player

Blue Moon Marquee also on Feb. 25 bill

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Although he's a Maple Blues Award winner, living on Vancouver Island, David Vest is an authentic, Southern-bred boogie-woogie piano player, blues shouter and entertainer.

Born in Huntsville, Ala. in 1943, Vest grew up in Birmingham near Tuxedo Junction. He played his first paying gig in 1957, and by

the time he opened for Roy Orbison on New Year's Day 1962, he was a seasoned veteran of Gulf Coast roadhouses and honky-tonks.

Over the last 60 years he's shared the stage with just about every great blues musician around. And on Monday, Feb. 25, he will bring his boogie woogie piano sound to the Salt Spring Folk Club and Fulford Hall.

Vest and his band will be sharing the bill Monday night with Blue Moon Marquee, a new young and amazing duo who are deep into "gypsy blues."

Two people with the energy and sound of a full band, Blue Moon Marquee are A.W. Cardinal on vocals and guitar and Jasmine Colette (a.k.a. Badlands Jass) on vocals, bass and drums. They write and perform original compositions influenced by anything that swings, jumps or grooves.

Colette provides a big swinging groove while Cardinal burns and hollers with thick and smoky vocals, his guitar crackling with the energy of jazz-tinged blues.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Feb. 20

### ACTIVITIES

**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.

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

**SS Film Fest: The Woman Who Loves Giraffes.** The Woman Who Loves Giraffes is Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, "one of Canada's greatest scientists, man or woman," who was the first scientist in the world to study African animal behaviour in the wild, four years before Dr. Jane Goodall. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

## Thu. Feb. 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Worlds of Puppets.** A collection of original short stories told with the metaphorical grace of puppetry at the hands of Bernd Ogradnik. For ages 14+. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Awakening the Virtues Within.** First of a two-part workshop for parents, caregivers and people who work with children led by Janine Fernandes-Hayden at All Saints By-the-Sea. 7 to 9 p.m. Participants are expected to attend both sessions. Registration required at staroftheseas-si@gmail.com.

## Thu. Feb. 21

### ACTIVITIES

**Open Mic Night at the Legion.** Thursdays at the Legion. 7 p.m.

**Author Event: Rosemary Sullivan & Stalin's Daughter.** Rosemary Sullivan presents her book called Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

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



## Fri. Feb. 22

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Sue's Blue Shoes -Valentine's Dance and Dinner.** Authentic Italian dinner and dancing the night away with Sue's Blue Shoes (Sue Newman and band). The Legion. 5:30 p.m. (Postponed from Feb. 14 due to weather.)

**Blanky.** Local rock/dance band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**StoryTime.** Stories, games and crafts for ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers on Fridays at the Salt Spring Public Library. 11 a.m.

**Family Movie Matinee.** Family-friendly movies at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room at 2:30 p.m. (Every Friday except when school is in session.) Today's movie is Rio 2.

## Fri. Feb. 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Film Screening: Anthropocene – The Human Epoch.** Special Salt Spring Film Festival 20th anniversary screening of Anthropocene, a film by Jennifer Baichwal, Nicholas de Pencier and Edward Burtynsky. Narrated by Alicia Vikander. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.

**Amplify Her: Film Screening & Dance Party with DJ Caçadora.** Screening of locally produced film about women in the electronic music industry, followed by dancing. Mateada Nitro Lounge. 7 p.m.

## Sat. Feb. 23

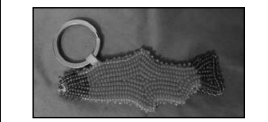
### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tremblers of Sevens and Carolyn Mark.** Tremblers of Sevens are the "world's greatest heavy duo," joined by Queen of Vancouver Island Carolyn Mark. The Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Blanky.** Local rock/dance band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Beaded Keychain Workshop.** Teresa Vander Meer-Chasse leads workshop for ages 8+, including fundamentals of beading and its history in Yukon, Alaska and B.C., plus making of a keychain. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register on ssartscouncil.com website.



## Sat. Feb. 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Dive Into Your Dance: Movement & Inquiry Workshop.** Hosted by conscious dance facilitator Shauna Devlin at Stowel Lake Farm. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Qigong Workshop – Portal to Awareness.** Purna-Ma leads a workshop at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration required at staroftheseas-si@gmail.com.

**The Record Sale & Light Show.** LPs from the collections of David Wisdom and Nigel Harrison, plus the projection of 1,000 album covers and Music for Art Galleries playing of 1,000 recordings. Fault Line Projects. 11 am. to 4 p.m.

**Film Screening: The Gardener.** Salt Spring Garden Club presents a beautiful and stirring 90-minute documentary film called The Gardener at The Fritz Theatre. 2 p.m. All profits benefit The Copper Kettle. (Note date change.)

## Sun. Feb. 24

### ACTIVITIES

**The Record Sale & Light Show.** See Saturday's listing.

**Island Pathways AGM.** Annual general meeting at the library program room. 2 to 4 p.m. Meet the founders of the Salt Spring Bike Club, which is merging with Island Pathways, and find out more about their initiatives and plans.

## Sun. Feb. 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Badminton.** All levels of play. Must have your own racquet and non-marking gym shoes are necessary. GISS gym. Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.



## Mon. Feb. 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Salt Spring Folk Club: David Vest Band & Blue Moon Marquee.** Double bill at SS Folk Club show at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Doors are at 6:15 p.m., or 6 p.m. for season's ticket holders. Dinner, desserts and refreshments available for purchase.

### ACTIVITIES

**SSI Transportation Commission.** Regular monthly meeting. Salt Spring Public Library. 4 to 6 p.m.

**Responding to Emergencies and Organizing in our Neighbourhoods.** Salt Spring Community Alliance and CRD director Gary Holman facilitate meeting with participation by CRD Emergency and Social Services programs, fire district and Search and Rescue personnel, who will answer questions and share valuable tips to help prepare for future events. Lions Hall. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**SSI Fire Protection District.** Board of trustees meeting. Ganges fire hall. 7 p.m.

## Tue. Feb. 26

### ACTIVITIES

**SSI Local Trust Committee.** Regular business meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Harbour House Hotel meeting room. Trustee reports and town hall session starts at 12 noon.

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

## Wed. Feb. 27

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Burrows/Morena Jazz Quartet.** Italian jazz pianist Carlo Morena, guitarist Jared Burrows, drummer Joe Sorbara and bass player Rob Kohler perform. All Saints Church at 2 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Parent-Child Mother Goose Program.** See last Wednesday's listing.

## Wed. Feb. 27

### ACTIVITIES

**Collaboration & Building Community Breakfast.** A networking breakfast featuring non-profit organizations. Salt Spring Public Library. 8:30 to 10 a.m. RSVP with the chamber office 250-537-4223 or email chamber@saltspringchamber.com.

**Salt Spring Garden Club: Vegetable Gardening – Tips & Tricks for Growing Great Grub.** CBC gardener Donna Balzer is the first SS Garden Club presenter of 2019 at Meaden Hall. Parlour show at 6:45 p.m., plant sale and seed exchange, tea, coffee & goodies; business meeting at 7:15 p.m.; speaker starts 8 p.m.

**Joni Mitchell 75th Birthday Concert Film.** The Fritz. 7 p.m.



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### THE FRITZ CINEMA

- **Bumblebee** runs Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 20-21 at 7 p.m.
- **Aquaman** plays on Friday, Feb. 22 through Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday.
- **Joni Mitchell 75th Birthday Concert** - Feb. 27 (at 7 p.m.) and Feb. 28 (at 3 and 7 p.m.)

### EXHIBITIONS

• **Erotica** art show — a multi-artist sensuous art show about love, sexuality, pleasure & the body — runs at **Salt Spring Gallery** until March 12.

### EXHIBITIONS

- **The Record Sale & Lightshow** Projection of 1,000 album covers and Music for Art Galleries playing of 1,000 recordings runs at Fault Line Projects on Sat.-Sun., Feb. 23-24. 11 am. to 4 p.m. Plus LP sale.
- **Margarite Sanchez** shows new work in an exhibit called **From Seed to Canvas** in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through February.
- **Double Vision** presents **Questionable**, an exhibit of contemplative photography by **Karin** and **John Millson** at Fernwood Road Cafe until March 16.
- **Looking Up 5**, a co-show of photography and art by **Bill Underwood** and **Suzanne Prendergast**, hangs in the **ArtSpring** lobby until Feb. 27.

**Anthropocene - The Human Epoch**  
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## SAVING MONEY

# Canadians are divided when it comes to savings

Paying back debt and overextending on expenses are the biggest culprits standing in the way

According to a report released last week by BMO, Canadians are in two camps when it comes to saving. One quarter did not put away any savings in 2018, but 15 per cent saved more than \$10,000. Canadians are optimistic in 2019, with over half indicating that they are planning to save.

The report, conducted by Pollara, revealed:

When it comes to this year's savings plan, half definitely plan to put savings aside (52 per cent), with three in 10 (31 per cent) planning to save up to \$10,000.

One in 10 believe they will not be able to save anything this year (12 per cent), while more than a third are unsure of how much they can save (36 per cent).

However, there are some Canadians that have a good chunk

nestled away, with 29 per cent of those surveyed claiming to have more than \$100,000 saved.

There are some barriers standing in the way of Canadians hitting their savings goals: 67 per cent of Canadians are stretching themselves too thin on expenses to be able to save; nearly half (45 per cent) are playing catch-up and paying down debt; and, for millennial Canadians, 37 per cent of them cite social pressures as a barrier towards being able to save.

According to BMO Economics, Canadian household credit burdens unexpectedly crept higher in the third quarter of 2018, with the key debt-to-disposable income ratio climbing to a near record high of 173.8 per cent. Meanwhile, with interest rates on the rise, credit payments are now starting to take a chunky bite out of paycheques. The household debt service ratio (interest and principal as a share of disposable income) has jumped to 14.5 per cent, with 7.22 per cent of income being put toward interest payments — the most in seven years.

However, debt burdens are

also alleviating, with household credit slowing.

"Household credit is now rising the least in 35 years, and with consumers expected to spend at the slowest rate in a decade in 2019 due to higher interest rates and tougher mortgage rules, the debt ratio should stabilize if not fall modestly," noted Sal Guatieri, senior economist, BMO Capital Markets. "There's no better time to tighten the fiscal purse strings than when interest rates are on the rise."

"The current environment is putting some pressure on Canadians' finances, making it more difficult for them to put a greater emphasis on regular saving," said Carola Corti, managing director, Everyday Banking, BMO Bank of Montreal. "However, it is encouraging to know that Canadians are coming into 2019 with saving top of mind — it's critically important to prioritize putting money aside, even in smaller amounts. One of the best places to start is with a comprehensive plan that takes into account income and expenses, as well as long and short-term goals. Once that plan is in place, it will

be much easier for Canadians to begin building momentum as it relates to household savings."

### Short-term vs. long-term savers

The study also looked at how Canadians want to use their savings. While some Canadians are looking to tap into savings in the coming year, others have a longer-term horizon:

- For Canadians that are looking to dip into savings this year, 47 per cent are looking to use their savings for a trip or vacation, nearly 20 per cent need the money for home renovations, and 15 per cent are saving for seasonal activities like holidays or birthdays.

- For those that are trying to save for the longer-term, 36 per cent have their eyes turned towards retirement although 32 per cent don't think they are saving enough. Another 36 per cent are setting money aside for an emergency fund but, similarly, close to 40 per cent feel it's not sufficient.

- For Canadians that have taken on debt, 17 per cent are focused only on getting back to

the black.

The BMO Savings Survey was conducted by Pollara Strategic Insights via an online survey between Jan. 10 and 14, 2019, with an online sample of 1,000 Canadians. Data has been weighted using the latest Canadian census information to be representative in terms of age, gender and region. The margin of error for a probability sample size of 1,000 is ± 3.1%, 19 times out of 20.

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**THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE** by Michael O'Connor

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About 12 hours after Chiron entered Aries, the Sun entered Pisces on February 18. Although Chiron's orbital cycle is about 50.5 years, due to its highly elliptical orbit, it will be in Aries for over 8 years! Since Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac, when a planet enters it, it represents a new cycle. Chiron is sometimes regarded as an asteroid and other times as a planetoid and is also a Saturn-Uranus object because its perihelion lies in Saturn's zone of control and its aphelion lies in that of Uranus. This lends to Chiron's 'maverick' influence wherever it is placed in one's chart and that point, and any planet closely aligned with it, is regarded as wounded somehow, yet may also host unique healing gifts and orientations. Since Chiron was discovered in 1977, humanity has never consciously experienced it in Aries which has a way of 'igniting' a whole new pioneering venture. Since the Sun was at 29 Aquarius at the time of ingress, this could manifest as healing the 'amnesia' that consciousness precedes matter.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)**  
 Balancing a spectrum of complex urges is a central theme now. On one hand, you seek retreat. On the other hand, you yearn to travel. Meanwhile, you are determined to activate changes linked to finances. Investment is the key word regarding the finances, but since Uranus is involved, you want to work less and be less responsible. Travel to retreat and reflect.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)**  
 Exploring new reaches of your sense of individuality includes forging new alliances. You are in the mood to bring your ideas and visions down to earth. Or, you need new input to bring them to the next level. Either way, this probably requires the support of others. What is likely is that you are keen to explore your options and want several to compare.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**  
 Dreams of security and abundance are dancing in your mind. In some respects, you realize that certain things cannot be changed, for example, the attitudes and choices of others or realities on the larger world stage. But, you can take measures to secure your own foundation. This could well include your income flow. More social access is also featured.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)**  
 Balancing a philosophical perspective with a rebellious urge is your next major challenge. In some respects, you feel done. Done with responsibilities and commitments, done with power plays between people, done with having to assert and prove yourself. These feelings will likely amount to a passing phase, but it may linger for a while.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**  
 If you are wondering what is required of you these days. The answer is simple: more. Yet, you have entered a cauldron of change and, consequently, your energy levels may lower than usual. This cycle will continue for a few weeks anyway. However, changes in your public and professional life meanwhile are pushing you to respond.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)**  
 Your confidence levels are warming like a big pot of water on low heat. Yet, change is also brewing. Also, the Sun, Mercury, and Neptune in Pisces are already and will continue to have a melting effect on your relationships. It may take until mid-April before the fog fully lifts. Take it slow and do what you can to prepare for a bigger push then.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**  
 You are entering a cycle during which time your health may be challenged. You may be that much more susceptible to picking up flu bugs. Synchronicity may also play a role and lead you right into the nest. Yet, with awareness, you can divert your focus and avoid it. Wash your hands and boost your immune system. You have been . . . reminded.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**  
 A creative cycle is underway. You may want to engage it with contemplative moments that allow you to dream more than take action. You are keen to increase your lot, however, and this does require effort. Also, changes are brewing on relationship fronts and these should already be quite evident. As you look to the future, your thoughts are philosophical.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**  
 As is probably true of many others of late, you feel expansive yet also strongly drawn inward. The Pisces effect of the fish swimming in opposite directions comes to mind. Discernment must be engaged whether to and when to swim against the current, pause and hold your position or retreat for a while. The third option is likely, at least what you would choose if you could.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**  
 You may fare better than most during this Pisces season. So strong is it that it will influence Aries time as well. No shadow for the groundhog is one of the signs. Yet, this just might prove to be the rhythm and flow you yearn for at this time. Still, you too must dig a little deeper to access hidden reserves of faith. Doing so could prove productive, even.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**  
 Circumstances are pushing you to focus harder than you would otherwise choose. You yearn to enter new territory and activate a fresh start, especially regarding your social network. You are wise to do so, at least between now and autumn as Jupiter entering Sagittarius may not produce as many opportunities later. Look for the openings.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**  
 You have entered an expansive period. It refers to your career and social status in general. Mercury in your sign is in one of its more challenging signs, yet you may be able to harness its power. Ironically, this may prove especially true when it turns retrograde in a couple of weeks. Make efforts to turn the tide and get a momentum going now, you will need it.

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**STRING THINGS:** Children's storyteller Anne Glover uses string to animate her stories at this year's Family Day event organized by the Salt Spring Arts Council at Mahon Hall on Monday.

## GARDENING

# Balzer visits club

Vegetable growing featured

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club reconvenes this month on Wednesday, Feb. 27 and welcomes CBC gardener Donna Balzer as their first guest speaker of 2019.

A horticulturist, speaker and author, Balzer has a degree in agriculture with a specialty in horticulture. She has a YouTube channel, three seasons as host of the Internationally broadcast Bugs & Blooms on HGTV and appears frequently on CBC radio in Canada. Her book called No Guff Vegetable Gardening is a Canadian bestseller perfect for beginners. Her newest book is The Three Year Gardener's Gratitude Journal.

Balzer brings garden inspiration and practical insider information to get islanders growing better vegetables this season. Attendees will learn the basics of garden design plus growing systems like hügelkultur and fabric pots. Her secret to growing pest-free cauliflower will also be revealed.

The meeting takes place in Meaden Hall starting at 7 p.m. People can come early to allow time for socializing prior to the business meeting and presentation and to check out the library, meet with mentor gardeners and participate in the parlour show.

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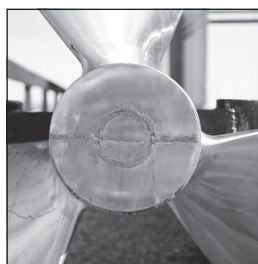
**Dorothy Kyle**

For regular customers at the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary's Thrift Shop, Dorothy Kyle is a well-known friendly face. But some people might not know that Dorothy has also been the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary's board secretary for many years, making her an extra invaluable volunteer on the all-volunteer team that raises funds for and brings comfort to residents of the hospital, Greenwoods and Braehaven.

## What is this? Where is it?



Can you identify what and where this is on Salt Spring? Send your answer to [news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com) or send a note to us on Facebook, 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:** Gaye Gardiner was the first person to recognize the boat propeller installation in the Harbour Authority's Centennial Dock office area. A Facebook post yielded further info: Jim Horel did the welding on the piece. If you have photos you'd like to see in this feature, send them to [news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com).

## ISLAND HISTORY

# Goodall family matriarch given road tribute

Middle name derived from midwife in England

Clarinda Road is a short street off Bridgman Road in the Beaver Point area. According to Jane Goodall, the road is part of a quarter section of land her parents Ray and Constance Goodall bought in about 1958 with their good family friends the Olivers.

Clarinda was Constance's middle name.

"From what she told us, that was the name of the midwife who attended at her birth in England in 1920," said Jane,



**D.W. Salty**  
STREETS OF  
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speaking on behalf of herself and siblings Rob and Anna.

When the Goodalls bought the property, which had some waterfront and a large area of previously logged land that is now reforested, Salt Spring was not a

tourist destination, notes Jane.

"I'm sure our parents had no idea of what it was to become."

Jane and her family lived in the Lower Mainland and came over to their island property whenever holidays would allow.

"This was the first 'home' that our parents actually owned," she said.

When the most recent subdivision of the property was done, Jane said, "The Goodall family was asked to submit three name options for the required road, and Clarinda was one, offered as a tribute to our mother. Someone at [the Ministry of Transportation] made the ultimate decision and Clarinda Road it was."

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## BODY WORK

# Natural energy reclaimed

Purna-Ma leads workshop in qigong at Star of the Sea

Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice is offering a day-long workshop on qigong on Saturday, Feb. 23 in St. Mary's Church in Fulford, which is the centre's home base.

Qigong is an ancient Chinese self-healing art and energy cultivation system that uses a series of gentle, focused exercises for the mind and body. The system combines slow tai-chi-like movements, breath work, static postures, self-massage, visualization and meditation to enhance the flow of qi — vital energy or life energy — throughout the body, increasing overall quality of life and improving flexibility and immune function.

The practise of Qigong

enables the honing of the usually scattered mind into a focused mind, helping to rediscover one's natural energy, harmony and wholeness — qigong as portal to awareness.

The day will be facilitated by Purna-Ma, who is described in press material as a devoted and passionate teacher and practitioner of qigong and tai chi for 26 years.

She has studied with a variety of teachers throughout North America and is a certified tai chi and qigong Instructor from the Institute of Integral Qigong and Tai Chi in Santa Barbara, Calif.; a certified tai chi teacher from the Tai Chi and Meditation Centre in Toronto.



PURNA-MA

"Her work as a former shiatsu therapist and registered massage therapist has honed Purna Ma's ability to communicate the deep and subtle aspects of qigong with enthusiasm, clarity and gentle simplicity," states Star of the Sea Centre.

The workshop will consist of various dynamic and quiescent qigong practices. Participants will learn how to create a daily, personal, simple practice, opening the door to the many benefits of qigong.

The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with registration required at [staroftheseassi@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseassi@gmail.com).

Participants should bring a bag lunch and bottled water, and wear loose, comfortable clothing (layers are best). Footwear can be either thick socks, slippers or indoor athletic type shoes.

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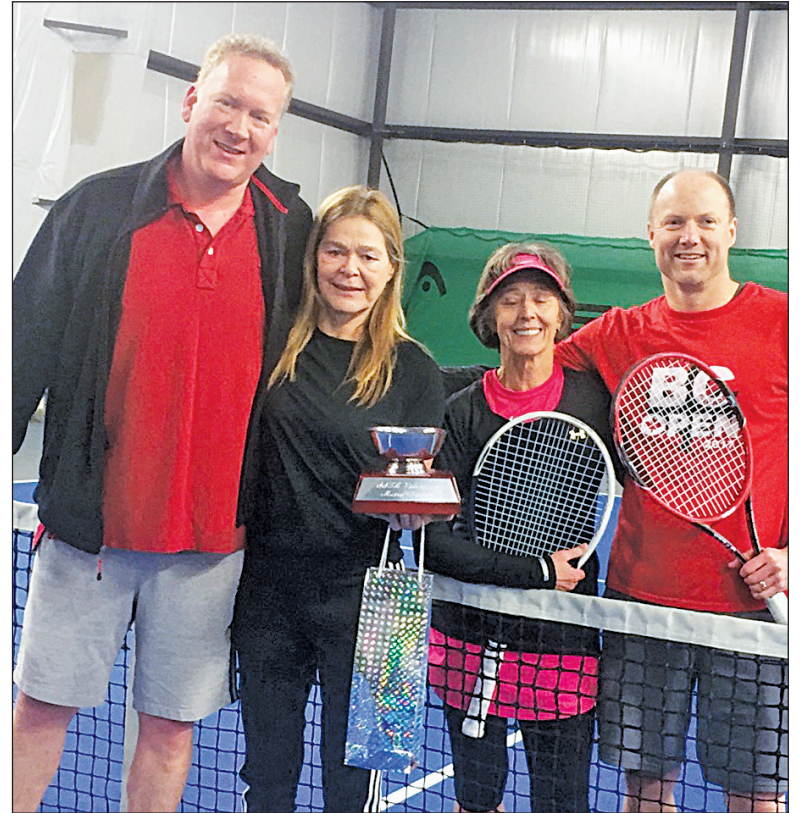


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**TENNIS WITH EXTRA HEART:** Winners of the annual Valentine's mixed doubles round-robin event at the Salt Spring Tennis Centre over the weekend were, from left, Andrew Ross-Collins and Jenny Pickering, who defeated Marianne Banman and Markus Wenzel in the final. Six teams participated in the tournament.



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## BASKETBALL

# GISS boys qualify for islands



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GISS junior boys Scorpions basketball team and coaching staff before heading to island championships in Nanaimo.

Bright future for basketball at GISS, says coach

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The GISS junior boys basketball team's season came to an end last week but not before the team had qualified for the Vancouver Island Basketball Championships.

"The island championship is a fantastic opportunity for our boys to compete against the top teams from Vancouver Island," said coach Kim Chalmers.

Held at Dover Bay Secondary in Nanaimo from Feb. 14-16, the boys lost their two games: to Oak Bay by an 80-36 score on Thursday and to Belmont by a 66-34 score on Friday. Hudson Scheres was GISS' player

of the game in the first match and Reuben Wright had that honour in the second game. Ladysmith was the eventual tourney winner, defeating Dover Bay 57-44 in the final game.

The GISS junior boys had a successful regular season that saw them place second in their mid-Vancouver Island league, losing only two games, both to Brentwood College.

Chalmers said that this year's squad had a nice balance of quickness and size, and also had several strong outside shooters.

She said the boys benefitted from the solid Grade 8 program at Salt Spring Island Middle School and training opportunities this season with the GISS senior boys team.

"There is a bright future ahead for boys basketball at GISS," she said.