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**GANGES**

# Altercation results in charges

Tent site removed from downtown right-of-way

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local man appeared in Duncan court on Monday on charges related to a series of incidents that took place in downtown Ganges over the weekend.

Roger Comeau was charged with criminal harassment and breach of undertaking.

A Salt Spring police report states that RCMP were called to a disturbance on Jackson Avenue involving a male and a female on Saturday, April 13. The man involved was arrested for uttering threats toward the female. He was released a short time later with conditions that he have no contact with the woman.

Police were called to a breach of bail

involving Comeau the following day. Details provided to police dispatch stated the male had returned to the Jackson Avenue site and was throwing debris from the female's pickup truck.

RCMP arrested the male upon arriving at the scene. He was held in custody until his April 15 court appearance.

The area in question has been home to a roadside campsite over the past several weeks. Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Ryan Netzer confirmed that police have been called to the site on a weekly basis for complaints. Netzer was not able to comment on or confirm social media reports that a woman had allegedly driven a truck through the campsite Saturday night, but said there

is an active investigation open that could potentially lead to further charges.

Netzer said the RCMP were not asked by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to enforce any rules against camping on its property.

Information from the transportation ministry is that staff were aware of the campsite but did not believe there to be considerable issues or safety concerns until after the weekend's incidents.

"Should the camper return to this location, ministry staff will work closely with the RCMP and the camper to find a solution."

Comeau's next scheduled court appearance is on May 16.

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

# Galiano health centre upgraded

Project adds space for practitioners and new programs

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents of Galiano Island will soon have a much-upgraded health-care centre, as renovations are underway on all three wings of the existing building.

The approximately \$750,000 upgrade to the facility will give the practitioners more space to operate, as well as expand the emergency room, and bring in a new space for programs like telehealth.

"We need the space and it is really important for us to have an emergency treatment room with outside access," said Galiano Health Care Society president Mike Hoebel, adding that the renovation will "provide more space to do what we need to do and also more efficiently use the space that is here."

The centre's interior will also undergo extensive renovations.

"The building was initially completed about 25 years ago, and it has served us well," Hoebel said. "Basically, what it comes down to is we're adding 1,200 square feet, plus some attic stuff, and almost an equivalent of renovations that will be happening inside the building. It is a very significant project for us."

The building is owned by the society, which provides the space for various healthcare practitioners, including a full-time doctor, a nurse practitioner, home care nurses, an itinerant dentist and dental hygienist, and off-island practitioners who provide weekly blood work or other services. The society also runs a number of outreach programs for the community. Some programs are geared towards seniors and helping them age while in their homes. The society hopes to be able to add new programs that will help people living in the rural area connect with specialists from other parts of the province without having to travel.

"One of the things we're planning to do with this new building is to be equipped to do some telehealth. Some telehealth is done from people's homes, but some of it is providing a kind of private space where people can connect to specialists anywhere online."

Upgrades are being funded through a combination of a Capital Regional Hospital District grant, a fundraising effort by the society and



PHOTOS BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

From top, current front entrance of the Galiano Health Centre on Burrill Road; work now underway that will see 1,200 square feet added to the building.

referendum dollars.

"It functions very well, it is very well supported by the community," Hoebel said. "We had a referendum a few years ago and the community agreed to help fund the operations of the centre through part of their property tax requisition and it passed by 90 per cent. That gives you an idea of how supportive people are."

The project was started last fall with the initial excavations. Hoebel said they hope to finish the exterior work by June and move inside for the renovations. The entire project is expected to be completed by the fall. One potential hurdle to completing the project in a timely manner is the nature of the facility.

"A critical thing with something like a community health centre is that we keep it functional throughout the construction. We always have to have the emergency treatment room available because this is the first stop for people with emergencies," Hoebel explained. "The kind of people who come to avail themselves of services here are often either in a compromised state or are not the happiest folks necessarily. They may be stressed with worries or illnesses and the last thing they need is to be further stressed."

The Galiano Health Care Society's AGM is set for Saturday, April 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Galiano Community Hall.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Housing on alliance agenda

The Community Alliance is hosting a community conversation on the topic of "creative solutions for affordable (and sustainable!) housing" on Monday, April 29.

It will be a chance for people to hear about some of the innovative housing projects already taking shape, and to brainstorm new solutions to the housing crisis on Salt Spring. A talking circle format will allow everyone a chance to be heard, and to learn from each other.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall.

Everyone is welcome and all ideas will be shared with local decision-makers.

## Thursday bird treks begin

Salt Spring's Trail and Nature Club is holding early-morning birding outings in Burgoyne Bay beginning on Thursday, April 25.

The gatherings, led by expert birder Peter McAllister, will run every Thursday into May, with people meeting near the barns in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park at 6 a.m. Parking is on the road nearby.

McAllister will lead the group through the meadows, forests and out onto the shore of the bay.

Everyone is welcome to attend, from the very new birder to the expert with a "life list."

Participants should bring warm clothes and wear boots as the meadows are very wet in the early morning. Binoculars are a must.

If the 6 a.m. departure is missed, the group can be caught up with later.

## Pool open house on April 27

Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre's 11th Birthday Party will take place on Saturday, April 27, not April 23 as mentioned in a story last week about pool maintenance.

A free swim, prize draw, cake and more will be part of the fun.

See next week's Driftwood for more details.

SD64

# School district predicts small surplus

### Controversial 'non-replacement' policy still up in the air

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District is expecting to finish the year with a slight surplus, provided no unforeseen expenses are incurred in the next three months.

"We are at this point looking to retire our deficit, which is mandated by the ministry," said secretary treasurer Jesse Guy during the April 10 board meeting on Galiano Island. "It looks like we will end with a \$28,000 surplus, which is very, very little. It just means that we need to be careful for the next few months."

The district is projecting an operating surplus of \$28,179 for the fiscal year, which brings them in line with the mandate set out by the Ministry of Education to retire a deficit of \$250,498 arising from last year's enrolment audit. The budget of the district is roughly \$22 million for the current year, which means that the amount predicted to be a surplus equals around 0.12 per cent of the budget.

"I think everyone comprehends how close to zero \$28,000 is," said district superintendent Scott Benwell. "It is better than the other side. It is on the right side."

Though the district will not be working to retire a deficit in the next school year, they will be working with limited financial resources in 2019/2020. Through the School Act, school districts cannot carry a deficit unless approved by the Ministry of Education. A funding model review at the provincial level has been pushed back a year, and will not be in place in September. Moving forward, district administrative staff will speak with principals with regards to staffing.

"It does have an impact on our philosophy towards staffing for next year as well, in the sense that we will be working with the principals at the schools to staff very tightly," Benwell said. "That's not where we want to be, but it is where we have to be to address it."

The lack of a new funding model means that the district cannot expect a change for the better for 2019/20.

"We know it's not going to be more open next year. We will not be retiring a deficit anymore, which is really good," Guy said. "We won't be fighting from below zero, but there's not suddenly any money arriving and we're cutting out 200 students. We're losing their expenses, but we're also losing the funding."

The students Guy referred to are those

attending Windsor House School, a "democratic" school based in Vancouver that the district brought on eight years ago. In March the board gave a notice of motion to close the school following a 60-day consultation period. The final vote on the school's future will be on May 13.

One of the major cost-saving measures implemented by the district was a non-replacement policy for the first two days of sick leave for support and assistant staff at district schools and facilities. The measure was only for cases where the health and safety of students was not affected by the absence of the staff member.

Colleen Doty, a parent on Galiano Island, asked the board and staff if the non-replacement policy would still be in place next year. Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Deborah Nostdal also expressed interest in whether the policy would continue. At the time of the meeting, SD64 representatives were unable to give an answer, as it was too early to know what the exact financial situation will be like in the next year.

"I know that there were some commitments that it would be a one-year reality to address this," Benwell replied. "We need to have that conversation, we need to understand our projections with that continued practice and without it. I'm not in a position to give a guarantee one way or the other at this point without further information."

Though it was explained that the policy was to only replace staff when the health and safety of students was not at risk due to the absence, Nostdal was concerned about health and safety concerns that came up after the fact.

"We did have some problems with kids getting sick and desktops not being cleaned," Nostdal said. "I know that at one point Fulford [Elementary School] had a very high absenteeism rate. Some staff members were also sick . . . I know [non-replacement] is effective, but it's a poor way to save money. Our working and learning spaces are not as clean as they need to be."

Over 85 per cent of the district's budget is dedicated to staffing. Benwell explained that in making the budget, particularly in times of financial strain, priorities have to be made.

"It is very difficult to take from the operations side, which is 13 or 14 per cent of our budget, to enhance the 86 or 87 per cent that is staffing," he said. "We can't do it with buses or facilities. So when so much of our budget goes to staffing, to do more in other places impacts staff. It never is palatable. While we get it, we do have to make very difficult decisions."

District staff will be looking into the 2019/2020 budget in the next few months and intend to run numbers with and without the non-replacement policy in place to determine the preferred course of action.



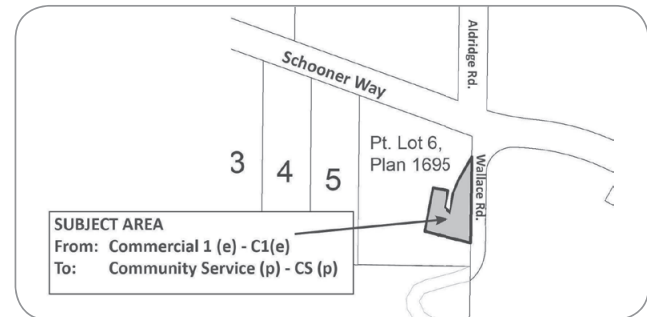
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A copy of the bylaw and other information is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, April 12 to 23, 2019. Or, [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npender/applications](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npender/applications)

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### FIRE DISTRICT

# Board ponders future funding

## New trustees acclaimed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees continues to look ahead at future financial burdens and to explore new ideas to plan for those events.

Discussion at the board's monthly meeting on Monday night concerned whether to allocate amounts equal to asset amortization toward asset replacement. Trustee Howard Holzapfel said having such a policy in place would allow the board to replace assets such as equipment and fire halls with the reserve without having to go to the community instead of a referendum every time.

"If we act in a very reasonable, responsible way, we will pave the way to the future of this fire department," Holzapfel said.

Trustee Howard Baker argued against the idea, pointing out the board has already created capital reserve funds and made transfers to them from year-end surpluses, as well as adding a special requisition to the

current budget. An extra \$287,350 was put into two funds to support equipment replacement and new fire hall planning for 2019.

Other funding needs are also expected to impact the district in the near future. Trustees noted these include a wish to fill the deputy chief position, while contract negotiations with the union will likely mean another upcoming increase to wages and benefits.

The board voted to refer these matters to the finance committee so it can report back on how both those items might be funded. The board also asked the committee for a report on how to finance a 24-hour fire hall.

In other business Monday night, outgoing trustee Howard Baker voiced continuing concerns about how decisions are made and who has authority over certain areas, whether the board or senior staff. His concern was triggered by the fact that district CAO Andrew Peat had authorized a trustee to attend a conference after the board had neglected to make any decision.

Baker put forward a resolution that the board create a policy that clearly

lays out which body is responsible for which decisions, and that the board create a cost benefit analysis to determine whether trustees should attend workshops or conferences on the public dollar. The resolution failed to get a seconder and was therefore defeated.

## Election decided by acclamation

The fire district will save a few thousand dollars it had expected to spend on trustee elections this month. Peat announced Monday night that Wynona Cook, one of three candidates for the two positions coming up on the board, had withdrawn her nomination. That means candidates Andreas Gedeon and Joanne MacDonald will be elected by acclamation and no voting will take place.

Gedeon and MacDonald will take their seats at the table at the end of the district's AGM on Monday, April 29. There will be a short meeting of the board immediately following the AGM, which gets going at the Ganges Fire Hall at 7 p.m.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

# PARC fees and charges policy approved

## Field usage fees now applicable for tournaments

BY MARC KITTINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approved a new policy at their April 15 meeting governing how fees and charges are determined for all Capital Regional District parks and recreation programs on the island.

The new fees will come into effect on Sept. 1, 2019. Market fee changes are for the 2020 market season.

The policy looks at the adult rate as the base rate, and determines rates for other user groups based on a percentage of the base rate. For the pool, youth between the ages of 13 and 18 years will pay 75 per cent of the adult rate, children between 6 and 12 will pay 60 per cent of the adult rate, toddlers will continue to be free and families will pay 200 per cent of the adult rate for a maximum of five people. This formula will be applied across all parks and recreation uses.

Rental and program fees will also have a commercial rate, which will act as the baseline. Adult non-profits will pay 75 per cent of that baseline, and youth non-profits like the swim club will be paying 60 per cent of that rental fee. Program fees are structured so that adult programming will cover all direct and indirect costs, including things like marketing and administration costs. Youth, child and tot programs will be covering only the direct costs of the program.

"The guiding principle of this policy is to conduct an analysis on an annual basis, but not limit it to the market average. We want to look at the market average and to look at what the current fee is and establish our own base rate," said Parks and Recreation manager Dan Ovington during the meeting. "One of the purposes of the fees and charges policy does need to reflect that we ensure access."

Commissioner Darlene Steele inquired during the meeting about the possibility of including a senior's rate. She said that many seniors cannot afford to pay the adult rate, and that other facilities have a senior's admission rate.

"When you read about who is poverty stricken in society, all of the statistics agree that it is seniors who are being squeezed the most and they're getting the least government subsidies in terms of overall government programs," she said during the meeting.

However, Ovington explained that as a trend, recre-

**"If we're going to have it so there's no free lunch, then there shouldn't be a free lunch for anybody."**

DARLEEN STEELE  
PARC commissioner

ation facilities are moving away from offering a senior's rate. It is more likely, he said, that a family will be unable to pay a full rate of admission than a senior. A 2015 study published by the University of British Columbia showed that the federal government spends five times more per retiree than per person under the age of 45.

"What you're seeing with a lot of the new facilities is that they identify families as where they should be applying more subsidies," Ovington said. "Quite often seniors can pay the regular admission. For the ones that can't, that's why we have the assistance programs."

"If we do that... then we're giving a subsidy to somebody who might be a millionaire, whereas when we give that subsidy to a youth, it's quite fair to say that chances are they can use that subsidy," he added.

Also discussed were changes to the fees and charges for using the playing fields for tournaments. Before the changes were approved, the charge for tournament use on fields was zero. However, many other fields in the region charge a nominal fee for their use that helps cover things like maintenance and cleanup after the events. The SEAPARC facility in Sooke charges a fee of \$25 per game at their field, with a \$250 damage deposit. Initially, Ovington suggested charging a \$5 fee for using the fields to allow people the chance to get used to paying for the use, looking to raise it over time to bring it closer to the market average. However, the commissioners inquired about raising it to a higher level, similar to the pool rental fee.

"It doesn't matter what sport you partake in, there are costs involved," Steele said.

The commissioners present all felt a base fee of \$25 per game similar to that of SEAPARC would be acceptable. That fee will not be applied to practices, only to tournaments. It also includes all fields under the purview of PARC, including the tennis courts and other similar fields.

The new fees and charges policy and bylaw also included changes to Saturday market day vendor fees, which include a five per cent increase, with no change to the seasonal vendor fee.

EDUCATION

# Pender scientists sweep at fair



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Taevan Lopatecki with her science presentation at Pender school last month. Lopatecki was a winner of the Ocean Networks Award, the Victoria Natural History Award and second-place winner in the senior division at the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair in Victoria.

## School students take home 20 awards from Victoria event

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pender Island science students took the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair in Victoria by storm, bringing home 20 different awards, including first place in each age category.

"We kind of cleaned up," said Pender science teacher Steve Dunsmuir. "It was shocking to the private schools."

The fair was held at the University of Victoria on April 7 and 8. Fifteen young scientists from Pender took part in the event, and around 50 people from the island went to Victoria to see the awards and competition.

"Every time a Pender student won there was a very, very loud reaction. I actually heard a couple of parents later say 'We should move to Pender Island, it must be a good school!' So that was good to hear."

Though it may seem like something is in the water on Pender that creates skilled scientists, Dunsmuir said their success is more due to the fact that the community has been interested and involved in the science fair since the beginning.

"The fair kind of drives everything. It gives the kids the chance to share their work instead of just handing everything in," he said. "Years ago, almost every school would do a science fair and then there would be a district science fair, which would then lead to the regionals. It has kind of fallen out of favour in the last 20 years . . . Not a lot of schools do science fairs anymore. I think that's why [we are] showing up on the radar a lot more."

RCMP

## Driver nets charges

Salt Spring RCMP were involved in locating a local male who had a warrant for his arrest from a neighbouring police agency during an incident earlier this month.

A police report states that on April 4, RCMP observed the male driving a vehicle while he was under a prohibition. Police attempted an arrest and the man fled on foot. Once located, the male was arrested for the outstanding warrant, driving while prohibited, uttering threats and obstruction. The man is to appear in court at a later date.

The general placement awards were split into four groups: elementary, intermediate, junior and senior. Maraika McConchie took first place in the elementary division, Meredith Boyd for intermediate, Lauren Ohnona in junior and Quynn Stafford in the senior category. Matt Ohnona received an honourable mention for the intermediate category, and Taevan Lopatecki placed second in the senior division. Students also received 11 other awards either for particular attention to a certain field or through sponsorships.

"Then some people won natural history awards, some won a number of sponsorship awards where the sponsors would give away things like family memberships to the maritime museum, or a year's membership to the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's Dominion Astrophysical Observatory and those kinds of things," Dunsmuir said. "It was quite a wide range."

Students were also able to make connections with people working in the various sciences. Lauren Ohnona, who advanced to the national competition last year in Ottawa, has been fielding requests from different groups asking about her research. Another student will be visiting the Friday Harbor Ocean Institute for a tour and has been in contact with a PhD candidate at the University of Washington about his research.

This year, no Pender students will be going to nationals. However, that has come as a relief to some of them, especially those who will be helping organize the Salish Sea Summit coming up in May.

"That's a huge piece of work, so there's a bit of relief from some of the students who have been through so much. We also did that California trip last month to the Global Youth Summit. They're kind of worn out," Dunsmuir said.

Dunsmuir used the regional fair as an opportunity to invite students to the summit, particularly those with projects researching the ocean. Dunsmuir hopes to have at least a representative team from each Gulf Island at the weekend event held at the Hope Bay Bible Camp. Students will get the chance to learn about science activism and how to promote their research to the general public.

"It's about activism and getting the message out in different ways," he said. "We don't want to burden them with all of the problems. We want them to feel like there's hope and that they can be part of that."

The summit will be open to students from Grade 4 and up. Invitations will be sent out to prospective schools in the next week, along with registration packages.

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### EDITORIAL

# Give a little bit

Last week was National Volunteer Week in Canada, and a time to give appreciation to everyone who volunteers in their community.

Volunteers are absolutely essential to the functioning of Salt Spring Island, with registered charities, schools, government agencies and all kinds of not-for-profit bodies relying on them in large measure.

While having enough people to service particular programs or groups has always been an ongoing challenge, some recent indications are that it's becoming harder than ever to gather the human resources required to make living on Salt Spring as fulfilling as it can be.

For example, an Earth Day celebration that has taken place in Centennial Park for the past several years will not occur this year due to a lack of volunteers.

The library has also had difficulty filling its huge volunteer roster, which has led to the hiring of another half-time staff person from its own requisitioned funds. (The library has never received all of the money taxpayers authorized in the 2009 referendum.) Reducing library hours would naturally lower the quality of life for many on the island, since the facility is such a well-used and beloved community hub.

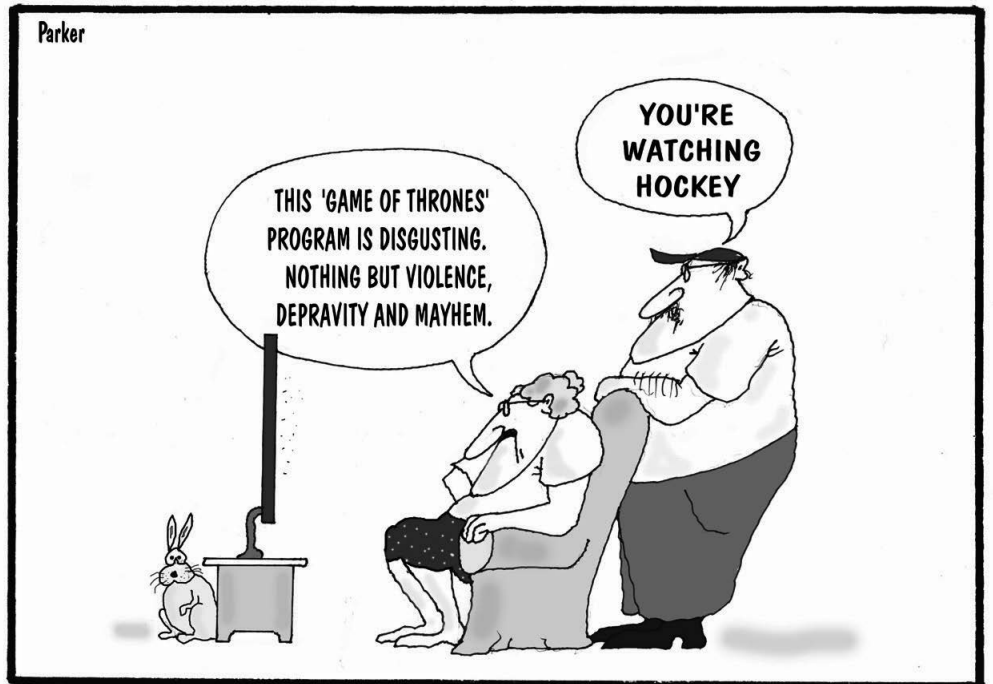
Salt Spring Seniors Services Society, which operates a number of programs based from its Lower Ganges Road centre, has put out a serious call for board members to step up in time for its AGM next Wednesday, and to provide other programming.

Sadly, Salt Spring was also unable to maintain its Volunteer Salt Spring website service and support group that evolved from it, so the island no longer has a one-stop shop for people to investigate volunteer opportunities. One option for getting a sense of all the groups that use volunteers, though, is in the Parks and Recreation Guide published last week.

With many newcomers to the island in recent years due to active property sales, a pool of potential new volunteers should be out there waiting for a chance to share their time and talents.

Volunteering is a signature part of island life. We encourage everyone to make some time for it in their schedule, even if it's just a small commitment.

Thank you to all islanders who have volunteered in the past year. You have indeed made a difference.



# Earth Day event has merit

BY ALEX LYONS AND ELIZABETH FITZZALAND

For the past several years, we have been part of a small, dedicated group of community members who organized an annual celebration in Centennial Park for Earth Day. Those who came out to enjoy this event will attest that it was a truly inclusive and joyous gathering, made possible by locals coming together to share their talents and resources.

There is a lot to be proud of. We are proud that elders from the Tsawout and Penelakut Nations came to the park to participate. We are proud to have created the Earth Hero Awards, in collaboration with Transition Salt Spring, to acknowledge more than a dozen locals who go above and beyond to create a better world. We are proud of all the performers and people who shared their talents, ideas, skills and visions. We are proud of all the kids, adults and seniors who spent the day mingling together.

It has been an honour to work alongside fellow organizers Nomi Lyons, Eric Gordon and Dennis Lucarelli to see the events come to life and to witness the community show up in unique and colourful ways as only Salt Springers can.

Sadly, this year we had to

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cancel the event as it was too much work for our small group to do alone. We have jobs, young families, businesses to run and other volunteer commitments. Our group has shrunk — not grown — over the years, despite many public requests for help. The CRD used to set up their big tent for us but is no longer doing so.

**We think there is a lot of merit and benefit to activating our central public space with free celebrations that bring locals of all ages together.**

Our event date is three weeks after the cut-off for the new Salt Spring Foundation Neighbourhood Small Grants program that was designed to fund events just like this one.

Each year we volunteer hundreds of hours and

donate our own funds to make this event happen. Other local businesses have also generously donated, but even those contributions require volunteer time to attract and acknowledge.

We hope that the Earth Day Celebration in the Park is revived in 2020, and we encourage you to get involved. We also encourage the CRD, Chamber of Commerce and Salt Spring Foundation to work together to find ways to support this event and other local events like it. Coordination assistance and a commitment to help with the event infrastructure would make an annual celebration like this more sustainable. We think there is a lot of merit and benefit to activating our central public space with free celebrations that bring locals of all ages together.

In the meantime, please consider participating in one of the many other Earth Day activities planned for this year, including a school garden work bee at Salt Spring Elementary and clean-up initiatives all over the island. These are great ways to come together as a community and make some positive change.

*The writers were among core Earth Day celebration organizers.*

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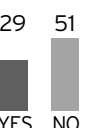
### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Do you have time for volunteering in your life?

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Does Salt Spring need a year-round homeless shelter?



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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**"We want them to feel like there's hope and that they can be part of that."**

PENDER SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER STEVE DUNSMUIR

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**WE ASKED:** *What should we work on to improve things for the world as Earth Day approaches?*

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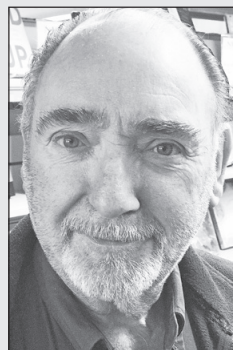
Growing organic food, riding bikes and walking.

### KAREN HUDSON



My personal goal is to buy an electric car this year.

### ALISTAIR SIM



I'm going to read this book - Technology and the End of the Future.

### TARYN MULDOON



I think we need to start listening to the example of Greta Thunberg and take more of a stance.

### KATHLEEN MASER



Maintaining our forests is utmost — it's what we must do.

## LETTERS to the editor

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

### Caveat emptor in the Gulf Islands

Oh, the beautiful Gulf Islands: the ocean, the funky cafes, the bucolic farms, the forests, the peace.

You are seduced and you buy your retreat on Salt Spring Island, surrounded by trees and serenity. Then one morning you are jolted awake by the whine of chain saws and the heavy thump of trees coming down. In that wooded lot next door someone is cutting down trees. For weeks, heavy equipment owned by a commercial logging company starts up at 7 a.m. daily, the logs are piled and huge logging trucks appear and load the wood. They drive through your local village and along the rural roads to the ferry, to be sold off-island. An excavator smashes down the smaller trees, uproots the stumps, stacks the branches into big piles.

Then the burning starts. Smoke fills the air 24 hours a day and fires are left burning unattended. Your peace has

evaporated and your property devalued. And guess what? According to the Islands Trust, this is a legal activity.

On Salt Spring Island, under the Islands Trust, whose mandate is to preserve and protect, clear-cutting of a rural residential property from border to border by a commercial logging company is allowed. Your real estate agent doesn't tell you this when you are looking for property. In fact some realtors advertise properties for their timber potential. This is business as usual in our endangered coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem in a region that has just declared a climate emergency. So, if you are thinking of buying here, remember, "Buyer beware."

**SUSAN HANNON,**  
SALT SPRING

### Plastic debris

Your recent and very timely editorial, "Spring Cleaning," reminded me of the annual beach cleanup conducted by volunteer residents of nearby Denman Island. Every year, Denman Islanders collect four to five tons of debris from their beaches.

I was astonished to learn that

90 per cent of the beach debris they collect consists of plastic equipment from the shellfish growing industry. This debris is concentrated on the western shore of Denman, which faces Baynes Sound, where shellfish aquaculture operations are at their most intense in the region.

Though the shellfish industry is a multi-million-dollar economic sector on the B.C. coast, this industry has not yet found a way to consistently manage its plastic equipment and gear.

As your editorial points out, plastic debris contaminates and degrades our shoreline habitats.

**KEN LEE,**  
VESUVIUS BAY

### Wrong direction

The Islands Trust recently determined that agriculture in watersheds is a threat to the water system by acting against the unanimous objection of their own Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Alliance and feedback received in public meetings.

A ban on agriculture (which includes gardens and orchards)

within 15 metres of any body of water (including ponds, wetlands, seasonal creeks, etc.) in the Rural Watershed zones is, for anyone who studies permaculture, the exact opposite of what you should do. We want to catch water anywhere and everywhere, store it, flow it through our gardens, and move it as little distance as possible.

This discourages people from digging new ponds, and to instead rely on our precious groundwater. It discourages small farms from growing food. If the fear is around pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, then ban that. Maybe ban livestock from this zone, but banning growing food from near our natural water sources is a step backwards.

My question is, which group is yielding power and influence over the Islands Trust when it comes to agriculture?

Don't worry, I can still plant grass and fertilize it, and I can use Roundup in my pond to kill that pesky pond weed.

**GREG CLAYTON,**  
ALOHA AINA FARM

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## Pokes, prods, palpations, scrapes and squishes

"By the time they diagnosed me, it was already stage 4!"

We were lingering over lunch last September while Jon was telling me his chilling story. "And you know what gets me?" he asked as his steel blue eyes moistened. "It was preventable. If only I'd insisted they test me properly, they might have caught it in time. I hope you'll write about it in your column."

That was last September. I agreed, of course, and took copious notes on the back of an envelope. I've known Jon and Susan for 25 years, so as soon as they drove back to Oregon, I jotted down four words: "Not for Men Only!" because prostate cancer is important to women, too. Susan will lose Jon sooner rather than later.

But then I bumbled off in a dozen other directions. Was it because I wanted to avoid studying up on things beyond my ken, such as prostate specific antigen (PSA) screenings and digital rectal exams? And where, exactly, is the prostate gland? Somewhere down by the urethra, I'm told, but do I really want to know?

Then in the depths of February, Canada Post delivered a letter from a neighbour. Posted by mail from a few blocks away, such a missive screamed for attention. "I'm writing this in the hope it will help many people, especially older women," she began. "I'm writing about breast cancer. I had a mammogram last May and they gave me the 'all clear.' Then, in November, I found two lumps, one was three centimetres and the other was five. I guessed it must be an aggressive form of cancer and I addressed it immediately. . . . They've given me a 95 per cent chance of recovery, but I watched a friend die of cervical cancer over a peri-



**Helen Hinchliff**  
AGING WITH GRACE

od of 11 months. I believe it could have been prevented if she had insisted on a thorough physical examination. This issue needs to be addressed. Please write about it in your column."

Two sides of the same coin: a 70-something man and a 70-something woman both pleading for the early physical cancer screenings their younger sisters and brothers would receive as a matter of course. In plain language, they advise digital rectal exams, pap smears of the cervix, and thorough palpation of the breasts for those over 70.

Jon was 74 when he received his stage 4 diagnosis. "Their Standard of Practice says stop checking at age 70," he said. "But that's probably when my PSA was starting an upward trend. When my prostate had expanded to the point where it was becoming very difficult to urinate, they caught my cancer, but by then it was too late."

Contrast that with the experience of his same-aged friend 10 years earlier. "We had almost exactly the same PSA history, but Doug was in his early 60s when his scores started trending up. His doc dug further, they caught it early, treated it, and he's been cancer-free ever since."

My neighbour had a similar complaint. "Many doctors say it isn't necessary to

screen for breast or cervical cancer after age 70, but I was 76 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer and my friend was in her 70s when she developed cervical cancer."

Why do these tests cease being routine when we hit our 70s? Are we, at our exalted ages, now considered immune from cancer, or is a blanket judgment being made based on outdated notions of life expectancy?

It must have been nine years since I had my last pap smear. The way I understood it, the chance of cervical cancer is markedly reduced after age 70. Similarly, when I achieved the august age of 75 several years ago, the BC Mammography program wrote to suggest I might no longer need mammography. To their credit, they advised I discuss it with my doctor.

But I didn't. Having one's breasts flattened into pancakes is no picnic and the scrape involved in a pap smear probably ranks down there with the poking and prodding men endure in a digital rectal exam. So, I declared hooray and hallelujah; I'm done with scraping and squishing.

But Jon and my neighbour are telling me that untested wandering through the last decades of my life might be a mistake. It turns out about 20 per cent of new breast and cervical cancer diagnoses are in women over 70. According to Dr. Hal Burstein, senior physician and breast cancer specialist at Harvard-affiliated Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, "[Older] women . . . do very well when treated for breast cancer, [so] if you're in great health and may have 25 or 30 years ahead of you, you may want to get a mammogram."

Palpations couldn't hurt either.

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## Partial changing of the guard

I am heartened by the nominations of candidates for the board of trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Improvement District. One of the major criticisms of this form of governance is that usually not enough electors are willing to become trustees.

Congratulations to these obviously well-qualified electors. They can only add to the needed youth and gender balance

of this board.

The current board, I would opine, has never regained the vigour and vigilance of the previous board chaired by Linda Lee. Quite the contrary! We have been complacent and willing to move at a glacial pace, if that. Our current chair has lent his substantial gravitas to achieve in the community a feeling that things are going well with the board. It's hard to disagree when someone says, "Good job, Howard."

The current board is composed of a perennial majority led by one trustee with three others voting in virtual lock-step. One could examine the minutes of meetings to verify that. Oh wait . . .

the minutes only state whether the motion prevailed and who among the dissenters wants their vote recorded. What one could determine then is that only two trustees occasionally dissent; one trustee, while refusing to resign, is almost completely in absentia; and three or four trustees prevail. This record presumes both a lack of independent thinking and action by the complete board and also that the writer is among the occasional dissenters. I admit it.

That leaves us with the hope that this new infusion of youth and diversity will take us, if not in a new direction, into action with a discernible velocity and perhaps even the establishment of

measurable objectives and performance reviews.

The seven members of this board determine the outcome of \$3.1 million of the \$14 million spent for governance services on this island. That's the approximately \$600 that appears on our property tax billing for the average residential parcel for SSIFPD.

**HOWARD BAKER,**  
RETIRING SSIFPD TRUSTEE

*Editor's note: One candidate withdrew on Monday afternoon, so the election has been decided by acclamation.*

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**SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING FOR TRUSTEES**

**ELECTION BY VOTING**

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## Food for thought in search for year-round homeless shelter

BY KEITH BALLANTYNE

This is a response to the campaign group attempting to collect pledges of \$1,000 or more in pursuing funds to purchase the \$800,000 Industrial 1 property at 251 Fulford-Ganges Rd. for a year-round shelter for the homeless ("Year-round shelter plan launched," April 10 Driftwood).

This group's plan neglects to mention the many costs of services in addition to accommodation that would need to be provided and are in many community headlines today, as homelessness is never solved by mere sheltering.

It would seem that the United Church has spawned its own problems to such an extent that parishioners must feel like the biblical Apocalypse has arrived and are now trying to move their Hereford Avenue church meadow problems elsewhere. The Anglican church soup and sandwich kitchen has not worked out. Food draws the homeless in but does not solve their problems. In fact, there is no simple solution, as the more that is provided, the more issues are drawn in.

Today, "homelessness" has become a major poverty industry employing many. Go online and check out the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society yearly statements of budget, salaries, disbursements and such for services provided. Community Services is now beginning to operate budgets that compete in size with the fire department.

The zeal of the proponents of the proposal is to be admired, but it is very misguided as they have massively underestimated the size of the problem and surrounding issues. At 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd., Community Services is likewise dealing with

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the problems of housing people in the winter-only overnight shelter in a standard non-purpose building, as the moisture emitted overnight has brought on mould problems to such an extent that funding is being pursued for a new purpose-built dormitory on the same site for an increased number of beds to replace the existing building. Does this also mean there is an option open for year-round services there?

The Viewpoint of April 3 by Revs. Chris Levan, Chas Belknap and Gyllian Davies indicates a simplified view that the problems can be overcome by a purchase of 251 Fulford-Ganges Rd. and that the property "can be renovated for its new use." The building is small and unsuitable to accommodate the services contemplated, and will require a major gut and rebuild, with an add-on extension that will have to meet all building codes, including that of services, heating, ventilation and in-house security. Rule of thumb, costs of maintenance, utilities, supervision, disbursements and taxes will equate to and match the initial purchase and renovation costs within 12 to 15 years or so. Is public funding contemplated to match these operating costs?

One other recommendation needs to be made to any would-be purchaser of 251 Fulford-Ganges Rd. is that the sale be dependent on environmental soil testing; remediation would be extremely expensive if found to be an issue.

There has been a great emphasis by the Islands Trust on locating industrial sites, which are scarce on Salt Spring. The

property at 251 Fulford-Ganges is one with a light industrial designation of long standing, in the middle of a zoned residential neighbourhood and any use is required to meet the conditions as laid down in Salt Spring Land Use Bylaw 355 without any deviation: Will the Islands Trust maintain that objective or go with the wind, the easier road?

Any responsible government agency and parties wishing to provide shelter in what are known as "navigation centres" in some locales should be committed to a geographic distribution and avoid the convergence that is now occurring, placing their intended facility within a stone's throw of Community Services.

**Food draws the homeless in but does not solve their problems.**

Another statistic that applies comes from a Vancouver study that concluded property crime rates increased by 56 per cent within 110 yards / 100.57 meters of winter-only shelters. The same study also found crime started dissipating beyond one quarter mile from a shelter. Current reports from Nanaimo confirm these statistical trends.

This whole affair requires much more serious consideration by all parties who will eventually become involved, which includes the Islands Trust with their stated community objectives and responsibilities to the community.

*The writer is a Ganges resident.*

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## Levy expiration not violated

The contention in last week's Driftwood editorial that the CRD requisition increase was higher than presented is arithmetically and logically challenged.

The CRD requisition in 2018 was \$6.323 million and in 2019, \$6.446 million. You do the math. The voter-approved Transportation Commission requisition of \$250,000 that expired this year was counted exactly the same way as it was in 2015, when this levy came into effect. It was also counted the same way by the former CRD director in the Driftwood article of Sept. 19, 2018 on the CRD provisional budget, in which he characterized the increase as a "very soft landing for taxpayers," with no indignant editorial outcry.

The Driftwood's suggestion that the expiry of the transportation levy was somehow violated is nonsense. The requisition in this service was reduced to reflect this legal requirement. Yes, there were tax increases in other CRD services, each with their own rationale, which the former director and I supported. And yes, despite conventional wisdom, budget choices for Salt Spring are effectively made by the elected CRD director.

The Driftwood's accusation that the CRD budget presentation has disrespected voters is particularly disappointing given the commitment I've made to more transparent budget reporting. The expiry of the transportation requisition was stated clearly in my public budget presentation on Jan. 22 of this year — attended by Driftwood staff and the first such presentation in 10 years — and in my detailed budget report in the March 27 Driftwood.

I will continue to hold public budget meetings. As always, if you have any specific questions on the CRD budget or other CRD issue, you can reach me at directorssi@crd.bc.ca.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
CRD DIRECTOR

*Editor's note: We stand by the point of the editorial, which was that taxing bodies should not assume they have public approval to maintain a certain level of taxing and spending once a period of borrowing authority has expired. Mr. Holman clearly disagrees.*

## Dream won't die

I write to correct what appears to be a misquote by Ron Cooke in last week's "Housing Solutions" article. Using quotation marks, he cites "evil" developers in reference to my March 27 article.

For the record, I did not use the word "evil." That is his descriptor. Developers are neither good nor evil; they simply take advantage of opportunities that arise.

Mr. Cooke encourages more education on the housing issue. I have done some research, and believe that, unless the Trust can enforce existing rules — including housing agreements and restrictions on vacation rentals — creating more densities is not going to solve the problem. Guidelines, however stringent, are meaningless if they cannot or will not be enforced.

Mr. Cooke echoes Mr. Heitzmann's "sustainable housing" rhetoric. But the fact remains that every new dwelling invariably brings more people, cars, pollution, waste, tree cutting and pressure

on services. Regardless of lifestyle, modern humans are not very environmentally friendly.

He criticizes "the unrealistic drawbridge mentality of the comfortable minority." This effectively portrays dissenters as selfish and self-serving. By ascribing base motives to those who disagree with him, he demeans the discussion. However, his perspective does raise an interesting question: Is there any protected area in the world that has survived without some form of drawbridge policy?

Despite my protestations, I am not blindly uncompromising. I realize there is a housing shortage and commend those who are working to address it. My scribbles should be regarded as a counterweight to anthropocentric thinking and a reminder of the unique and beautiful essence that defines the Gulf Islands. Call it a dream that just won't die.

**FRANTS ATTORP,**  
SALT SPRING

## Elitist enclave

Thank you, Ron Cooke, for your very thoughtful piece in last week's Viewpoint section ("Don't stand in the way of housing solutions") in response to Frants Attorp's March 27 piece.

I had to go back and reread the story that started this whole ball rolling, which was Rhonan Heitzmann's March 13 article on housing and water. I don't fully understand what Mr. Attorp finds so "disturbing" about Heitzmann's piece. Actually I'm disturbed that he finds it so disturbing. Has he forgotten that this island was carved up into densities long before he even moved here? People who own property have a right to build, provided correct zoning is followed.

In the North Salt Spring Waterworks District area, a water hookup is the hangup. Rhonan Heitzmann is providing some refreshing and much-needed 21st-century solutions to our critical lack of decent accommodation.

I'd like to remind Mr. Attorp that his own property was at one time forest which was cut up and cleared to eventually provide him with his very own piece of paradise. Congratulations.

A client of mine joked with me once that the difference between an environmentalist and a developer is the environmentalist already has their cottage in the woods. The tone I'm hearing from Attorp is that no one else deserves to have what he has, and if he sees affordable housing and apartment projects as a Trojan Horse for insatiable, unscrupulous land developers, the only horse I'm seeing is the high one he rode in on with his Viewpoint piece a few weeks ago.

Does Mr. Attorp buy gas here, groceries, shop at the hardware store, visit his doctor or ever enter the hospital? Those employees and professionals are stressed to the point of having to live elsewhere. Some people are living in their cars, having been evicted by overzealous bylaw enforcement officers because their suites were deemed "illegal," thanks to the snitch system we have in place where a neighbour can rat another neighbour out . . . heaven knows why. For the life of me, I just cannot relate to the coldness some people hold in their hearts. Perhaps Mr. Attorp could alleviate some of the misery out there by calling on our local trust committee to institute a moratorium on evictions.

If Salt Spring is going to survive as an actual community instead of becoming an elitist enclave, then creative ideas from residents like Ron Cooke and Rhonan Heitzman need to be allowed to gain traction.

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Here are some of the special events taking place during Salt Spring Blooms in April. For more details, see the Driftwood's Calendar of Events at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com)



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

**7 pm:** National Poetry Month Earth Songs at the library.  
**7:30 pm:** GISPA Presents One By One: A Crucible Story. ArtSpring.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

**7:30 pm:** GISPA Presents One By One: A Crucible Story. ArtSpring.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19

**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show - Homage. Mahon Hall.  
**10 am - 5 pm:** StoryWalk: The Odd Egg. SS Library + Mouat Park.  
**5 to 8 pm:** Opening reception for Symbolically 8 Exhibition at Gallery 8.  
**6 - 9 pm:** Easter Art Show Opening Reception. Mahon Hall.  
**7:30 pm:** GISPA Presents One By One: A Crucible Story. ArtSpring.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**9 am - 4 pm:** Saturday Market in the Park.  
**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show - Homage. Mahon Hall.  
**10 am - 6 pm:** Celebrate the Arts! ArtSpring.  
**2 - 5 pm:** Demo-Observation - Painting with Josephine Fletcher. Mahon Hall.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**10 am - 4 pm:** Salty Flea. Fulford Hall.  
**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show. Mahon Hall.

## MONDAY, APRIL 22

**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show - Homage. Mahon Hall.  
**10 am - 2 pm:** Earth Day Ganges Clean-up. Meet at Ganges Fire Hall.  
**7 pm:** SS Folk Club's Gumboot Gala. Fulford Hall.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show. Mahon Hall.  
**12 - 1 pm:** Gillian McConnell Art Talk. Mahon Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

**9:30 am - 12:30 pm:** Life Drawing with SS Painters Guild. Mahon Hall.  
**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show. Mahon Hall.  
**7 pm:** Eve Lazarus Book Reading. SS Public Library.  
**7 pm:** A Tribute to Birds in Word & Song. Mahon Hall.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show - Homage. Mahon Hall.  
**12 - 1 pm:** Artist Talk with Bob Leatherbarrow. Mahon Hall.  
**7 pm:** Lo Camps: Going Wild: Rafting Yukon Rivers and Trekking Remoté Vancouver Island. SS Public Library.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show. Mahon Hall.  
**12 - 1 pm:** Artist Talk with Kenna Barradell. Mahon Hall.  
**7 pm:** StageCoach Theatre Presents Eldritch Manor. ArtSpring.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**9 am - 4 pm:** Saturday Market in the Park.  
**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show. Mahon Hall.  
**12:30 - 3 pm:** Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre 11th Birthday. Free swim, prize draws, community group booths and more.  
**1 - 3 pm:** Salt Spring Garden Club Spring Plant Sale. Farmers' Institute.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**7 pm:** StageCoach Theatre Presents Eldritch Manor. ArtSpring.  
**7 pm:** Homage to Music of Newfoundland and Ireland. Mahon Hall.  
**7:30 pm:** Viva Chorale! choir presents With Joy concert with Jubilate Ensemble at Fulford Hall.  
**10 am - 5 pm:** Easter Art Show - Homage. Mahon Hall.  
**2 pm:** StageCoach Theatre Presents Eldritch Manor. ArtSpring.  
**2 pm:** Viva Chorale! choir presents With Joy concert with Jubilate Ensemble at Fulford Hall.  
**7:30 pm:** Caroni Young and Bill Coons. Jazz concert at All Saints.



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## ARTISTS

# Rea Zogia featured at ArtSpring

Emerging artist exhibition continues through April

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring resident Rea Zogia is making her name on the island as an emerging artist, with a number of projects currently in prominent public spaces.

Zogia is the creator of the mural that since last fall has beautified the area behind Ganges Alley and enlightened people on feminist reading material at the same time. She's also secured the first exhibition in ArtSpring's new project, which gives space to young and emerging artists in the Jankura Lounge (the lobby area by the back entry doors). This part of the lobby exhibition space is now exclusively for Salt Spring artists who are 25 years and younger, or those who have never held an exhibition at ArtSpring.

"Our goal with the Lobby Art Exhibit Program is to showcase as many local artists as possible to a wide and appreciative audience. The program has always been incredibly popular with local artists and we are excited to make the lobby space even more accessible to our community, especially by making room for new and young artists just embarking on their artistic careers," information from ArtSpring explains.

Nova Luna is an exhibition of paintings and illustrations that represent Zogia's early stages of creation as she readies to pursue art as a full-time career. Her main inspiration for many of the works were the friends she missed when she moved to the island in 2015, but also friends that she has made here. She used photographs that she felt encapsulated the true nature of each individual as sources for these works.

"It's been an interesting and nice way for me to connect with my friends, because when I've sat down



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Rea Zogia with her Nova Luna exhibition in ArtSpring's Jankura Lounge, which is newly devoted to showing work by young and emerging artists.

and done their drawing I've thought of the memories I've had with them and shared with them, and it's just made me feel more connected and closer to them," Zogia said.

She explained these pieces are not for sale because she wants to send them out to the subjects as part of a larger art project.

Salt Spring and its natural environment was another key source of inspiration, with several images of antlers, owls and plants that started life in Zogia's sketchbooks. Her drawings are evocative without trying to present a photorealistic copy of the scene. She likes to balance the main elements with plenty of white space, so the images have a light, clean quality.

"When I put them all together it's neat, because there is this theme of colourful, watercolour looks that are quite soft," Zogia observed. "It felt

really good to frame everything and put them all up."

Having the show at ArtSpring has allowed the young artist to build on networking and connections, just by letting people know the show is on. A few of the pieces are ideas she hopes to realize as mural projects some day. She also wants to share her experience with other emerging artists that she knows on the island so they can get a boost on their own art paths.

"I feel like it's solidified my art career more. And on a small island like this that makes a big difference, because of word of mouth, and people just get to see and know and recognize it a lot easier," Zogia said.

"It just feels very rewarding and fulfilling to have it up."

Zogia's Nova Luna exhibit can be seen in the Jankura Lounge through April.

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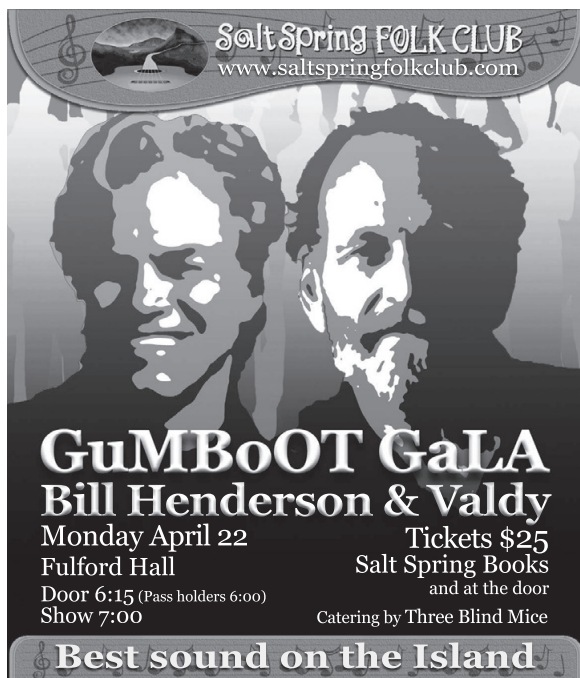
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- April 23 Noon Hour Talk: Gillian McConnell
- April 24 Life Drawing, SS Painters Guild, 9:30am-12:30pm
- April 24 For the Birds: Tribute in Word & Song, 7pm
- April 25 Noon Hour Talk: Bob Leatherbarrow
- April 26 Noon Hour Talk: Kenna Barradell
- April 26 Curator Panel: Inspired, Borrowed or Stolen, 7pm
- April 27 Demo: Portrait in Oil - Mel Williamson, 1pm
- April 27 Homage - Music of Newfoundland & Ireland, 7pm

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## ARTS FESTIVAL

# ArtSpring celebrates art

Public invited to interactive events on April 20

ArtSpring is presenting the third annual event called Celebrate the Arts: Art Making by the Salt Spring Artist Community in collaboration with the Salt Spring Arts Council's 2019 Easter Art Show.

This Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., islanders are invited to attend a one-day gallery exhibit and theatre performance of participatory artworks

created for anyone interested in the process and experience of making art. The ArtSpring gallery will feature participatory and demonstrative art projects, including a giant mural project, with any artistic level and age welcome to attend. Special activities aimed just at children are scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon.

Performing arts take centre stage at the ArtSpring theatre from 5 to 6 p.m. Theatrical mash-ups will celebrate the creativity of cross-genre artists who have come together to create new works of performance art.

EXHIBITIONS

# Homage theme leads Easter show

Mahon Hall art exhibit and events start Friday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Arts Council has a full menu planned for the 2019 Easter Art Show, which opens April 19 at Mahon Hall with the anchoring exhibition and adds a number of special events through to April 28.

Curator Patrick McCallum has produced an ambitious format for this year's signature show called Homage. Close to 50 artists from Salt Spring and Pender islands were asked to produce a work in homage to a visual artist, author, sculptor, designer, composer, musician, poet or choreographer who inspired their own creative vision. The artists were encouraged to work in media, materials and techniques outside their usual practice.

The result promises to be eclectic, fresh and provocative in the best sense of the word.

"I really hoped this was something that was going to engage the artists and challenge them, and to also make it an interesting thing for the public, being able to see different sides of the artist, which they would not have seen previously," McCallum told the Driftwood. "Sculptors doing paintings, painters doing mobiles — we're going to have a really tremendous scope of work."

McCallum believes this upending of expectations will be a good experience both for the artists and for the viewers, who may be quite familiar with certain aspects of the local scene.

"As an artist you're encouraged to do the same thing over and over again — once you do something good, people want to see more of it. And that is a very tricky thing to do, especially on a small island, because the audience that's going to see your work is finite," McCallum said. "I really wanted to make this an opportunity for artists to do something so when people walk in they say, 'Wow, I had no idea who that is,' and it turns out to be somebody you thought you had seen or was fully aware of their style."

In addition to showcasing the visual arts, the 10-day exhibition will include the youth



Artist Susan Benson on stage at last year's Easter Art Show opening, with the full-house crowd at Mahon Hall behind her. This year's show is a multi-artist event called Homage that opens on Friday, April 19 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m..

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exhibit and a diverse selection of public programming with performances, art talks and demonstrations. The troubling line between homage and appropriation gets explored along with other art concerns during a panel discussion to be moderated by McCallum on Friday, April 26.

Inspired, Borrowed or Stolen: Art + Appropriation will feature three expert speakers in areas of First Nation issues, art history, cultural appropriation, both historically and in the modern context, and issues of trademark and copyright. The event was partly inspired by controversy that arose around a finalist's piece in the last Salt Spring National Art Prize show. The work was an artistic statement on residential schools and used historic photos of Indigenous students, but was done by a non-Indigenous artist.

Slides will be shown at the event to illustrate some examples of controversial artworks, and audience members can submit questions to the panel in writing at the start of the evening.

"We're really encouraging people to come

out for what I hope will be a very spirited conversation," McCallum said.

Also during the exhibition period, artists Gillian McConnell, Bob Leatherbarrow and Kenna Barradell will each present Noon Hour Talks reflecting on the creative influence they've paid tribute to.

Musical programs round out the visual arts when Nedjo Rogers hosts For the Birds on Wednesday, April 24. The evening welcoming spring is dedicated to the inspiration of birds, from the Kwakiutl Raven Clan legend to performance poetry, and multi-part harmony to songbird calls. Then on Saturday, April 27, the Celtic influence on the Canadian Maritimes will be expressed in the performance of traditional and original jigs, ballads and waltzes from Ireland and Newfoundland. The show features Em Walker and Edgar Hann, with friends.

The Arts Council is also partnering with ArtSpring for its third Celebrate the Arts event, which offers a full slate of cultural activities on Saturday, April 20. See story on page 12.



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Youth and adult options at Make More Art Studio

The Make More Art Studio will offer a series of workshops for children running Fridays during the month of May.

Classes are for seven- to 14-year-olds who enjoy painting, drawing or making craft projects and would like additional opportunities to blossom and shine creatively.

Instructor Luba Nikitina is presenting three different artistic activities: drawing, painting and mixed-media, including collage, fabric sculptures and papier mache.

"These classes are a fantastic outlet for students who are tactile and like to get their hands into goey stuff," said Nikitina.

The schedule is Drawing Art Lab at 10 a.m., Let the Paint be

Spread at 12 noon, and Experimental Art Lab at 1:45 p.m. Each class runs for five Fridays. Students are welcome to register for one or all three.

"The more we engage in making art, the richer and joyful our lives will be," Nikitina said.

Also taking place at Make More Art Studio next month are special mosaic workshops for adults called Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall. Classes run Tuesdays, May 14, 21 and 28, from 6 to 9 p.m.

During this workshop participants will each create a 10-by-10-inch mirror in the Picassiette style. People who have some broken plates or ceramics that have a special significance to them are invited to bring them along to incorporate into their design. Tools will be provided and all materials are included. No previous experience is necessary.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Apr. 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### GISPA: One by One: A Crucible Story.

The Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts presents One by One: A Crucible Story. A resetting of Arthur Miller's The Crucible in the modern day, One by One makes an eerie but apt comparison between the Puritan Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and today's high school gossip and back-stabbing in the age of social media and reality TV. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

#### National Poetry Month Reading.

Salt Spring poets Christine Smart, Diana Hayes, Lorraine Gane and Murray Reiss read at the library for a National Poetry Month celebration. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Highland Fernwood Water Service Commission AGM.

Annual general meeting at the CRD office at 121 McPhillips Avenue. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### Bittancourt House Museum.

Open Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., until June 28.

#### Maliview Sewer AGM.

Annual general meeting at CRD office. 12 to 1 p.m.

#### Cedars of Tuam Water Service AGM.

Annual general meeting at CRD office. 2 to 3 p.m.

## Wed. Apr. 17

### ACTIVITIES

#### Scott Point Waterworks District AGM.

Annual general meeting at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club pavilion on Scott Point Drive. 7 p.m.

#### Music Bingo.

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



## Thu. Apr. 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### GISPA: One by One: A Crucible Story.

See Wednesday's listing.

#### Open Mic at Moby's.

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

### ACTIVITIES

#### Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission AGM.

Annual general meeting at CRD office. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### Cedar Lane Water Service Commission AGM.

Annual general meeting at CRD office. 1 to 3 p.m.

#### Prevention of Violence Against Women Week Vigil.

Island Women Against Violence group holds a vigil at Centennial Park at 8 p.m. People are encouraged to wear purple in solidarity.

#### Bittancourt House Museum.

See Wednesday's listing.

## Fri. Apr. 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### GISPA: One by One: A Crucible Story.

See Wednesday's listing.

#### The Angry Hippies.

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

### ACTIVITIES

#### Community Hot Lunch.

At the Fulford Hall Seniors Annex at noon. Come and meet your neighbours and bring a friend while the food lasts.

#### Venter Gallery First Anniversary Celebration.

The Venter Gallery in Grace Point Square celebrates its first year with a reception with Deon and Kathy Venter. 5 to 8 p.m.

#### Gallery 8's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Opening reception for the Symbolically 8 Exhibition at Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.

#### Easter Art Show.

Opening reception for exhibit of works by Gulf Islands artists, curated by Patrick McCallum. Mahon Hall. 6 to 9 p.m.

#### Karaoke at the Legion.

Karaoke with Duncan at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

#### Bittancourt House Museum.

See Wednesday's listing.



## Sat. Apr. 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### Coal Davie & the Rockabillionaires.

Live at the Legion. 8 p.m.

#### Dylan Stone Band.

Folk/rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Salt Spring Saturday Market.

Famous market of arts and crafts vendors, food and farmers in Centennial Park every Saturday through October. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### ArtSpring's Celebrate the Arts!

Participatory Art Exhibition: Display and an opportunity to make art with the artmakers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ArtSpring gallery and lobby. Then from 5 to 6 p.m. is the Mash-up Performance with cross-genre artists performing new works in the theatre.

#### Pop Up in the Park.

Public input session for the new Centennial Park playground at the Playground Design Tent at Centennial Park. Bubbles, stamps, games, free swimming passes for the kids and more. Centennial Park. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### FDJ Exclusive Denim Fit Event.

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## Sat. Apr. 20

### ACTIVITIES

#### Artist Painting Demo with Josephine Fletcher.

Observe Josephine Fletcher as she paints in Mahon Hall. 2 to 5 p.m. Part of Salt Spring Arts Council Easter Art Show activities.



## Sun. Apr. 21

### ACTIVITIES

#### Salty Flea.

Artist & flea market with food, live music, face-painting & Easter fun. Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Mon. Apr. 22

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Salt Spring Folk Club Gumboot Gala.

Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Earth Day Clean-up.

Meet at Ganges Fire Hall and help clean up the town. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Angry Hippies play at Moby's on Friday night.

## Tue. Apr. 23

### ACTIVITIES

#### Artist's Talk With Gillian McConnell.

Gillian McConnell speaks on Mark Rothko: Materials + Metaphor. At Mahon Hall. 12 to 1 p.m. Part of Salt Spring Arts Council Easter Art Show activities.

#### Trivia Tuesday.

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

## Wed. Apr. 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### For the Birds: Tribute in Word + Song.

Music, poetry and more in a bird-themed evening of entertainment. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m. Part of Salt Spring Arts Council Easter Art Show activities.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Life Drawing With the Salt Spring Painters' Guild.

Join the Salt Spring Painters Guild for a morning of life drawing at Mahon Hall with a live model. Easel, drawing board and drawing materials provided. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Part of Salt Spring Arts Council Easter Art Show activities.

## Wed. Apr. 24

### ACTIVITIES

#### Salt Spring Island Seniors Services Society AGM.

Seniors Centre group holds AGM at the centre. 2 p.m. Members will vote for a new board and whether to change the location of the Seniors Centre when ready.

#### Fulford OAP Birthday Celebration.

Fulford seniors group celebrates its 37th birthday. Guest speaker is George Laundry on island stories from Musgrave Road in the 1930s. Fulford Hall seniors annex. 2 p.m.

#### Bittancourt House Museum.

See last Wednesday's listing.

#### Salt Spring Garden Club Meeting.

Guest speakers are Robin Jenkinson and Toby Carson presenting on a program of having gardens at all School District 64 schools. Doors open at Meaden Hall at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

### THE FRITZ CINEMA

- **Captain Marvel** shows from Friday, April 19 to Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee.
- **Water Lilies by Monet** runs on Thursday, April 18 only with shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### EXHIBITIONS

- **Gallery 8's Symbolically 8** exhibition and 10th anniversary celebration opens Friday, April 19 with a reception in the Grace Point Square gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. Show continues until May 11.
- **13th annual Easter Art Show — Homage** — opens at **Mahon Hall** on Friday, April 19 with an event from 6 to 9 p.m., and runs through April 28. Plus a number of special arts events will be held on various days.
- **Venter Gallery** celebrates its first anniversary in its Grace Point Square location on Friday, April 19 from 5 to 8 p.m.

- **Cheryl Long** shows **WaterBodies**, landscapes that resulted from being inspired by her travels, at the **Salt Spring Gallery** until April 24.
- **Nikki Menard** shows work in her **Beyond Edges** exhibit at **Fernwood Road Cafe** to May 11.
- The first exhibit of the 2019 season at **Kizmit Galeria & Cafe** features acrylic paintings by **Mikaela Morgan** and assemblage pieces by **Marianne Campbell**.
- **Timothy Gibbon** holds a photography exhibit in the **library's program room** through April.
- **Jeremy Witmer** shows **Inspired Landscapes** in the **ArtSpring** lobby until April 29.
- From April 2 to 29, **Rea Zogia** shows **Nova Luna** in the **Jankura Lounge** at **ArtSpring**. The lounge has now been made available as an exhibition space exclusively for new and/or young Salt Spring artists (those 25 years and younger, or those who have never held an exhibition at ArtSpring).
- **Herb Otto** shows paintings at the **Country Grocer Cafe**.

see horoscope on page 15

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## EDUCATION

# MYSEEC kids get energy lesson

Class visits Galiano Conservancy education centre

BY DAVID DENNING  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Students in Sarah Bateman's MYSEEC class from Salt Spring Middle School recently found that learning about renewable energy and preparing for a low-carbon society in the near future can be highly engaging and loads of fun.

Seventeen class members, their teacher and a parent travelled to the Galiano Conservancy's Millard Learning Centre on the north shores of Galiano Island on April 3-4 to participate in a unique Renewable Energy In Action school program.

The program was taught over two days, with overnight camping taking place right at the centre. The group slept in their own tents and prepared food in a comfortable classroom/kitchen facility powered by solar panels with a battery backup. Renewable energy, sustainable gardening and nature-based living is the theme of the Millard Education Centre.

Both days were packed full of insightful activities and experiments into how renewable energy can be produced, measured and used to do all of the energetic things in our daily lives.

And because it's renewable energy — and not generated by fossil fuel burning — it doesn't create greenhouse gases. Students learned that making and using renewable energy is an excellent way to lower our carbon footprints and help in the important business of moving our communities to a

low-carbon future.

Many of the activities had a practical and personal appeal. Like building a solar oven to cook the classic outdoor snack: s'mores. Yum! Another activity had the students pedalling a stationary bicycle to create power for a light bulb, and better yet, another bicycle powered a blender for making fruit smoothies. More yum!

Although they did not provide snacks, other activities were challenging and fun. Working in small groups, students built a solar photovoltaic module by clipping together small photovoltaic "cells" and then measuring the voltage output of the entire module system exposed to the sun. One group managed to build a system that generated 90 volts! That is amazing power from small cells that each generate only one or two volts.

Another activity used the same solar photovoltaic cells to power small cars that could be raced on a track, reminiscent of the fall fair zucchini racing event. Is there a message here?

The sun provided power for a "pop can solar heater" and students used laser thermometers to measure heated air that could be used for heating buildings.

Energy from the wind was also captured by student-built windmill generators. A variety of innovative designs were built, with one group generating over 32 millivolts of electrical potential.

Near the end of the program, one small group got a short ride up the hill to see the new ground-mounted solar array and the electric vehicle charging facility. It wasn't a typical ride, though. The Tesla Model 3 provided a look at the future of electric vehicle trans-



PHOTO BY DAVID DENNING

MYSEEC students, from left, Elvin Shoolbraid, Arthur Lyons and Imani Bennett do an exercise in solar energy at the Renewable Energy In Action school program with the Galiano Conservancy.

portation that is already here. Students were excited about the future they could see developing around them.

Among the many comments on the water taxi ride home were: "I found it amazing how many different ways you can get renewable power and how much can come from each method." "Solar panels and sustainable energy — this is the future"; and "This was the best field trip I've ever been on!"

A second group from MYSEEC will experience the Galiano program later this month. Financing for the field trip was helped by a grant of \$600 from Salt Spring Community Energy, the same society that developed the solar scholarship array on the high school gym.

In the context of the Islands Trust's recent acknowledgement of the world's climate emergency and the same declaration by over 400 other communities around the world, isn't renewable energy a fun, exciting and community changing activity we can all learn about?

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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Just one step behind Mercury entering Aries on April 17 and forming a conjunction with Chiron on April 19, the Sun enters Taurus on April 20 and is followed by Venus just hours later then will form a conjunction with Uranus on April 22 - Earth Day! Venus will also form a conjunction with Chiron on April 23 and On April 24 Pluto turns retrograde. Meanwhile, the Moon's South Node is situated right between Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn. This combination of revolution in the private sector as with Uranus in Taurus and manifesting with the likes of 5G and with healing the world as indicated by Chiron in Aries reflected by 4 Ocean is all vying for attention, power, and influence. The outer synchronicities of these events are ever subjective but we can gain a glimpse of them from the perspective of the horoscopes, which are like the news events of the province or state you live in. So, I will bring some attention to these dynamics for each sign.

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Your momentum has been steadily building. This is serving to engage your energy reserves as well. In Aries fashion, you are ready to venture into new territory. The Sun in Taurus will produce a shift in your financial affairs. Whether these are interests or concerns or both are for you to decide. Either way, you will experience a fresh impulse to take action.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Like your Aries friends, you too are ready to take new strides. Yet, you may be just entering an important planning stage which is action, after all. Or it might manifest as other activities, but largely behind the scenes. Mars in Gemini hints at desires to stimulate new streams of income. This is where the planning comes in and you are searching for ideas.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

A deep churning process producing both inner and outer transformations, that began a couple of years ago, continues. Sun in Taurus will deepen this process. Positively, this could manifest as new interests and friendships and possibly even entirely new perspectives on your place in the world and what is possible. Get ready to see the world as with new eyes.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

You really are being called these days to assert a new sense of balance. Yet, you may be experiencing it as more of a push. New initiatives and or events of late are causing waves in your public and/or professional life. These actually stem back a couple of years especially. This may be leaving you wondering about your best direction. Now you want answers.

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

You are undergoing a breakthrough. This can be interpreted as a revolutionary momentum. Yet, it could be one of adventure and excitement. Jupiter in Sagittarius is contributing to this rise in creative power and passion. It is important that you act on this now, though. Avoid putting it off to say fall or next year... This is a big moment or you so rise to meet it.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

You are beginning to see a bigger picture. Yet, this very process is coinciding with inner changes in both your self-concept and some of your lifestyle patterns. It is important that you aspire to realize your ideals, yet not lean on or expect others to do the work for you. This is your moment and glory and what also come with it, is your resolve, discipline, and follow-through.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Some exciting interactions of late have served to speak a whole new level of perception in you and perhaps revive passions that have been somewhat dormant. This trend will not only continue but it will deepen, as well, starting this week. Among other things, your focus will include things of value and this could be directly related to new ways to earn income.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Shifts and changes on relationship fronts will be activated by the Sun conjunct Uranus in Taurus. In some respects, these will cause you to have to give more. Positively, they could well manifest as new income-earning opportunities. This could also prove to be the beginning of the end in certain personal and/or professional relationships.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

An expansive and liberating cycle continues. It already took a major turn about a month ago and now you will be able to more fully enjoy the results of it. Yet, to get the most of it you are wise to take a creative lead. This could be as basic as getting out into the garden and creating there or exploring new hobby and talent interests, altogether.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You have entered what could amount to be a creative power cycle and it is getting a boost now. This impulse is likely activating your determination. Work is involved but you are willing as long as you can feel confident about what you are doing. This is the deeper aspect of the work. This is where connecting with your core comes to the fore and is important now.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Things are shaking close to home in terms of your financial focus. This week you will experience an added boost to push through somehow and will manifest as a new level of power and confidence. Deep changes in your overall lifestyle and perhaps especially on financial fronts have been brewing for years. You are building towards a more stable foundation.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Your ambitions are on the rise. This is inspiring many thoughts and ideas especially regarding ways to make money. You are willing and ready to explore new options. Your confidence levels are rising yet you may feel a little scattered. You probably need to get organized and to concentrate on a realistic strategy to harness your power potential.



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BOOKS

# Spring reading treats arrive

New books at the library

BY MAGGIE WARBEY  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spring reading time is here, at last!

And the New Shelves at the Library are ready for you to browse and check out the latest and the best titles. Start with **99 Percent Mine** by best-selling author Sally Thorne. This light-weight, fun-filled tale is set to brighten your time. Full of contemporary characters and classic concerns, this is a boy meets girl story at its very best. Incidentally, along with the epilogue for the current novel, the book includes an epilogue for the author's previous best seller, *The Hating Game*.

**The First Muslim: the Story of Muhammad** brings readers the amazing tale of the Prophet of Islam. Drawing on eyewitness sources, history and politics of the era, the author brings this remarkable story and person to life as a man: faith-filled, idealistic, pragmatic, peaceful, violent and relevant. The text presents historic insights to enlighten and educate. There is no attempt at persuasion to love or hate, simply to under-

## ON THE NEW SHELVES

stand the forces that produced him and all that came after him.

Seeing the increasing number of children who seem to be disassociated from their surroundings and who engage in inappropriate behaviour, the author of **Reset Your Child's Brain: a Four Week Plan to End Meltdowns, Raise Grades and Boost Social Skills by Reversing the Effects of Electronic Screen-Time** presents a timely and potentially useful tool for the parental tool box. The author explores just how much exposure to screens children receive and argues that this over-exposure is too stimulating for the developing brain and neural system, resulting in a wide variety of symptoms. In response, the author offers a simple, planned intervention that can help children get back on track without medication or therapy.

Also dealing with the phenomenon of electronic screen stimulation, **Screen Schooled: Two Veteran Teachers Expose How Technology Overuse Is**

**Making Our Kids Dumber** is an urgent wake-up call for those interested in how screen use is damaging kids. Using scary, real-life examples of today's digital lifestyles, the authors demonstrate to parents just how much exposure the younger generation has to screen and digital inputs every day, all day. They call "educational" technology what it is: "a glossy distraction from the real intellectual work of learning . . . that is leading to zoned-out kids who act helpless and are unfocused, unprepared, and unsocial . . ."

Who wouldn't jump at the chance to enjoy Disney World or Disneyland? Well, just to make sure you and your little ones get the most out of your visit, look at **Birnbaum's 2019 Walt Disney World** before you go. Don't miss out on the great travel ideas, dining opportunities, sights to see and experiences to experience! This book includes advice and details on shopping, where to stay, what to expect at a wide variety of attractions and international parks. Also included, details of Disney cruises, behind the scenes tours, and the best times to enter and leave the parks, as well as a whole lot more.

## What is this? Where is it?



Can you identify where this is on Salt Spring? Send your answer to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com or send a note to us on Facebook. The first person to submit the right answer gets their name published in this space.



LAST WEEK: Marlyn Horsdal was the first to recognize the beautiful blooming magnolia tree outside the health clinic on McPhillips Avenue.

## SALT SPRING Star of the WEEK

### Derrick Milton



Derrick Milton is not only a fantastic trumpet player, who has played with Foothills Brass and other groups, but he leads Salt Spring's own Swing Shift big band, which performed for a fundraising dance at the Salt Spring Public Library on Saturday night. Milton is also a vet, husband to Wendy and dad to adult daughters Margo and Shayla. He and Wendy founded the Bandemonium Music Society and local concert band in 1992.

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*Bruce Hildred*

After facing ferocious Pacific storms and sailing the Atlantic Ocean twice, my father Bruce Hildred is safe in the harbour.

My Dad cast off the lines for his final journey on the morning of February 15, 2019. In declining health recently Dad's heart gave way after he enjoyed his morning tea with his dear companion, Meg Anderson. With great sadness we share this news with our friends, and his many cherished and loyal mates on Salt Spring Island.

My heart goes out to Silas Hildred, Rosalind Hildred, Rolf and Marion Hildred, Ragnhild Flakstad, Megan Anderson, Kyle Hauser and his beloved granddaughter Westley Nova. Love from, Karen Hildred.

*Alison Patricia (Pat) Bailie*



On Monday, 1 April 2019, Alison Patricia Bailie (Pat), passed away at the age of 83 at Edmonton, Alberta. She was born 25 November 1935 in Edinburgh, Scotland, daughter of William and Annabelle McLaren. Pat was predeceased by her beloved husband Ken. She will be sadly missed by her children, Fran (Patrick), William, Alison, and Rachel (Greg); her grandchildren Arthur, Erik, and McLaren; her sisters Lynda and Aileen; and her many friends.

Pat embraced learning with endless curiosity in reading, travel and conversation. In the early 1960s, she travelled on her own to Australia to teach. In Melbourne, a chance meeting brought her together with a fellow traveller, her lifelong best friend, Ken Bailie. Together they explored the world as he worked in various locations, including brief stops around the South Pacific, Indonesia, with longer residences in New York City and Iran before returning to Ken's birthplace in Calgary to raise their children. Later, Pat moved to Salt Spring Island for ten years before relocating to Edmonton.

Books are the mirrors of the soul. - Virginia Woolf

Memorial services will be held in Calgary and on Salt Spring Island (details to be announced). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pat's name to PLAN Canada.

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**Good Friday, April 19th**  
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- RUMI

Kim was a Salt Spring resident from 2004 until 2014. Born December 30, 1957 in Seattle, and died on March 17, 2019 on Vashon Island, Washington State.

Kim was my friend, and perhaps her only reclusive friend. She had so many colourful girlfriends that she told me about in a most loving way when we walked in the forest together. I did not meet even one of them. Neither did I meet her sister or mother, though I recognized their places as princess and queen in her life. Kim was a true lover of women as a species, including me.

She was altruistic in all ways, and in the forests, waterways and mountains even more so. The animals she showered with all her attention. Her dog Riley as the luckiest dog around.

She and I would often hike up on Channel Ridge after the clear cut, which we nick-named "the moon". There she would look down along the path and show me the teeny tiny little bits of past life still there. She was an Archaeologist, teaching whenever she had the chance, although so softly you never recognized anything but her soothing voice of intelligence. Riley & Rain our respective dogs would always be along to keep us safe.

Most likely people on Salt Spring will remember Kim as a fighter of truth in governance. She fought at Islands Trust meetings as a member of the Archeological Advisory Committee even though she might not quite belong as an American. Very shortly after that, she became a Canadian Citizen and I have never seen her proud before this.

She always longed to live in the south end of the Island where she believed her experience of living would improve away from the ferry traffic of Vesuvius and the ever present view of industrialized Crofton.

Kim did not get to the south end but instead, went west to Hawaii. There she and Kris built a cabin together in the pure joy of their natural surroundings. Kim always cared most about the simpler things in life happening around her.

She was a special photographer. Her favourite subject was wildlife in the Great Bear Rainforest. With her camera around her neck up until the end, out in the morning on the rocky coastal beaches, putting small things in her pockets still. These were her last words I heard her speak on a video Kris made — "my little treasures". At the end of the day her Kris would line them up on the deck railing waiting for one more day to come.

Kim was an innocent as best there can ever be. There is no doubt she was in her childhood on this earth, laughing and smiling and appreciating every new twist and turn. On the big Island of life, God and nature had the ultimate say. The volcano in Hawaii swept her home away, and ovarian cancer took her from this earth. She is still with me.

- Jacki Hayes (Yeo), Salt Spring Island



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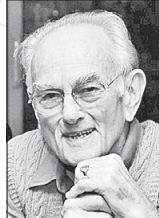
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**Coming Events      Coming Events**



**Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District Meeting Notice**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) will be held on **April 29th, 2019** at the Training Room, Ganges Fire Hall 105 Lower Ganges Road Commencing at 7:00pm

The election results will be announced, as well, the District auditor's report, Fire Chief's report & Trustees annual report.

*Fire District ratepayers and the general public are encouraged to attend.*

**Coming Events**

**Salt Spring Island Seniors Services Society (Seniors Centre)**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
379 Lower Ganges Road  
**Wednesday April 24th, 2019**  
2:00 p.m.

**Coming Events      Coming Events**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**



Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club  
**Wednesday, Apr. 24, 2019 • 5:30 p.m.**  
Upstairs at the Clubhouse, 805A Lower Ganges Road

# Remember **WHEN**

## Five years ago

• The idea of Salt Spring as an electric vehicle hub was raised in people's minds, as a Vancouver-based speaker spoke about how accommodations providers could help put the island on the map for EV drivers by installing charging units. "These are conscientious people, with a love of natural places and \$250 in their pockets each month they save by driving an EV rather than a gas guzzler. The most important factor for EV owners in choosing where to stay at night is where they can get a vehicle charged while they sleep," said John Stonier to attendees of the Renewable Energy Conference on Salt Spring. The province had earmarked funds to build a EV route from Vancouver Island to Whistler, so Salt Spring was already in a prime spot for EV dominance.

## Ten years ago

• An islander experienced a surreal encounter with wildlife when he was dive-bombed by a large owl on Trincomali Heights. Author Nick Bantock was attacked multiple times by the large bird, saying, "The second time it actually dragged its talons over my head." Local bird expert John Neville said that the owl was likely a barred owl, and that dive-bombing behaviour was not that unusual, especially if a person was walking near a nest. Bantock considered the encounter a reminder that humans live in owl territory, and not the other way around.

## Twenty years ago

• Salt Spring RCMP set up a series of road blocks to check for unsafe cars and drivers. During the check stops, RCMP counted 505 cars in a four-hour period driving by the old RCMP building on Fulford-Ganges Road. Ten tickets were handed out, and 40 cars were ordered to undergo repairs before reporting back to the police station for further inspection. Police also stopped a man after discovering there was a warrant out for his arrest. He faced impaired driving charges and his car was impounded.

## Thirty years ago

• A straw vote held by the Driftwood found a majority of people rejecting the then-ferry corporation's bid to build a ferry terminal at Isabella Point. One islander said, "The Isabella Point ferry and a four-lane freeway would make Salt Spring a suburb of Victoria." "A new freeway would spoil a beautiful island," another opined. Opposition to the popular opinion existed, with some saying that Salt Spring was already a suburb of Victoria and that adding a new ferry terminal would benefit the island.

## Forty years ago

• Three graduating high school students decided to water-ski around the perimeter of Salt Spring to raise money for the grad club. The goal of the venture was to make it around the island with as few wipe-outs as possible. The boys raised money by getting people to pledge by the mile, and every time they fell, one mile would be dropped from their total. Sponsors would expect to pay around 50 times their pledge, as the perimeter of the island is roughly 50 miles (80.5 kilometres). People were also invited to guess the time that the trip took, with the winner receiving a \$20 prize.

## Fifty years ago

• It was a slow news week in 1969, as the Driftwood published a story about the relative heights of the RCMP officers on the island. Const. Wayne Dew was described as a "little fellow," Cpl. Vernon Meyer was "not so big" and Const. James Good was declared "big." The officers were 6'4", 6'5" and 6'7" respectively.

## GARDEN CLUB

# Tiny gardener talk on tap

Speakers at the April 24 Salt Spring Garden Club meeting will present on the work they are doing with "tiny gardeners" at schools on Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands.

Robin Jenkinson and Toby Carson take pride in the fact that every school on Salt Spring has a garden where students get hands-on horticultural experience.

Jenkinson is an ecologist and avid gardener who has been the catalyst for the construction of the gardens at her children's school, the Early Learning Centre and Salt Spring Elementary. With a team of enthusiastic teachers and volunteers she is also developing a website — [www.schoolgarden.ca](http://www.schoolgarden.ca) — where teachers can share resources and ideas for gardening activities.

Carson has a background in environmental planning, participatory learning processes, habitat conservation and community-based resource management. He is passionate about organic gardening, outdoor nature education and working with kids of all ages. He has contributed to the development of the garden at Salt Spring Elementary School and is helping to develop the Gulf Islands School Gardens Activity Guide.

Next Wednesday's meeting is at Meaden Hall at 7 p.m. (with doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

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## SSI FOUNDATION

# Small Grants application period opens

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is now accepting applications for Neighbourhood Small Grants.

The grassroots program offers grants of \$50 to \$500 to support projects that bring people together, share skills and knowledge, build a sense of belonging and responsibility, and respect and celebrate diversity. The foundation is working in partnership with Salt Spring Island Community Services, Victoria Foundation and Clayoquot Biosphere Trust to provide Neighbourhood Small Grants to the island.

The foundation's first Neighbourhood Small Grants, launched in the fall of 2018, funded 10 diverse projects, from community parties and arts and craft workshops to programs for girls and an event supporting families in the birthing year.

The Foundation invites applications from islanders who have a great idea for a project or event to promote community belonging. Unlike regular foundation grants, which can only be awarded to registered charities, Neighbourhood Small Grants are intended for individuals.

For complete information about the grants and how to apply, please go to [ssfoundation.ca](http://ssfoundation.ca). The deadline for applications is May 15.

## NEWS

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SOCIAL CHANGE

# Child Honouring path made accessible online



PHOTO COURTESY RAFFI FOUNDATION FOR CHILD HONOURING

Musician and Child Honouring founder Raffi in discussion with Kristin Wiens. Video footage of conversations between the two are part of the self-paced Child Honouring course they recently collaborated on.

## Collaboration sees legacy project unfold

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

For people feeling powerless to change the world for the better, Salt Spring-based children's singer and social activist Raffi has a solution.

Raffi and some valued colleagues have created an online, self-paced Child Honouring course geared not only for educators and people who work with children but for parents, community leaders and "Beluga grads." The latter group are adults who grew up with Raffi's music, including his iconic Baby Beluga song. "There are millions of [Beluga grads] out there being invited to be part of this," he said from the Salt Spring headquarters of the Raffi Foundation for Child Honouring.

The course has 10 modules that explore the Child Honouring Covenant and its nine principles, which range from Respectful Love to Safe Environments. It uses text, illustration, videos and some music, of course. A download of Raffi's album for adults called Motivational Songs is included.

Raffi calls the result "an interdisciplinary course in conscious

living," which also has links to resources to encourage participants to go deeper into the material.

"A course like this invites people to think of themselves as changemakers," said Raffi. "The aim is for one to take the course and to feel inspired going through the modules . . . and then to feel empowered to be part of something . . . All of us can make some change for the better in our world."

**"All of us can make some change for the better in our world."**

RAFFI  
*Raffi Foundation for Child Honouring*

The idea to create the course came about after Raffi saw a multi-pronged illustration that Victoria-based compassionate educator Kristin Wiens made to depict Child Honouring.

"Once I saw it, I thought, 'My goodness, I think this is how I would like people to learn about Child Honouring.'"

Somehow Wiens managed to effectively communicate "big ideas" like "redesigning society

for the greatest good by meeting the priority needs of the very young" in a friendly, joyful way.

"She is big on joy and so am I," he explained.

Holly McDonald of Spark and Co. on Salt Spring was the course's online architect and another key project partner.

"She was wonderful to work with and as she went along in it she got excited about the breadth and she brought a lot to the course. Her supportive work was tremendous.

"As you get going with a team of people, what you're working on becomes far more than what you envisioned at the beginning."

Raffi would ideally like to see the course become mandatory for all teachers in B.C. or in other jurisdictions, in the same way that all parents of youth enrolled in hockey in B.C. must take an online Respect in Sport course.

Wiens and Raffi also envision workshops and seminars of various lengths being offered.

Raffi views the course as a "legacy project," noting that he will turn 71 this year.

For more information about the Raffi Foundation for Child Honouring and the course, visit [www.raffifoundation.org](http://www.raffifoundation.org). Island residents receive a 20 per cent discount.

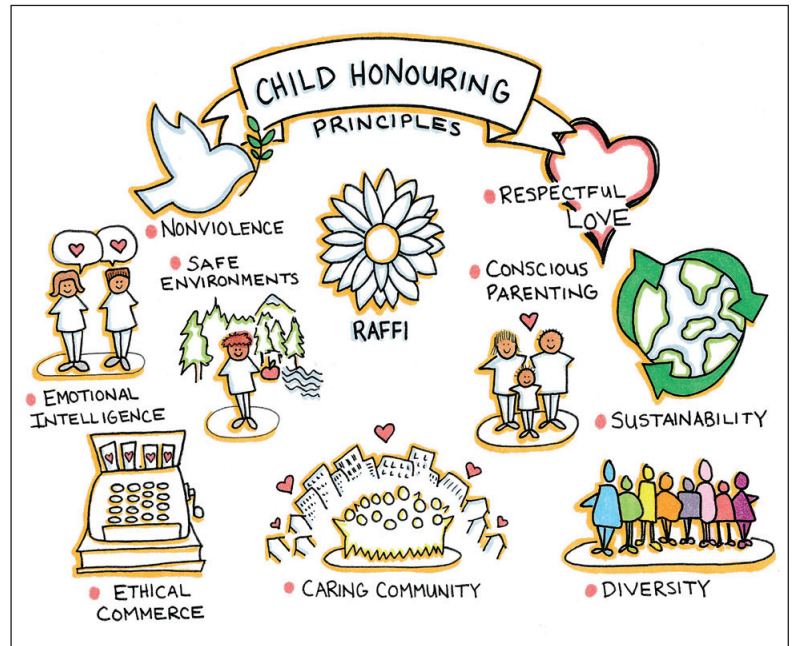


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Child Honouring Principles as illustrated by Victoria educator Kristin Wiens, which were inspirational for Raffi in pursuing creation of an online course in the philosophy he first began to develop in 1997.

## ACTIVITIES

# Seniors hold lunch, party and AGM

## Fulford and Ganges gatherings

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring's two seniors centres will be busier than usual in the coming week.

This Friday, April 19, the South Salt Spring Seniors/Fulford OAP group is holding a community hot lunch beginning at 12 noon. People can purchase a lunch from a choice of poached salmon, baby potatoes and peas, or vegetable soup and a ham or egg sandwich, with trifle and tea or coffee.

Then next Wednesday, April 24, the Fulford seniors hold their monthly meeting and a 37th birthday celebration of the Fulford Old Age Pensioners group beginning at 2 p.m. Cake will be served.

"The very special speaker at 2:40 p.m. will be our own George Laundry who will focus on island stories from the 1930s on Musgrave Road," said group member Patricia Flannagan.

## Salt Spring Seniors AGM

Meanwhile, in Ganges, the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 2 p.m. at the centre.

Board of directors' elections will be held, and nominations could be taken from the floor. It's an ideal time to learn more about what happens at Salt Spring Seniors and about volunteering opportunities.

For more information, call the centre office at 250-537-4604 or drop in at 379 Lower Ganges Rd. from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. during the week.

**NOTICE**  
**NORTH PENDER ISLAND**  
**LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE**  
**NP-TUP-2019.1**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot 6, Section 8, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 19741 (PID: 003-618-358). This property is located at **3812 Cutlass Court**.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit a **Short Term Vacation Rental within the Dwelling Unit** for a maximum occupancy of four (4) people (two adults and two children).

The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for three years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:

A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, **April 12, 2019** and up to and including **April 24, 2019**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Phil Testemale at (250) 405-5170, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: [information@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:information@islandstrust.bc.ca), before 4:30 p.m., **April 24, 2019**. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, **April 25, 2019**, at the Pender Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road on North Pender Island.

All applications are available for review by the public upon prior request. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary