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## FIRE

# Home and RV destroyed in fire



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

A Salt Spring Fire Rescue firefighter is seen in the smoke from the Ellacott family's burning home at 364 Blackburn Road last Tuesday, with a recreational vehicle fully engulfed in flames at left. For more photos and a video, see the [gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com) website.

## Family loses everything in fire

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The cause of a dramatic fire on Blackburn Road last week is still undetermined, according to the homeowner.

John Ellacott, who owns the property at 364 Blackburn Rd. and the adjacent Salt Spring Garage Service, explained that he and his wife Carla were off-island for a doctor's appointment on April 23 when the fire started. The fire completely destroyed both the home and the couple's motorhome, as well as two cars in the garage and the rest of their possessions. The couple also lost their pet dog, who was inside the home at the time of the fire.

"What it looked like happened was that the fire was somewhere in the breezeway and the wind was out of the north, so it came right through there like a wind tunnel. Once the fire got going at the motorhome, then poof, the motorhome was up," Ellacott said. "It was out by the time I got back. I had to wait for two hours on the ferries."

The home and business were put up for sale in the past year, and one offer is still on the table. However, the fire will slow down the process and the value of the offer is likely to change, pending

a decision from the Ellacotts' insurance company, he said. The property is also undergoing an environmental assessment as a condition of the sale.

"It's ironic that the environmental study came right now. Now this complicates it," Ellacott said.

The family will be living in a friend's vacation rental unit, which is fully furnished.

"We managed to rent it by the month, which works out alright, and it came fully equipped. We didn't even have face cloths or towels. Everything was in there," Ellacott said. "We're getting by, and thank god that I had some friends that had this [rental unit]. It made it quite a bit easier and took our mind off of it."

"There has been an outpouring from the community," he added.

Last Tuesday's fire caused Blackburn Road to be closed to allow the firefighters to attack the blaze from multiple sides. Neighbours and adjacent businesses were advised to shelter in place until the scene was clear.

Salt Spring Centre School had to change its plans on Tuesday. The school had originally planned for an outdoor classroom week, and instead spent most of the day inside waiting for the all-clear.

"We didn't actually really know what was happening at first. We couldn't see anything, we were in the forest and hearing the booms," said Salt Spring Centre School administrator Shauna Klem, describing the exploding propane tanks from the motorhome.

"We did smell some smoke, but we just thought someone was burning garbage. Then the explosions started happening and that was alarming for the kids for sure," she added.

Initially, the school put out a call for parents to pick up their kids, but that was withdrawn as fire crews did not want people using Blackburn Road at that time.

"A lot of the kids were picked up. I would say about half the parents came for their kids," Klem said. "At the advice of the fire department, they requested that we shelter in place in the building, so we just came back in the building and shut all the windows and waited for further instruction."

Ellacott explained that investigators had been at the property all week last week to determine the cause of the fire.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue crews were on scene from about 10:30 last Tuesday morning until approximately 7 p.m.

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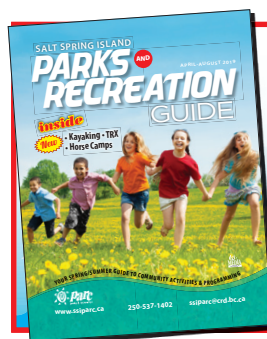
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	ME 2040	1.7	5.6		DI 2328	2.4	7.9
2	0311	3.0	9.8	6	0432	3.0	9.8
	0949	1.4	4.6		1140	0.5	1.6
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**FRIENDS OF THE BRIDE:** Salt Spring Islanders were among the huge number of guests at the Earth Day wedding of Saanich Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May and John Kيدر held at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, with a reception at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. Seen here, from left, are Tom Mitchell, Sue Sheane, Elizabeth May, Brian Smallshaw, Marcelle Roy, Bob MacKie and Dona MacKie. May's wedding dress was created by Salt Spring Islander Sue Earle, and Dona MacKie made the bride's garter.

### NSSWD

# McAllister, Ungerson win seats

St. Mary plant not yet fully online

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District board has one new face following Saturday's trustee elections and annual general meeting.

Two board seats were up for grabs, with four candidates running for the positions. Trustee Michael McAllister was up for re-election, and board chair Marshall Heinekey had reached the end of his term and was not running for re-election.

A total of 110 ballots were cast in the election, with the most votes going to incumbent trustee McAllister at 85. The other trustee elected was Sandra Ungerson with 77 votes. Garth Hendren received 24 votes, and Bob Patterson 11.

With 2,864 eligible voters, the turnout rate was 3.84 per cent.

McAllister, a lawyer specializing in local government issues, was first elected in



MICHAEL  
MCALLISTER



SANDRA  
UNGERSON

2017. In answer to a question posed by the Driftwood to candidates last week, McAllister said the district's biggest challenges were lack of capital infrastructure funding, governance and development of an island-wide plan to manage water resources.

Ungerson has experience as chair of the Conservation and Efficiency Working Group of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance. She is also vice-president of the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association Foundation. Ungerson said she plans to look outside the box for solutions to the district's chal-

lenges.

The board of trustees now consists of McAllister, Ungerson, Chris Dixon, Gary Gagné and Les Howell. A new chair will be selected at the board's next meeting, scheduled for May 9.

During the AGM portion of the day, 22 ratepayers were present, as well as NSSWD staff and elected officials. Ratepayers were given an update on the district's customer satisfaction survey, details of which are in a separate story in this paper. Ratepayers also heard an update on district finances and the progress of the St. Mary Lake water treatment plant.

District manager Ron Stepaniuk explained that the operations crew were scheduled to start feeding water into the system on Monday, which would be closely monitored to see how the plant integrates with the system.

"I can't say the plant is fully online at this time but it's getting there," Stepaniuk said in an email. "Work was going on all last week."

### HEALTH CARE

# Survey aims to uncover local health needs

Online and paper copies will be available

The Salt Spring Community Health Society, in conjunction with Wave Consulting Ltd., will undertake a community health needs assessment starting on Monday, May 6.

The needs assessment, which will focus on Salt Spring Islanders' perceptions of available health services and any gaps they feel exist, will be the final — and most comprehensive — research and information-gathering step the Community Health Society has undertaken since its inception. A special effort is being made to reach vulnerable and isolated populations and people who may not normally complete a survey.

A link to the survey and a list of locations where people can pick up an optional paper survey will be available at [www.saltspringcommunityhealth.ca](http://www.saltspringcommunityhealth.ca) until June 3.

In order to develop a questionnaire specifically for Salt Spring Island, the Community Health Society and Wave Consulting gathered an advisory group of 21 members representing local community organizations, health care, mental health and social service providers. Once the survey is complete, the health soci-

ety will share the results with the community.

"In widely sharing the analysis of the data collected, everyone will be better informed about what health care services currently exist and what services are missing. We believe it could also provide a building block for a comprehensive, community health, mental health and social services strategy. This would be instrumental in informing system-wide planning on Salt Spring," said SSCHS president Curt Firestone. "We're excited to give the community the opportunity to have a say."

The needs assessment has been made possible through donations from numerous individuals and Capital Regional District grant-in-aid funding.

SSCHS is a not-for-profit organization whose aim is to promote community health by seeking to expand local access to primary health care on Salt Spring Island and to support an inter-professional community health centre.

For more information, contact project coordinator Martha Taylor at [marthataylor02@gmail.com](mailto:marthataylor02@gmail.com), 250-931-2413, or visit [www.saltspringcommunityhealth.ca](http://www.saltspringcommunityhealth.ca).



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Mayne fire crew tackles house fire

Mayne Island's fire department was called out to a house fire on Saturday night, which was spotted by people across Active Pass on Galiano Island.

The department was paged out at around 8 p.m. after receiving multiple calls from people on Galiano who saw the fire. Crews arrived on scene near the Georgina Point Lighthouse to find the home fully involved.

"We got a vague location description from our dispatcher and we responded," said deputy fire chief Eric Walker. "Our goal was to contain the fire, protect the exposures and make sure it did not spread to neighbouring properties or into the forest."

Almost 100 per cent of the island's volunteer crew responded to the fire, and six apparatus were used to extinguish the blaze. Walker said crews were on scene for four hours. No injuries were reported, and the house was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The building itself was a complete loss, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

"We would like to thank anybody who did call it in. It's good to have neighbours close by who are looking out for each other," Walker said. "It was a big night. [Members of our crew] are still recovering from it."

### Driftwood wins awards

Gulf Islands Driftwood staff picked up several honours at the annual Ma Murray Awards event of the B.C. and Yukon Community NewsMedia Association in Richmond on Saturday.

Reporter Elizabeth Nolan earned a gold award in arts and culture writing for a two-part series on Salt Spring's fine arts scene.

Editor Gail Sjuberg's series on freighters anchoring in Gulf Islands waters earned silver for environmental writing, and reporter Marc Kitteringham earned silver in the multi-media feature class for his Faces of the Housing Crisis.

Nolan and Driftwood staff earned silver in the community service category for their inaugural Greening Salt Spring clean-up campaign.

Kitteringham also received one of three New Journalist of the Year awards based on five submitted samples of his work and a recommendation letter.

"It is wonderful to receive these awards and industry recognition for what we do, but we don't need to collect awards to know that the Driftwood has a winning team," said publisher Amber Ogilvie.

## COMMUNICATIONS

# Anti-EMF group resists VHF tower

Islanders bring voices to Trust meeting

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders concerned with the potential health risks of electromagnetic energy are calling on the community to help oppose a new Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications tower proposed for the Salt Spring Legion property.

A "Rally for Public Safety and Well-being" took place at the Harbour House Hotel yesterday morning before the Local Trust Committee business meeting got started at 9:30. People also voiced their concerns during the noon-hour town hall session.

CREST is a not-for-profit corporation that is responsible for providing radio communications to emergency response agencies in the Capital Region, including BC Ambulance Service, the RCMP and Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue. Its application will go to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for approval, but local governments can submit a recommendation of concurrence or non-concurrence. The LTC was scheduled to address CREST's request for concurrence after Tuesday's town hall (which took place after the Driftwood went to press for today's paper).

CREST manager Gordon Horth said the organization is in the process of upgrading its entire system, but downtown Ganges has been identified as having the most significant radio coverage gap across the entire region. Local first responders have been asking for the lack of coverage to be remedied.

"This is really about fixing a public safety issue," Horth told the Driftwood.

Planning staff have recommended the LTC submit its concurrence based on the benefit to emergency communications, the public consultation undertaken by the proponent, and an independent analysis demonstrating the power density meets Health Canada standards.

Opponents to the project state that it is too close to vulnerable populations, with seniors

housing and medical services in high density around the site. They believe that electromagnetic radiation could be especially harmful to these groups and to the environment.

"While the intent to improve emergency services is positive, this proposed solution is counterproductive, adding additional long-term and unknown risks to the population and to natural species in the area," states islander Nowick Gray in a letter to the LTC. "Regarding relevant safety concerns, it is inadequate to rely solely on official bodies such as Health Canada and the WHO, as their objectivity is compromised by industry lobbyists. Independent studies are needed, and when there is still doubt, precaution against unknown risks must take precedence."

Gray and others warn that if approved, CREST's monopole could be used to co-locate other EMF transmission such as 5G internet without companies needing to consult with the community.

The LTC's Advisory Planning Commission has meanwhile recommended they ask for more information from the applicant after discussing the referral earlier this month. The proposal does not follow guidelines the APC developed around telecommunication tower siting, which were based on the precautionary principle. In particular, the guidelines recommend such towers be located at least 500 metres away from any facility associated with continuous human activity. Information the APC would like to have includes whether CREST considered any other sites besides the Legion property.

A staff report notes that an independent consultant has verified that power densities will be less than two microwatts per square centimetre, as per the APC recommendations.

Horth said the monopole design will emit minimal radiation while looking as attractive as possible, with green paint to help it blend into the trees.

"This is world standard as to the quality of the build, and it certainly complies with federal regulations," Horth said.



PHOTO COURTESY CREST  
An example of a typical CREST VHF monopole, as seen at the View Royal Fire Hall.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

### SALT SPRING ISLAND & TOURISM

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 14

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Bylaws No. 488, 489 and 490

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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaw changes about?

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

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

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

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

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

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

How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information are available at the Islands Trust office from Wednesday, May 1, 2019:

- #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8
  - Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays.
- Written submissions are welcome until the end of the Public Hearing.

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

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### GANGES VILLAGE

# Tree House patio back in action

Liquor licence activated

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tree House Cafe owner Mark LeCorre had a celebratory beer on the outdoor patio on Friday — the first time since 2014 he's been able to down a drink there without facing a nightmare of regulatory issues at the same time.

The cafe's popular Music Under the Stars program will be operating with full service potential this summer after nearly five years of hurdles involving local, provincial and federal government branches. The outdoor area came under dispute when the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island issued notice it would no longer permit alcohol sales or seating on the portion of undeveloped right-of-way under its jurisdiction. Public safety and emergency access to Kanaka wharf were cited as primary concerns.

LeCorre said agreements have now been finalized with HASSI and the Capital Regional District, which acquired a licence of occupation to part of the laneway to help resolve the dispute. The path has been widened and removable stanchions installed.

The final step was approval of the liquor licence for the outside area.

"It's all good news. It's something positive for everybody," LeCorre said. "I think everybody's happy. There's lots of pathway space and I think it looks nice, too."

Members of the public who enjoy the cafe and its summer music program are also celebrating the news the long-running issue has finally been resolved. A petition to allow outdoor service attracted hundreds of signatures, and some islanders attended weekly "Not-So-Silent Night of Summer" awareness evenings on site after business hours were curtailed in 2016.

"The support of our community and elected officials has proven to be invaluable in ensuring the future of one of our very favourite restaurant/musical entertainment spots on the island," wrote protest co-organizer Ky Fox in a letter to the Driftwood.

He also thanked Mark and Terena LeCorre for persevering despite the adverse circumstances.

"You have been an inspirational example of what it means to carry a graceful, respectful and responsible positive attitude in life," Fox said.

### WATER UTILITIES

# NSSWD survey shows public misconceptions

Ratepayers already doing all they can to conserve

BY MARC KITTINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The results of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District Customer Satisfaction and Attitudes Survey have been tabulated with district staff seeing generally positive feedback from most respondents.

The survey was published to the district's website on March 12, and sent out to ratepayers in the March tax bill and newsletter package. It was part of the district's strategic priorities to improve public engagement and communication, and the questionnaire was

open to all members of the public, not just NSSWD ratepayers.

District environmental manager Meghan McKee explained during the April 25 board of trustees meeting that the idea was to develop a baseline to determine the public's opinion of the district and what courses of action would best suit the ratepayers in the district. In total, 390 people responded to the survey. In 2018, 2,863 people were eligible to vote in NSSWD elections.

"We got a really good response," McKee said during the meeting. "I think we got a really good response because we mailed hard copies out with our parcel tax bill . . . It actually does give us a pretty good estimate of what our ratepayers think. Not everybody

is a ratepayer, but most of them definitely are."

Around 91 per cent of respondents self-identified as ratepayers in the district, with the majority of people living in the St. Mary Lake watershed.


In general, respondents reported being satisfied with the NSSWD, with some 60 per cent of responses being either "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied." Around 55 per cent of people believe that the NSSWD does a "fair" to "good" job of helping customers conserve water, and around 64 per cent believe that the district does a "fair" to "good" job of communicating effectively with the community.

According to survey results, the majority of respondents (62 per cent) would like to see the district continue to explore the possibility of joining the Capital Regional District to gain access to infrastructure grants from both federal and provincial sources.

When it comes to water conservation, most people living within the waterworks district believe they are already conserving as much water as they can. A majority of people think climate change is already impacting water on the island and that water availability should be a priority consideration for future island development. However, over 73 per cent say that they cannot do any more to conserve water. Respondents also believe that increasing costs and restrictions is not the proper way forward to promote water conservation on the island. Rebates for water-saving fixtures, rainwater harvesting and public education programs are stronger motivators for most people responding to the survey.

"Our ratepayers feel like they're already doing a lot, but the community feels differently. Maybe that's because they're not the ones getting the bills and they're not the ones paying the taxes," McKee said. "The pressure seems to be coming from non-ratepayers onto ratepayers."

Full survey results are available on the NSSWD website.



## Rezoning and OCP Amendments for Secondary Suites

Bylaws 124 & 125

### Have Your Say





### PUBLIC HEARING

SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaws about?

Proposed Bylaw 124 amends policies in the Saturna Island Official Community Plan (OCP), and Bylaw 125 amends regulations in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to allow limited sized Secondary Suites within residences for limited areas of Saturna Island.

<p>Thursday May 9, 2019 Public Hearing @ 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturna Island Community Hall 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island</p>	<p>Who should attend? Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws</p>	<p>Enquires? Gary Richardson, Island Planner grichardson@ islandtrust.bc.ca 250-405-5157</p>
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How do I get more information?

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 26 to May 7, 2019. Or visit:

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Send by 4:30 p.m., May 7, 2019 to:

- Islands Trust, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8 or
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- In person at the Public Hearing

Note: All submissions received become part of the public record

FOOD SECURITY

# Galiano food program flourishes

Small is big for endeavour supported by community

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Galiano Island Food Program sees the island's small size and close-knit community as a way to thrive.

The program, which started out of the Galiano Club in 2008, has grown from a simple meal-sharing initiative to a complete food security program. Alison Colwell, the program manager, attributes the growth to the island's unique character.

"One of the things that works well when you're doing it on a small island is because we do so many different projects, we can take food from [one part] . . . and distribute it all over the place," she said. "We're a very small organization . . . If the community doesn't support what we're doing, we can't do it."

The organization runs various programs in the community that go towards building food resilience on Galiano, and to creating a community around food on the island.

"We reckon now Galiano imports 95 per cent of its food. If you look back 60 to 70 years ago, it would have been five per cent," Colwell said. "There was a lot more farming here, but there was also a lot more self-reliance on what was here."

Colwell and the other staff at the Food Program have been working to build that



Alison Colwell during a Nettlefest cooking workshop.

PHOTO BY KRIS KRÜG

reliance back up, much of which has been lost only in the last 50 or so years. The program runs an annual Nettlefest in April both in the community at large and in the school. The festival celebrates the kinds of wild foods available on the island, and promotes people going out and benefitting from the free bounty that is just outside their doors.

"Foraging is just part of being aware of what's wild, free and abundant around you. It's part of increasing your food security. There are nettles everywhere. You don't need to buy greens, buying greens in the store is super expensive at this time of year."

Though foraging for wild foods can help with food security, that security also comes from a resilient community that works together to ensure everybody gets enough to eat. Every Monday, the community gets together for a soup and bread lunch. The lunches started as a way to get meals to seniors who were feeling isolated in their homes. It has grown into a weekly tradition with roughly 100 people coming each week.

"Last year we hit over 500 people [who had come] to soup," Colwell said. "We only have a population of 1,000, so that's half of the island coming to soup days."

Galiano does not have a Meals on Wheels program. As part of the Monday soup event, the program volunteers also cook meals to distribute to freezers at community locations. In 2018, that program created over 2,400 meals that went out to people on the island. Many of the meal recipients are seniors and some of the meals also go to school kids as a form of school lunches.

"It's a lot of work, but for some seniors, that becomes a piece of whether or not they can stay in their homes . . . Sometimes [cooking] gets too hard, or they're living on toast and tea," said Colwell. "If we can provide food to throw in the microwave, then they can stay here years longer."

The program also runs three community potlucks throughout the year. This year's December potluck was particularly well attended. Most people on Galiano lost power during the Dec. 20 windstorm. With the winter potluck falling on Dec. 21 last year, people came out to be with each other and to provide meals, cooking and eating by the light of headlamps and candles.

"We were setting up tables and thinking 'who's going to come?' We ended up having 160 people come. The choir got up on stage, and there was a whole row of people in their headlamps singing. It was amazing," Colwell said.

The program also runs workshops, gleaning projects, a garlic co-op and a community greenhouse for those who want to grow their own food.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Action-packed Ruckle farm day runs Sunday

Demos, displays, food and more

Everyone is invited to enjoy Ruckle Heritage Farm Day on the oldest working farm in B.C. this Sunday, May 5.

Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the event displays heritage farming and crafts side-by-side with nature in the beautiful Ruckle Farm setting.

"The day is geared toward educational heritage farm-related themes and free family fun," explains organizer Marjorie Lane of Ruckle Heritage Farm.

"This event invites participation on every level, be it volunteering, attending, or taking part in the day's many hands-on activities. Many volunteers give of their time to make this day happen."

People will find educational booths set up in the farm area, demonstrating old-time crafts such as spinning and weaving, basket making, quilting and more. The blacksmithing group will set up alongside the old forge building, and butter churning will be at the old milk house. A vintage fire engine will be on display, and log-sawing as it used to be done invites everyone's participation.

Archive displays and old equipment is on display inside the old barn, along with ongoing films with Peter Prince showcasing the early settlers of Salt Spring, including the Ruckle family.

The Lions Club will sell barbecued burgers and hot dogs, with picnic seating available.



PHOTO COURTESY RUCKLE HERITAGE FARM DAY

Rose Birney, left, and Marianne Grittani perform at a past Ruckle Heritage Farm Day. They are set to play again this Sunday.

Pieter Demooey will do a sheep-shearing demo at 12 noon, and Mike Lane and the Ruckle Farm border collies will give a shepherding demo at 1 p.m. sharp.

Musical entertainment sees Marianne Grittani and Rose Birney perform at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

People should note that no dogs are allowed at the event.

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### EDITORIAL

# Trees and the Trust

Few issues raise public alarm in the Gulf Islands more than clear-cut logging.

In the past 30 years, clear-cutting undertaken by the former MacMillan Bloedel company on Galiano, Weldwood and the Texada Land Corporation on Salt Spring, and by First Nations on their Mayne and Saturna islands have prompted major public responses.

As private land logging has stepped up locally in recent months, the Islands Trust has come under fire for not appearing to ride into battle with swinging swords to slay the perpetrators. Critics suggest the Trust's inspiring "preserve and protect" mandate and some legal wrangling should be all that is necessary to quell buzzing chainsaws. But the Trust has been down this road many times in its 46-year history, and hit the same wall: Despite its lofty-sounding mandate, the Trust cannot interfere with forestry activities or stop private property owners from cutting down trees on their lands unless those areas fall within certain development permit areas.

### THE ISSUE:

Clear-cut logging

### WE SAY:

Public input needed for any changes

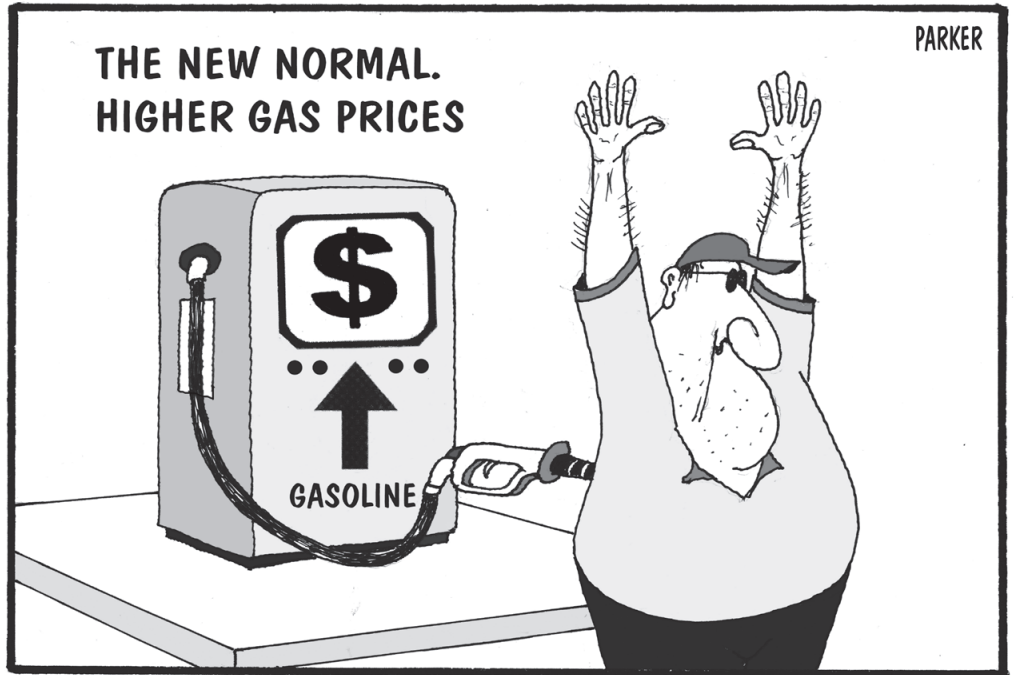
ments respond. Clear-cut logging had not been on the public radar in the islands for several years, and Islands Trust work programs both at area-wide and local levels are always filled with other pressing issues.

Islands Trust staff have responded to concerns by compiling a report that outlines some ways the Coastal Douglas-fir Zone can be protected. Options may not include swiftly applied court injunctions but they are steps that could be taken by all Local Trust Committees and Trust Council, and which council adopted at a recent meeting.

Most involve making CDF Zone protection a top priority in Trust work plans, official community plan amendments and through other means. The report suggests development permit areas could be created to specifically protect the CDF Zone and associated ecosystems.

About a dozen years ago a suggestion to include all of Salt Spring into a development permit area was met with fierce opposition. As the idea of preserving trees to slow climate change gains traction, at least introducing a CDF Zone development permit area may find favour among the electorate.

The Trust now has a blueprint for some change, but it's up to the public to state whether or not they support it.



# Trust needs better tools

BY DIANNE HAYWARD AND MARTEN KEASHLY

The following was sent to islands trustees Peter Luckham, Laura Patrick and Peter Grove, MLA Adam Olsen and MP Elizabeth May.

We're writing as very concerned and frankly very angry homeowners on Morningside Road wherein two parcels of land butting up against Reginald Hill are being clear-cut. It was suggested we write this letter of concern by an Islands Trust bylaw officer to concerned parties as a further example of the ongoing and indiscriminate clear-cutting of forests on this island.

These two clear-cut lots border the CRD trail going up to Reginald Hill. It is a hiking trail used by locals and tourists, and this is what they are left to view — totally clear-cut land. It looks like a dystopia. For an island that relies on tourism as a major source of income, and for an island that supposedly prides itself as environmentally conscious, this is a disgrace and a tragedy.

The island has vastly changed in terms of density, and our acts such as the provincial Forest Act and the regulatory tools available to the Islands Trust don't reflect this reality and are out of date. Nor do the acts and regulations reflect the

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new climate concerns on the islands. Ultimately the act and resultant lack of tools support individuals who continue to act in their own interests with no thought to the impact on the neighbours, to the destruction of our environment and to our safety.

Our quality of life is continuing to be impacted by this operation. It is difficult to go outside with fires burning, and the sound of excavation and the downing of trees. This has been ongoing for over six weeks and still continues. This past Saturday on a very windy day, the burning continued despite the risk to adjacent homes of sparks igniting their properties. The fire department was called out of fear for surrounding properties. And yet as property owners, we seem to have no rights; we cannot protect the value of our properties, our safety, or the quality of our life.

We read and hear that the Trust does not feel they have the regulatory tools by which to act on this issue. And we appreciate the fact that Laura Patrick and Peter Grove have raised their concerns around logging

on private lands at the Trust council meetings. But surely, there can be pressure put on the provincial government by the Islands Trust to institute a moratorium on logging on private lands for timber sales. Then new bylaws, development permits and appropriate regulatory tools for the Trust can be brought into place that reflect our population density and new climate reality.

Of course, all of this begs the question of where is Adam Olsen? We have heard nothing from our MLA, a Green Party representative. They say politics is local and it's time we heard from the Greens as to exactly what they are doing on our behalf relative to this issue.

The Islands Trust has declared a climate emergency and we're still allowing wholesale burning and destruction of our forests. The province needs to give the Islands Trust the tools "to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of B.C. generally."

Such a beautiful place to live, but for us, one that is being ruined by a lack of appropriate laws and regulations.

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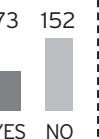
### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Do you support the CREST tower being sited at the Legion?  Yes  No

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

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should BC Ferries sell beer and wine on its sailings?



# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**“Then the explosions started happening and that was alarming for the kids for sure.”**

SHAUNA KLEM, SS CENTRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**WE ASKED:** *What do you think of the proposal to install the CREST tower at the Legion hall?*

**CLAUDIA LAKE**



“Surely there must be a better place to put it. There’s a big concentration of people living nearby.”

**KIM TEBBUTT**



I’m very concerned about the health and well-being on a daily basis due to the radiation. If we have to have a tower, I’d like them to move it to an unpopulated location.

**NICK COGLAN**



There are communications gaps on the island, so that’s a plus. On the negative side there’s what it’s going to look like. It would be nice to have better coverage, though.

**VIDYA AND PRIYA**



We’re concerned about the frequency emissions. It’d be nice to know more about it before it gets built.

**MARK COULTER**



I think it’s a good idea. We need reliable communications. I know there’s a controversy, but from what I read, the frequencies might not be that dangerous.”

## 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

### Successful plogging

Braving the wind and rain on Easter Monday, intrepid members of the Salt Spring Sneakers Running Club “plogged” along Lower Ganges Road, Long Harbour Road, Leisure/Kings Lane, and the Portlock parking area of Vesuvius Bay Road in support of the Gulf Islands Driftwood’s roadside trash clean-up campaign for Earth Day.

Plogging is a combination of jogging with picking up litter. It started as an organized activity in Sweden around 2016 and spread to many other countries thereafter, following increased concern about plastic pollution. Here on Salt Spring, the Sneakers collected six garbage bags of not only plastic packaging but also disposable coffee cups, car parts, golf balls, tin cans and glass bottles of alcohol and soda, and too many cigarette butts to count. Surprisingly, the parking area of Portlock Park

near Vesuvius Road was littered with plastic food and beverage waste, despite the nearby garbage bins.

Thank you to the Driftwood newspaper for spearheading another successful community clean-up this year. Although we felt sad to collect so much garbage in only five square kilometres, we were also heartened that many Salt Springers participated in the Earth Day campaign. Well done, all!

**JANICE DICKIE,**  
SS SNEAKERS

### Budget increase masked

The April 10 Driftwood editorial headlined “Taxpayer Disrespect” is spot on the money.

In 2014 the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission went to great lengths to ensure the Rainbow Road sidewalk ref-

erendum funding was only to be used for a very specific and restricted purpose and to allow for a performance review after four years. It was then intended to go back to referendum for further funding to complete a sidewalk on Ganges Hill.

Now we see through some questionable bookkeeping the Capital Regional District Salt Spring administration has been able to merge restricted and unrestricted funds together and have used this to mask an administrative budget increase of over five per cent. It’s financial manipulation that would never pass a normal local government audit. For this I partly blame myself. As SSITC chair I should have realized the danger in running a restricted and unrestricted requisition through a single service account. However, I never considered the CRD would re-purpose the funding in this manner.

Adding insult to injury, the only reason the transportation commission delayed their next

referendum request is the lack of project performance by the same CRD administration. This is a classic case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, with Peter being the Ganges Hill sidewalk project. When the transportation commission does go back to the electorate for further funding they will find the true cost impact of the administration expenses will trigger a much higher tax increase in terms of the overall budget. In short they will be left holding the bag for what the administration has done this year.

It is never sound financial policy to transfer short-term capital project funding to long-term administrative expense. It is even worse that this has occurred in such a damaging manner to the volunteer efforts for our sorely needed sidewalk system.

**ROBIN WILLIAMS,**  
PAST CHAIR,  
SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

## Better tea and PJs would improve hospital stays

I got a lovely letter from Lady Minto Hospital management recently, thanking me for my custom and inviting me to come again, which I have absolutely no intention of doing.

But I will certainly recommend it to my friends and acquaintances as a nigh-on perfect spot to have a catheter inserted or a tube stuck up your bottom. The letter concluded with an appeal for any constructive advice or criticism I might have so they can make my next stay even better. If I planned another visit, which I don’t.

I’ve given it much thought and have decided, as I have in the past, that Lady Minto is possibly the island’s greatest asset, but I couldn’t let the letter pass without offering at least some small token advice. So, I do hope the lovely staff won’t take this too hard, but perfection is always a difficult notion and, in any case, you DID ask.

But rest assured that I have allocated a good proportion of my anticipated lottery winnings to the Lady Minto fund although in truth they wouldn’t stretch to a bottle of aspirin yet. I also didn’t want my praise to be too fulsome because, frankly, we don’t want a bunch of Saudi princes flying in to get their prostates sorted and taking up the limited bed space.

First the entrance lobby. Anyone who has visited the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria cannot fail to have noticed the grand piano, complete with a grand pianist, playing jaunty tunes to put the poor and the maimed and the halt and the lame at their ease as they shuffle along the anonymous corridors to meet whatever fate awaits them. I’m not for a moment suggesting Lady Minto invests in a piano, but I believe issuing the reception staff with mouth organs or ukuleles would be a step in the right direction. Either that or have a few Salt Spring choir members humming something suitably uplifting in a corner.

I would, however, counsel against bag-



**Paul McElroy**  
+ ANOTHER THING

pipes or kettle drums unless you are looking for coronary patients to practice on.

Next the food. Now I know that hospital food is a contentious issue and that the logistics of producing a square meal on 35 cents per invalid would tax even Jamie Oliver, so I would hastily add that the Lady Minto kitchens do a sterling job. But again, no one is perfect, and I do have a small quibble.

It will not have escaped your attention that I used to be British and consequently attach some importance to a decent cup of tea. When I was a boy a “cuppa” was considered more efficacious than penicillin or open-heart surgery and the notion that “there is nothing a nice cup of tea won’t put right” was written into the Hippocratic Oath. Consequently, you’ll have to take my word for it that the North American habit of wafting a teabag over a cup of lukewarm water has all the remedial properties of leeches or a mustard poultice.

And if I can offer one other small culinary tip. I’m not certain that a breakfast combo of poached egg and watermelon is the best start to the day. In my experience, poached eggs are better paired with an English muffin, a slice of bacon, cheese and Hollandaise sauce. Or, at a pinch, smoked salmon. With a side of crushed potatoes. And toast. Wholemeal. And yes, I would like a coffee top-up, thank you.

Next, pajamas. Since I hadn’t been expecting an overnight stay, I arrived at your establishment without suitable night attire and

consequently you kindly provided me with something I can only describe as indecent. I am not a vain man, but I have been around long enough to know which parts of me I would prefer to keep from the public gaze and the scrap of cloth you afforded me covered none of them. I would hazard a guess that many of your customers are on the frail side and the sight of an elderly, somewhat unsightly male with his bits barely covered would send many of them to an early grave.

So, in the unlikely event of my dropping in unexpectedly sometime in the future, I’m a XXL in the silk pajama department and a 13 in fluffy slippers. The kimono dressing gown was a nice touch, but since I’m more sumo than geisha I’ll bring my own next time. If there was going to be a next time, which there isn’t.

And my preference is for something that buttons at the front and doesn’t involve a straitjacket contortion to cover my nether regions.

So there it is, the recipe for a truly welcoming regimen. Oh, and a little bit of liposuction on the way out would be a nice touch, the hospital equivalent of a pedicure, which is just the kind of value-added service that might bring me back. If I intended to come back. Which I don’t.

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In my column last month I mistakenly (but somewhat smugly) assigned Himalayan pink salt, sambal oelek and canned lychees to aisles 3, 4, and 6. Any shoppers worth their pink salt would know, of course, that they are in aisles 6, 7 and 8, and I can only apologize to the elderly gentleman who has spent the past 27 days in aisle 4 looking for sambal oelek.

*Editor’s note: Paul had sent in a correction to the original column that did not make it to the printed page, so he is entirely blameless if the sambal oelek has not been located.*



PHOTO BY ROBERT JULEI

**STILL COUNTING:** Some of Salt Spring Island's estimated 207 electric vehicle owners gathered at the golf course last Thursday to celebrate vehicle #200, owned by Donna Hall and Ron Watts, holding the "200" sign in front of a 2019 Kia Soul. Then on Monday, a CBC TV crew for The National was on the island filming for a segment on electric car use.

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### Herring catch part of problem

To quote federal Fisheries Minister John Wilkinson in your front-page story last week, "Pacific chinook salmon are in a critical state. Without immediate action, this species could be lost forever," and "as the minister responsible for the health and sustainability of our oceans, I want to ensure that we do not knowingly put these stocks on a path to extinction."

Really! I wish this were true.

This is the same minister who just last month allowed the herring roe fishery to kill 20 per cent of the Pacific herring that came to spawn around Hornby Island before they could lay their eggs and reproduce.

Chinook need herring to eat, it is their main food. Without herring they starve.

In spite of more than 8,000 names on a petition, in spite of the Hornby Island Conservancy, the Pacific Salmon Foundation and many environmental groups and even the local MP going to Ottawa to call for a moratorium on the herring roe fishery, and in spite of the recommendation for a moratorium or even to cut the catch limit to 10 per cent, this same minister opened the herring roe fishery to a 20 per cent catch.

In times past the quota could be caught in hours. This year the boats fished for nine days as they couldn't catch their quota because the herring populations are already so depleted.

How can anyone imagine that chinook salmon stocks can be saved when they are starving? And how can they recover when uncontrolled numbers of seals and sea lions, deprived of the herring, eat the salmon instead?

Trolling, sport fishing and local and Indigenous food fisheries do the least harm to salmon. These big closures are not likely to save the chinook. We don't want our salmon to go the way of the Atlantic cod fishery collapse.

We need a whole new look at how our marine resources are managed.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
FERNWOOD

### Voices made a difference

We are thankful and elated that after nearly five years the long-running Tree House Cafe laneway issue has been resolved.

With a widening of the pathway and the inclusion of removable stanchions, the Tree House has final approval for outdoor liquor licensing, now enabling them to provide adult beverages to customers seated at their outdoor tables. The support of our community and elected officials has proven to be invaluable in ensuring the future of one of our very favourite restaurant/musical entertainment spots on the island.

Thank you, Mark and Terena, for your patience, persistence and perseverance. You have been an inspirational example of what it means to carry a graceful, respectful and responsible positive attitude in life.

Another big thank you goes out to the many friends who participated in showing up and voicing your opinion in support of a positive resolution. Please know that your voice matters and that you can make a difference. And finally, much gratitude for the support of so many other restaurants and their owners from every corner of the island who kindly donated food to the weekly gatherings of folks trying to raise awareness. You showed how much you really care for one another and for us all. It is time to celebrate!

**KY FOX,**  
FOR THE MANY FRIENDS OF THE TREE HOUSE CAFE

### Gorse begone

It was so good to see the photo of the big pile of gorse cut during the Earth Day Clean-up in last week's paper!

This noxious invasive weed is spreading on Salt Spring, and its flammable oils and dry debris inside present a huge fire risk. Big thanks to the volunteers in the photo and to others cutting gorse in their neighbourhoods, who are proving we can beat it back and help native plants thrive.

To dispose of gorse, broom, holly, ivy and daphne, bring it to the Invasive Plant Drop-Off at Central Fire Hall on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for chipping by donation.

**CATHY YOUNG,**  
**DEBORAH MILLER,**  
**DONNA MARTIN,**  
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CO-ORGANIZERS OF  
INVASIVE PLANT DROP-OFF DAYS

# Trust must rock the boat over logging

## IN RESPONSE

BY ROBERT MASON

I am concerned about Susan Yates' comments in the April 24 Driftwood in response to Peter McAllister's comments about the Islands Trust.

Her defence of the Islands Trust in this clear-cut logging fiasco is puzzling. She makes an assumption that the law firm and its legal opinion is wrong, but where are the records of the Islands Trust in their legal battles on this file? I see no references to all the legal battles fighting against the proponents of clear-cut logging in or out of government. Show us how in the last 38 years you and the Trust have battled against clear-cut logging on the Gulf Islands.

The government of B.C. set up the Islands Trust and the exact wording is, "To preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of residents of the trust area and of the province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the Government of British Columbia," or, from the B.C. government's website, "The Islands Trust has land use regulatory authority similar to a regional district board. Carried out primarily through the 12 Local Trust Committees, this mandate to plan and regulate land use and development includes activities such as developing official community plans, adopting zoning bylaws and issuing development permits. The land base in the Islands Trust area is also managed through the activities of the Trust Fund Board, by protecting places of natural or cultural significance through land acquisition, covenants and other activities."

It says right in black and white to preserve and protect the Trust Area, and to protect places of natural significance through land acquisition and "other activities." It sounds like the Trust can expropriate land to protect natural places in the Trust Area, and it sounds like the law firm is correct in its legal opinion, and to me it looks like the bureaucrats at the Trust don't want to rock the boat and stir up trouble with the government.

Every person elected to the Trust is our employee. They work for us, as does John Horgan and Andrew Weaver and every MLA and municipal politician elected to any public position. And all the employees work for our representatives and in essence work for us, the hard-working taxpayers, and the majority of us want total control of all forms of logging on the Gulf Islands right now: no excuses, no delays, no more bureaucrats telling us how they can't do anything.

Now I feel like we just can't trust the Trust. If Horgan and the NDP and the Greens are going to let some of the strongest environmentalists on Salt Spring lose faith in the Trust, then something is really wrong. In the next provincial election we need to send them a message. Look after us, our Gulf Islands, our property values, our natural landscape, and walk your climate change talk, or we vote Liberal to give you some time out to think about who you serve. Do you serve yourselves and your political party or do you serve the taxpayers and voters, and do you really care about climate change?

Clear-cutting forests is one of the worst things anyone could do, and that is real science, not some Trumpian Chinese hoax. Considering how close this NDP government is to falling, all it takes is a couple of ridings to go to the Liberals. The voters on Salt Spring could keep the NDP and Greens out just to send a strong message to Horgan and Weaver: Preserve and protect our land or we vote Liberal. It's time to use the strongest leverage we the people have, and that is our votes. Please don't be afraid to sacrifice this government, or the elected trustees. The only loyalty anyone should have is to the truth, and to those who walk their talk, and if you talk a Green talk and declare a climate change emergency and do nothing about it, you are not walking your talk and need to be voted out.

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# ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT

## SALT SPRING INN

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### VISITING PERFORMERS

## Acclaimed folk singer visits island

Jeff Warner at various locations

BY DEBBIE MAGNUSSON  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Few islanders will have heard of Jeff Warner. He lives in New Hampshire. His parents were music historians and his family travelled for decades recording "folk" playing their music.

Warner's song repertoire is vast. His musical commitment is to singing, playing and interpreting traditional folk music. And, although he is a familiar face at the Victoria Folk Club, he has never stepped onto Salt Spring Island. That will soon change.

The Salt Spring Public Library is welcoming Warner to sing and play for students in the debut of the Music in the Library program on the afternoon of May 9. This will surely open some young ears to live music and song.

Generous donations by Salt

Spring Folk Club audience members will help the program start-up and more local grants will hopefully be secured.

Music in the Library is a new idea that was welcomed by program librarian Nikky McCarvill.

"We've brought artists and authors in to the library to meet students, but never musicians. It's time we do that," she said.

The plan is to have two more events in the library during this school year, and two summer events that will welcome families. Not only will children hear and learn new songs, the concept of what libraries can offer will be expanded.

The GISS music composition class will also have an exclusive workshop-performance with Jeff Warner, also sponsored by Music in the Library. Music teacher Michelle Footz has been connecting with Warner to make sure he'll provide a high level and creative challenge for her students.

Not wanting to leave the adults behind, the Salt Spring Abattoir will host Warner to play at Beaver Point Hall on May 8 at 7 pm. The event is a fundraiser for the abattoir and the performance will be a musical highlight for 2019.

Dinner by The Sweetgrass Food Co. will be available at 6 p.m. Our own Sue Newman and Patrick Cassidy will be "singin' & clownin' around" while people dine. Details and online ticket sales are at [www.plantofarm.org](http://www.plantofarm.org) or at Eat, Drink, Ferment.

All performances will be warm, intimate and lots of fun. Young and old will be swept away by Warner's performing but, even more, by his vast knowledge about the songs; their origin and changes and transformations. He is truly a "folk" singer, where the songs are about the lives of common people, their trials and tribulations, not the performer.



WWW.JEFFWARNER.COM

Folk singer and multi-instrumentalist Jeff Warner. He performs on Salt Spring on May 8 and 9, and will also do a workshop with GISS students.

### EXHIBITS

## Artist explores insignia in upcoming exhibition

Anh Le shares blank ink paintings

A new show opens at Salt Spring Gallery next Friday, May 10, when Anh Le presents INSIGNIA, her first solo exhibition of work on the island.

INSIGNIA comprises over 20 works of drawing and painting, exploring the artist's interest in typography, calligraphy and tattoos as insignia.

The show opens with a reception running from 5 to 8 p.m. and continues through May 29.

Le's calligraphic black ink paintings appear to be glyphs from a foreign language, the majority

of which are tinged with gold, lending them a precious quality. Also featured are brightly coloured mandala-like works, abstracted and loose, often incorporating handwritten phrases.

Le completed her BFA at Emily Carr University, is an arts administrator and has exhibited in various group shows on Vancouver Island.

### CONCERT PREVIEW

## Lost and Found music hits ArtSpring

Exciting repertoire on the program

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Concert Band welcomes a new season with their spring show entitled Lost and Found on Friday, May 3 at ArtSpring.

"It was a long winter for everybody," said music director Keith Ollerenshaw. "While we're playing a lot of classics, I think that just with the nature of how they're written embodies spring. That was the idea, waking up and hearing traditional repertoire while also enjoying spring."

The show features some concert band standbys, as well as music from movie soundtracks and more recent composers. The show's Lost and Found name comes from the The Lost Lady Found movement in the Lincolnshire Posy. The name also refers to lyrics from Amazing Grace, which is another piece on the program.

"There's a huge history of band music, especially in the U.K. and the United States," Ollerenshaw said. "We have a lot of American repertoire as well. We're going to be playing some [Aaron] Copland. He's probably our biggest American composer. Then the other one is Frank Ticheli, and we're going to do a couple of his pieces as well."

The concert band will also welcome the adult begin-

ner band onstage for three numbers. Ollerenshaw hopes that by merging the two bands, more community members with a musical bent will be interested in joining the band program.

"We're not some sort of elite orchestra," he said. "If you've only been playing for a couple of years or even if you're looking to consider starting to play, there's a place for you. We're really trying to promote the inclusive environment, especially when it comes to band and to music."

Concert band music is played predominantly on brass and wind instruments, with string bass and percussion as accompaniment. Ollerenshaw explained that while concert band music can seem elitist to some, a wide variety of music has been written for concert bands.

"I think when you experience some of the repertoire that is out there for band, it's a lot of fun," he said. "Most of the people in the band grew up playing this in high school. It's just a place for the musicians to re-spark those feelings, but at the same time it is really well-written music... Concert band provides you with another way of listening to beautiful music in a different idiom."

The Salt Spring Concert Band plays two big concerts at ArtSpring per year. They also play at the car show on Canada Day and during the Terry Fox Run in September.

Tickets for the Friday event are available at ArtSpring, and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Concert Band Presents...

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## DANCE COMMUNITY

# Salt Spring venues tune in to silent disco craze

Indoor and outdoor events happening this weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Recent visitors to Salt Spring's parks, the Saturday Market or nightlife spots may have noticed the odd phenomenon of groups of people seemingly dancing for no reason, or at least with no connection.

In actual fact, the individuals in these groups are unified by music. It's just that only those wearing the special wireless headphones can hear it. And with the silent disco craze ready to hit the island at full volume, more and more people will likely be tuning in.

Salt Springers can participate in the newest dance craze thanks to entrepreneur Lara Gordon, who moved to the island two months ago and has already put an intensive schedule of events into action with her company Dreamland Silent Disco. She started offering sessions in the gazebo at Centennial Park in mid-April and will be carrying on through much of the summer on a pay-as-you-wish trial basis. This coming weekend Dreamland will also offer two bigger events featuring ex-islander Daniel Trump at the DJ table: Moby's Friday night and outside at Mouat Park on Saturday night.

While it may seem that putting on headphones to dance would stifle the social aspect, producing a room full of bodies isolated in their own little worlds, Gordon said that's not the case.



PHOTO COURTESY DREAMLAND SILENT DISCO

Lara Gordon with headphones used in her Dreamland Silent Disco shows. People can try dancing with her at Centennial Park on Saturday afternoons or at special events.

"On one hand it's more private, but on the other hand it's actually more communal because if you want to have a conversation with someone, you just take the headphones off and there's no music blasting," Gordon said, adding she usually finds 75 per cent of the room will be dancing but the other 25

per cent will be in a circle talking and enjoying the scene.

Gordon first encountered silent disco herself in Boston, where she was living for several years. The party was silent only in terms of the music broadcast. People were singing along, laughing, hooting, dancing and sweating.

"It was the wildest thing I'd ever seen. It was so much fun," Gordon said. "It also just had so much lightness and humour."

At the time, Gordon was creating pop-up craft markets but wanted to get out of the retail business. When she decided to make a change she invested in 200 pairs of wireless headphones, a disco ball and some lights and formed the new business. She brought Dreamland Silent Disco with her when she moved to the coast this year, and to Salt Spring when she arrived here two months ago.

Oxford's online dictionary, which added the term in 2011, defines silent disco as "an event at which people dance to music that is transmitted through wireless headphones rather than played over a speaker system." Its example of the term in a sentence sums up one of the benefits: "The organizers chose to have a silent disco because it eliminates noise complaints."

This is a real benefit in rural settings and anywhere noise bylaws are enforced. (Dreamland's tagline is "Rock the party. Not your neighbours.") But even without any noise-related concerns, silent discos are proving to be a hit with dancers of all ages. Something about putting the headphones on allows people to lose their inhibitions on

the dance floor despite the fact that external sound, rather than sight, has been curtailed.

People on the dance floor are also interacting with each other, even though some may be listening to different music. To see who's on the same vibe, the headphones emit LED lights in three different colours to indicate which channel the listener is on. At Gordon's parties, one station is usually for the live DJ, one is for pre-programmed electronic dance music and another has a "throw-back" station.

"I like to have a little bit for everyone," Gordon said. "It's not just electronic music. My biggest fan base is probably in their 50s and 60s because there is that level of comfort."

The silent disco can be enjoyed indoors, but there is no need to keep it there. Gordon's real dream for the company is to have dance events outside in the trees. Her first set-up at Mouat Park will take place this Saturday starting at 8 p.m., and will see the entry to the disc golf course lit up and decorated. People of all ages are welcome, from kids to grandparents.

Gordon is also looking for DJs and collaborators for other outdoor projects that could take place during daylight hours. She envisions mountain hikes that end with sound baths, guided meditations and yoga — basically anyone who wants to take their activity outside and have a sound component. Private events and rentals are also available.

See the Dreamland Silent Disco & Social Club on Facebook for this weekend's event dates and details, or visit the website dreamlandsilentdisco.com or the Instagram page.



Islands Trust

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee is waiving the public hearing for:

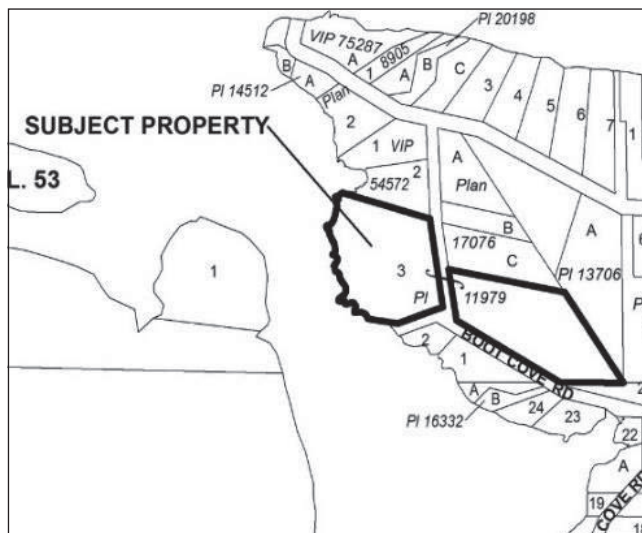
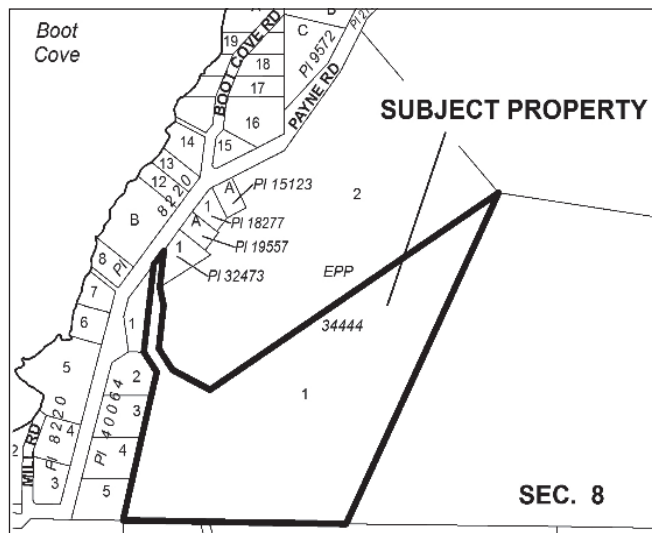
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The Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will consider further readings to the bylaw at its business meeting scheduled at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Saturna Island Community Hall, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC.

**Proposed Bylaw No. 126** – In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 126, is to amend the Saturna Island Land Use bylaw in order to transfer density from one Lot (donor) to another Lot (receiver). This amendment has been prepared to re-enact an amendment that was made to the previous Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002.

The donor lot (Lot 1, Plan EPP 34444) is to be rezoned to increase the minimum average lot area for subdivision to 3.3 hectares. The receiver lot (Lot 3, Plan 11979) is to be rezoned to decrease the minimum average lot area for subdivision to 1.1 hectares and the minimum lot area for subdivision to 0.6 hectares.

The location of the subject properties is shown on the following sketch maps.



A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing April 26, 2019 and up to and including May 7, 2019.**

The proposed bylaw can be viewed at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/saturna/bylaws/>

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

Sharon Lloyd deRosario,  
Deputy Secretary

## MUSIC

## Women of Note raise spirits

Star of the Sea evening features local singers

On Tuesday, May 7, Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice offers an evening of songs presented by Women of Note, a small informal group of Salt Spring Island singers.

Filling the centre's first Tuesday of the month chant evening program, the event runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more than 25 years, Women of Note has been committed to singing at local community events that promote peace, social justice and concern for the environment. They have sung in the homes of people recovering from illness and have sung at the bedside of one of their members, bearing witness to the peace and joy singing can bring at the end of life. In addition, they entertain at extended care at Lady Minto Hospital and the various seniors residences on a regular basis.

Their repertoire ranges from music written hundreds of years ago to that of the present day. Often the songs they choose are from other cultures and in different languages.

On Tuesday night the group will lead participants in simple rounds and chants from various traditions.

"When joining together in song, we can experience the power within us and around us as we connect with each and with all beings," they say.

The evening's event will take place at St. Mary's church in Fulford, which is home of Star of the Sea Centre. Participation is by donation and registration is not required.

For information on Star of the Sea visit [www.staroftheseassi.ca](http://www.staroftheseassi.ca).



# ISLAND LIFE

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

# Pass It On group hosts Sparkfest

Year-end party and fundraiser set for May 9

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Performers are lined up and dessert menus are being finalized for Sparkfest, with the annual event hosted by Pass It On participants all set to return to Barb's Bakery and Bistro on Thursday, May 9.

Now running for nine consecutive years, Sparkfest has been established as a fun way to celebrate an important initiative for youth in the community and to raise funds for the following year's activities at the same time.

The SWOVA program sees high-school-age students meet weekly in peer groups with an adult facilitator to talk about anything they would like, from daily concerns to truly heavy issues. The students also act as mentors to little buddies in the middle school — usually Grade 8 students who will be moving up to high school themselves the next year.

The 2018-19 program marks the third year that boys have been included under the supervision of David Norget, while program founder Kate Nash has been running the girls' group every year since 2009.

High school students involved with the program are looking forward to sharing their work with the community on May 9, with everyone invited to come out and support the program.

"I think the most important thing about Pass It On for me is it's really brought together a community of the girls, and it kind of gives you a support group, almost. You get to go every week and relieve yourself," said Grade 10 student Emma Phillips, who was a buddy when she was in Grade 8 and is now part of the mentor group. "And with the younger buddies it gives you that connection to maybe help



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Manny Wood Lynes-Ford and Emma Phillips are part of the Pass It On program that will put on Sparkfest on May 9.

them come into the high school."

"It's definitely an ease of transition," agreed Grade 12 student Manny Wood Lynes-Ford. "For younger buddies it's the transition between Grade 8 and high school, which is a pretty big jump. And then for us it's going to be a jump to moving out of the house or living on our own."

"I was lucky to have a sibling who was older to show me the ropes, but I kind of wish that I had someone to show me around more in depth. And I think being an older buddy can be rewarding," he added.

Healthy take-up of the program shows that many students find value in the relationship. There are currently between 15 and 20 partner-pairs from the girls' side. The boy's group, which is still in its early stages, attracted 10 high school mentors this year who are doing double duty with around 20 middle-school buddies. The pairs get together outside of regular

meeting times and make their own plans. Often the mentors take their buddies out for lunch on a school day, and talk on the phone or text each other.

The older students are working on communication skills and building confidence as they prepare for a new future while being there for their younger counterparts. The younger group meanwhile gets familiar with the high school setting during fun group meetings and gets to know a few older students before the big move.

Recalling her own experience as a younger buddy, Phillips said, "I thought it was great. It was so much fun for me. When you got into the high school you had a friendly face here. It was like comfort when you got to the school."

Since Pass It On involves a mix of senior grades at the high school level, getting to know students that may not be part of the same social group can be one of the enjoyable parts of participation. Both mentors and buddies benefit from the mentoring relationship, and there's an echoing mentorship taking place between the students and their adult facilitators.

"I would definitely say [one of the best parts] is having that open environment where you can just talk about anything," said Wood Lynes-Ford.

With all the good work of the past school-year coming to a close, the atmosphere at Sparkfest is definitely one of fun and celebration. As usual, Nash has used her connections to bring in professional entertainment from Vancouver. This year the program features music from Tom van Deursen, Ta'Kaiya Blaney and Chad Gilmour. There will also be performances from the GISS national champion improv team and Pass It On participants.

Tickets are available at the door, or for a discounted rate people can get them in advance from the students. The event starts at 7 p.m.

## What is this? Where is it?



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LAST WEEK: Kim Murray was the first to recognize this spot on the wall near Transitions and the Pharmasave in Ganges. Check our Facebook page for the photo postings too!

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

### Marshall Heinekey



After several years serving on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District board of trustees and as its chair, Marshall Heinekey is now a free man, as his term expired on Saturday.

Marsh grew up on the island, where his family had a dairy in Vesuvius. He and his wife Rose still live on part of that property.

Marsh has had a leadership and coaching business, is a former British Columbia Institute of Technology executive and involved in Toastmasters.

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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TIP OF THE WEEK: READ MORE IN MY NEWSLETTER. SIGN-UP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE.

The full Momentum of spring arrived late this year for many but, according to the general planetary alignments, it is here now. Mercury, Venus and Chiron in Aries are sparking this Taurian energy into action, thanks in part to Mars in Gemini. The auspicious Cazimi New Moon in Taurus on May 4th is the next source of inspirational growth. Cazimi occurs when the Moon, from our perspective here on Earth (of course) is situated right in the center of the apparent disc of the Sun. (Yes, until all the observers have passed or ascended or migrated to Mars, geocentrism remains an experiential fact :) So, this lunar cycle stands to bring hidden gifts and blessings for those of us destined to receive it. (No planetary influence has a pat effect because every person experiences their own relationship with existence.) Mercury enters Taurus on May 6 and forms a conjunction with Uranus on May 8. This will have the effect of opening minds and inspiring new initiatives. Venus in Aries forms a lovely trine to Jupiter in Sagittarius on the 9 so we should feel this blessing from about May 7 to 11. Altogether quite a positive picture, generally, especially as you tune-in and align your awareness and intentions. May the 4th be with you!

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Your energy levels are been rising steadily. Taking new initiatives, contemplating new prospects and exploring new territory are all likely scenarios. Much of your focus is on the home fronts, both literally in terms of your residence and linked to family concerns and activities. It may feel like your drive regarding material ambitions, however, is parked.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Are ambitions have been ignited. Many of these are hidden from view; unless you are the type to invite attention to gain support. Your interests are many and you are determined to attend to a variety of fronts. At best, you are on top of your game. At worst, you are feeling to drain on your energy levels. Yet, the rewards are there, if you do the work.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Balancing retreat with social interests is important to you now. On the social front, opportunities to meet new people and plant the seeds of new friendships are indicated. This wave of expansion will continue throughout the year and will lead you to fascinating, unique and/or alternative people and experiences. These are probably already evident.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Some walls are thicker and higher than others so breaking through them is a much bigger challenge. Yet, some of these long-standing structures walls may be crumbling around, without your involvement. Whether this is regarded as good, bad or neutral depends on your circumstances. Feeling confident about it all is also in question.

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Things are shaking close to home, whether you want them to or not. Perhaps you are moving or a major renovation is underway, or something unexpected has come about. In any case, you are challenged to adapt to this situation, perhaps over the next few weeks. Positively, it will produce a whole new level of beauty.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

A new vision is awakening in your mind. Yet, you are still contending with unfinished business from the past. It is important that you attend to that now as you will not feel like it next week and/or you will feel like you have fallen behind. Your professional ambitions are featured and include education or training that you both need and will give.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

A powerful cycle continues. It is leading you to push harder and dig deeper than you have perhaps for a while. You may also feel pressured to attend to a variety of fronts and therefore feel stretched and scattered. At the root of this cycle is a challenge that is likely stirring fears which you must confront. To succeed you may need to know why it is worth the effort.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Changes on relationship fronts are coming to the fore as if suddenly and unexpectedly. These are requiring and/or inspiring you to investigate further. Either way, you have to do your part and this will likely require efforts you might prefer not to make. However, your ambitions are running high and these are supporting a positive attitude to comply.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

You are in the mood to make a few key shifts in your usual approach. It may have to do with adapting to and make the most of spring. The time to plant the garden has arrived or is at least fast approaching. Since you have gone through so much over the years and are now seeing the world as with new eyes, your mood is enthusiastic.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You have entered a creative power cycle. It is inspiring you to move and shake to make waves. Hopefully, these are the sort that will bring positive returns. You know what happens to what goes around... The biggest questions stand to be which direction or course of action to take. How can you do what you want and earn the admiration and support of others?

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Shifts and changes are rumbling below the surface. These may be just what you want, yet they may also be the source of some anxiety. It is important that you cooperate as fully as you can. In the short term, this includes opening yourself to new knowledge and especially new self-concepts and perceptions regarding your role and place in the world.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

A promising momentum has been steadily growing. Although your sights have been set on new initiatives for some time, factors beyond your control were probably deflecting your focus. But now it is time. You do still have to contend with the dreamy and whimsical influences of Neptune in your sign. Expressed positively, your expressions will prove imaginative and brilliant.

# what's on this week



## Wed. May 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea a Tempo: Aki and Pierre.**  
Classical and South American guitar by duo of Aki Otsu and Pierre Boies, plus Akiko Otsu on koto, or Japanese harp. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Parent-Child Mother Goose.**  
Free drop-in on Wednesdays for parents, caregivers and young children, birth to 6 years old, to focus on the pleasure and power of sharing rhymes, songs and stories. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
Open Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., until June 28.

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



## Thu. May 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum**  
See Wednesday's listing.

## Thu. May 2

### ACTIVITIES

**Early Morning Birding.**  
Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club hosts Burgoyne Bay outings with expert birder and naturalist, Peter McAllister, who will lead people through the meadows, forests and out onto the shore of the bay every Thursday until May 23. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park, parking on the road, near the barns. Boots are a must for the wet meadows, and warm clothes too. All levels of ability are welcome!



## Fri. May 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Salt Spring Concert Band - Lost & Found.**  
Community band presents spring concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Buck Dodgers Stringband.**  
Live at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Silent Disco.**  
Dreamland Silent Disco night at Moby's. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**StoryTime at the Library.**  
For ages 3-6 and their caregivers every Friday at the library. 11 a.m.

**Friday Screen-Free Week Party.**  
Free pizza and party games in the library's program room. 2:30 to 4 p.m. (Note: this replaces the usual Family Movie Matinee at the library.)

## Fri. May 3

### ACTIVITIES

**Art Show Opening: Bob McKay and Chintan Bolliger.**  
Opening reception at Kizmit Galeria for Bob McKay, woodturning, and Chintan Bolliger, paintings. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See Wednesday's listing.

**Free Youth Week Swim.**  
At Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre. 6 p.m.

## Sat. May 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Roller Derby Doubleheader.**  
The Tempest junior roller-derby team plays Vancouver at GISS with doors open at 3:30 p.m.; followed by the Brass Knuckle Derby Dames from Cowichan playing the Brick House Betties from Comox.

**Silent Disco at Mouat Park.**  
Dreamland Silent Disco presents a dance evening at Mouat Park beginning at 8 p.m.

**Bassos Rancheros & Andrew Interchill.**  
A Cinco de Mayo celebration with Andrew of Interchill Records. Moby's Pub. 9:30 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.

## Sat. May 4

### ACTIVITIES

**Yoga in Salt Spring Workshop.**  
Workshop led by Jayne Lloyd-Jones will focus on oiling the joints and warding off arthritis. Yoga in Salt Spring. 4 to 6:15 p.m.

## Sun. May 5

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**ArtSpring Presents: Elektra Women's Choir.**  
Elektra Women's Choir performs their I am in Need of Music show, with soprano Suzie LeBlanc and special guests ArtSpring Makana Youth Choir. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Ruckle Heritage Farm Day.**  
Celebration of rural life at the farm in Ruckle Provincial Park. Old-time skills demo, sheep-herding demo, food, music, displays and more. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Family Adventures in Nature.**  
This Sunday's program is Get the Buzz on Invertebrates. Make bug snacks, observe pond life, and learn about 95 per cent of animals. Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. Drop-in program for ages 6-12 and adult caregivers. 1 to 4 p.m.

## Mon. May 6

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Rotary's 3rd Annual Shredder Day.**  
Bring outdated and confidential paper records for professional shredding. Lions Hall parking lot. Material accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. \$10 per banker's box.

## Tue. May 7

### ACTIVITIES

**Community Open House on Centennial Park Upgrade.**  
Learn more and give feedback. Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Women of Note.**  
Island vocal ensemble leads participants in chants and rounds at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice at St. Mary's Church. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Book Launch: Reed Richard.**  
Reed Richard reads from his book Rumi.nations for a book launch at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m. Reed will be bringing the audience on a journey of expanding awareness through a connection with nature and emotional vulnerability.

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

**Islands Trust Industrial Lands Project Community Info Meeting.**  
Meaden Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

## Wed. May 8

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Jeff Warner in Concert + Fundraising Dinner.**  
Concert by New Hampshire-based folk musician and Sweetgrass Food Co. dinner at Beaver Point Hall. A SS Abattoir fundraiser. Dinner at 6 p.m. and show at 7 p.m.

**ArtSpring Presents: Michael Kaeshammer.**  
Award-winning singer-songwriter and pianist performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tech Tutoring.**  
With Peter Freeman at the Salt Spring Public Library. to 10 to 4 p.m. Sign up for a session in advance at the library.

**Bridge Club.**  
Meets Wednesdays in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room from 12:45 to 4 p.m.

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

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.

**Music Bingo.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.

**D.W. Salty** is looking for material for his column,

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Spinning demo at Ruckle Heritage Farm Day, which runs this Sunday.

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### EXHIBITIONS

- Woodturner **Bob McKay** and painter **Chintan Bolliger** have a show at **Kizmit Galeria** this month beginning Friday, May 3 with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Gallery 8's Symbolically 8** exhibition and 10th anniversary celebration continues in the Grace Point Square gallery until May 11.

### EXHIBITIONS

- **Karin Millson** and **Bernadette Mertens-McAllister** present **In/From/Of - the Forest** in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of May.
- **Paula Ann Van (Smith)** exhibits **Tides of Time** at **Salt Spring Gallery** until May 8.
- **The Horses That Were My Teachers**, an exhibit of work by **Susan Gordon**, is at the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through May.
- **Nikki Menard** shows work in her **Beyond Edges** exhibit at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until May 11.

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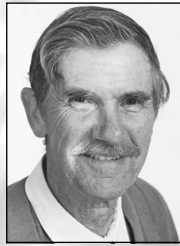
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**Jacqueline Lumley-Hagan**  
 FEBRUARY 3, 1933 - APRIL 3, 2019



Jacqueline (Jackie) passed away peacefully at home in Port Alberni after her battle with cancer. Jackie was born on Salt Spring Island and was raised between there and Steveston. After spending a few years living off of Salt Spring Island, Jackie returned to the Island and opened up her restaurant, "The Kanaka Place", which became a very popular work and gathering place for the Islanders. Jackie sold her restaurant and Deli Shoppe and moved to Port Alberni to be closer to her kids and grandkids and where she spent her later years. But she was always an "Island girl". Jackie is predeceased by her parents, Ed & Becky Lumley, her two sisters, Rita & Gwen. She leaves behind her children, Gary Hagan, Becky Hagan, Juanita Erickson (Steve) and Geraldine DeKoninck as well as 3 grandsons, 6 granddaughters and 10 great grandchildren. Many people will remember Jackie for her warm and infectious laughter, good nature and wonderful sense of humor. She'll be sadly missed by friends and family. A private family Celebration of Life was held by Jackie's request. "A Hui Hou Kākou" (Until we meet again)

**JOHN (JACK) DUNLOP REID**  
 October 30, 1931 - April 24, 2019



Jack was born on Salt Spring Island, in the old Lady Minto Hospital on the hill, second son to John D. and Helen Reid. He completed grades 1-12 in the Salt Spring Island Consolidated School. The beginning of his working life was spent trying various venues; the BC Forestry in Duncan BC, the Victoria Box Company and as a bank teller in Winnipeg and Invermere. Then for thirty plus years until early retirement he was a business machine and typewriter mechanic in the Lower Mainland with Underwood/Olivetti. He enjoyed several trips to Scotland and Orkney Islands exploring his family roots. He also accompanied his wife on teacher exchanges in England and Australia (1 year in Tasmania, one in western Australia). He, his wife Alfreda and son John lived over thirty years in the Mt. Pleasant area of Vancouver East before moving to Sidney, BC in 2012. Jack is survived by his wife of 51 years, Alfreda, his son John (Brenda), granddaughter Gabrielle; his older brother Thomas (Joyce), brother Robert/Robin (Margaret), his sister Margaret/Margie (Greg) Roberts, cousin Stuart (Iris) Reid and numerous nephews and nieces. Jack passed away peacefully at Rest Haven Lodge, Sidney, with his family by his bedside. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 at 1:00pm at Central Saanich United Church "Shady Creek", 7180 East Saanich Road, Saanichton, BC V8M 1Y4. A family celebration of life will be held on Salt Spring Island at a later date.

**Ruckle Heritage Farm Day**  
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**Lois D. Peterson**  
 July 26, 1939 - April 18, 2019




After a decades-long struggle with rheumatoid arthritis and more recently with other chronic illnesses, Lois passed away quickly and peacefully in hospital, with her immediate family at her bedside. She is survived by her husband, Ed; daughter, Janine; son, Gavin; sister, Linda (Otto); two nephews, a niece, and their children; one aunt, and numerous cousins. She was pre-deceased by her parents, David and Doris Howell. Lois grew up on a farm near Ponoka, Alberta. From 1966 until 1980 she worked as the librarian at the high school in Ponoka. Having a keen eye for design and aesthetics, she co-founded a flower shop there in 1969 and operated it until 1975, receiving many compliments for her wedding flower arrangements. Many will remember her keen intelligence, quick wit, and sense of humour. Before the ravages of arthritis, she played the piano, and enjoyed curling. She had a life-long love for animals. In 1980, she and Ed moved to Drayton Valley, Alberta, where she ran the municipal library for 10 years. In 1990, she and Ed moved to Salt Spring Island, buying and operating Gulf Islands Septic; she talked many distraught customers on the Southern Gulf Islands through their plumbing calamities. She also volunteered for many years at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop. The family thanks all the medical staff at Lady Minto and Victoria General Hospitals, and home-visiting caregivers for their compassionate attention. According to Lois' wishes, there will be no funeral. Interment will take place at Forest Home Cemetery, Ponoka at a date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Salt Spring SPCA or to the Island Wildlife Rescue Centre.

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ISLAND HISTORY

# Island character names mountain-area road

Cudmore a big part of island enterprise

Previous columns on the history of Chock Road and Bonnet Avenue have mentioned in passing the connection to Gordon Cudmore, who was a forester and land developer. Cudmore Heights on the way up to Mount Belcher also reflects that source and his development activities.

Family history on the island began with Gordon's father Fred Cudmore, who moved to Salt Spring in the spring of 1927 after his house in Sidney burned down. He was a gill netter on the Fraser River and could easily change locations on his boat. After settling down on Salt Spring, Fred



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rented a house from William Patterson by the Fulford Wharf and opened a store in the space now occupied by the Rock Salt Cafe.

Fred Cudmore was contracted to run the Fulford post office, which he moved from the White Lodge at the head of

Fulford Harbour over to Fulford Wharf. He also brought Shell Oil to Salt Spring.

His son Gordon's activities on Salt Spring included construction of a log dump at Fulford Harbour, where he discovered three petroglyphs, and purchase of industrial property on Ganges Harbour next door to another log dump.

Cudmore was a notable island character known for doing things his own way, such as constructing a Salt Spring's first airstrip in the Burgoyne Valley. The CRD applied for an injunction against the operation but was overruled by the Supreme Court of British Columbia as having no authority over air transportation.

Cudmore subdivided the Mount Belcher

area after purchasing a large tract of land that had belonged to logging giant MacMillan Bloedel in the 1980s.

In his later years he was fond of feeding the swans at Fulford Harbour, as captured in a front page Driftwood photo from Dec. 13, 1989.

OUTDOOR REC

## May filled with exciting outings for trail club

Broom pull event set for May 14

Hikers

May 7: Join Joy on a hike that combines several smaller trails in the north end of Salt Spring. It involves some steep downhills, clambering over potentially slippery rocks along the sea shore, lunch at the beach and several walks along roadways. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. Hike begins at Channel Ridge on Sunset Drive (#1) at 10 a.m.

May 14: The broom pull will take place at Burgoyne Bay from the parking lot to Daffodil Point. All members are invited. Volunteers should wear long-sleeved shirts and bring tools they deem useful (pruners, loppers, small saws). Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. Bring a packed lunch so we can work until about 2 p.m.

Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.

May 21: Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate hike on rural roads and pathways from Beaver Point to Fulford. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to Southridge Drive, the first right up the hill off Beaver Point Road after the intersection with the Fulford ferry road. Please bring double the normal number of cars as we will leave half the cars at Southridge. Southenders meet at Southridge at 10 a.m.

May 28: Leslie Gardiner will lead a long but moderate hike to the summit of Mount Sullivan and then to a scenic lookout over Sansum Narrows for lunch. The return trip will include the summit of Mount Bruce. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead.

Walkers

May 7: Andrea Rankin will lead a walk around one or two of the loops on the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:20.

May 14: Broom pull. See Hikers.

May 21: An easy walk with Yvonne Gibbon through Duck Creek Park and then a leisurely walk down to Vesuvius Beach for lunch. There is a beach store on the way if you want to purchase food or drink to take to the beach. We will then walk back to Duck Creek Park to our cars. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at 10:20 at the park entrance on Sunset Drive.

May 28: Charles Kahn leads us on a walk around the beautiful shoreline trails of Maracaibo to suit the abilities of the participants. Expect some up and down and uneven ground,

as this is Salt Spring. This is a private reserve, not accessible to non-residents without sponsorship by a resident; Charles has this permission. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Ramblers

May 7: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Ann will take us to Dunbabin Park, and back to her deck for soup.

May 14: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m., and Kathy Darling will take us for a ramble and we will finish at Moby's Pub.

May 21: Meet early at Centennial Park at 8:45 a.m. to carpool to the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry. Walk on, then walk to Canoe Cove, and lunch at the Stonehouse Pub.

May 28: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Duck Creek with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Lunch at Seaside Restaurant.

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**GAMES AFTERNOON** at Salt Spring Seniors. 1 to 3 p.m.  
**HATHA FLOW YOGA** with Dorothy Price at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.  
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**MEDITATION GROUP** suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333.  
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**YOGA** with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: [info@santoshayoga-retreats.com](mailto:info@santoshayoga-retreats.com), 250-537-7675  
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## THURSDAY

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m. Info: [ljcharlton@shaw.ca](mailto:ljcharlton@shaw.ca)  
**VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP** meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Seniors Centre, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: David at 250-537-8595 or Seniors Centre 250-537-4604.

## EVERY THURSDAY

**AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS** classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; [alanwardroper@gmail.com](mailto:alanwardroper@gmail.com).  
**AL-ANON** for friends and families of alcoholics holds an Easy Does It Lunch Bunch open meeting at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 to 1 p.m.  
**DANCE TEMPLE** at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**LUNCH** at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**KUNDALINI YOGA** - all levels with Shannon Cowan at the Wellness Centre. 8 to 9:15 a.m.  
**NIA** — Discover the delicious music, mindful movement & healing magic of Nia, a fabulous, fun blend of dance, martial arts and yoga. Antler Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Rd., 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca).  
**OPEN MIC NIGHT** at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m.  
**SQUASH** - Have Fun Learning Squash introductory sessions at the squash court at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Bring clean non-marking shoes. First time is free. 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
**STAY & PLAY DROP-IN** at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**WOMEN'S YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
**VIJNANA YOGA** with Liz Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
**YOGA ALL LEVELS** with Dorothy Price at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
**YOGA** with Jim Dickinson at SS Seniors. 2 to 3 p.m.  
**YOGA IN SALT SPRING** - Beginner/Level I with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716

## EVERY FRIDAY

**COFFEE TIME** for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.  
**DRUM CIRCLE** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 4 to 6 p.m.  
**ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING.** Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE** at the SS Public Library Program Room. 2:30 p.m. Check SS library for exact schedule.  
**STORYTIME** at the SS Public Library in the children's corner at 11 a.m. Drop-in program best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers.  
**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m.  
**GAMES NIGHT** at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**MAH JONGG** players gather at Salt Spring Seniors from 12:15 to 2 p.m.  
**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.  
**MIXED LEVELS YOGA** with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE** with Kaya Reiss at SSI Wellness Centre. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

## EVERY SATURDAY

**DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.  
**EFT TAPPING** (Emotional Freedom Techniques) intro and demos led by Judith Gane at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. Call Judith for details at 250-537-5322.  
**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**YOGA IN SALT SPRING** - All Levels with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Call 250-538-1716 or check [YogaInSaltSpring.com](http://YogaInSaltSpring.com) for details.  
**ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS** with Lee Sigmund. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## EVERY SUNDAY

**KUNDALINI YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SS Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.  
**SUNDAY SATSANG** at the SS Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.  
**UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors Centre at 10:30 a.m.

## MONDAY

**SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges Fire Hall at 7 p.m. See [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com).  
**SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the SS Public Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m.

## EVERY MONDAY

**ACTIVE LEARNING** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**BOOMERFIT** at Beaver Point Hall. 9 to 10 a.m. See Wednesday class description (but note different location). Contact: [trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com), 250-653-4656.  
**CHESS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**DARTS** players meet for games at the Legion from 6 to 9 p.m.  
**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca).  
**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.  
**FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS** with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, [alicef@saltspring.com](mailto:alicef@saltspring.com).  
**NIA** — See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church, downstairs hall. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca).  
**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.  
**SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS** meet at All Saints from 6 to 8 p.m.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD** at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.  
**THE CLINIC by OPT:** Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.  
**TOASTMASTERS**, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. Guests always welcome.  
**VIJNANA YOGA LEVEL 2** with Cathy Valentine at Stowel Lake Farm. Sitting meditation, pranayama and asana. 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
**YIN YOGA** with Satiya Channer at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
**YOGA** with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre: Mixed Levels from both 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
**YOGA FLOW** with Jaya Genevieve Levesque at Salt Spring Wellness from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.,

## EVERY TUESDAY

**AL-ANON** - Do you have problems with someone's drinking? Meet at 135 Drake Road (Catholic church) rear portable from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome.  
**ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE.** All are welcome to join the tango group, Por el Amor del Tango, at weekly practicas. All Saints By-the-Sea. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: [ssi.tango@gmail.com](mailto:ssi.tango@gmail.com)  
**ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.  
**CHESS GROUP** plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
**CHOIR** at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**EFT TAPPING** (Emotional Freedom Techniques) intro and demos led by Judith Gane at Twisted Oak Studio. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Judith for details at 250-537-5322.  
**FLOOR HOCKEY** at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.  
**LIFE DRAWING GROUP** meets at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.  
**LOST CHORDS** seniors choir meets at SS Seniors at 10:30 a.m.  
**NIA** — See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church upper hall from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info: [arleensadler@shaw.ca](mailto:arleensadler@shaw.ca).  
**MEN'S GROUP** - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, [reinless@mender.ca](mailto:reinless@mender.ca) or [meetup.com/reinless/](http://meetup.com/reinless/)  
**PICKLEBALL** games are played at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: [hafizbhimji@shaw.ca](mailto:hafizbhimji@shaw.ca) or 250-653-9579.  
**SALT SPRING IMPROV WORKSHOP:** Free, drop-in improv theatre games for adults and teens 15 and up. Beginners welcome! SS Elementary multi-purpose room. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: [sue.kernaghan@shaw.ca](mailto:sue.kernaghan@shaw.ca).  
**SQUASH** - Have Fun Learning Squash introductory sessions at the squash court at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Bring clean non-marking shoes. First time is free. 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
**SS SEARCH & RESCUE** - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**STAY & PLAY DROP-IN** for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6 at Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.  
**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.  
**UBUNTU** sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.  
**YOGA IN SALT SPRING** - Level I/II with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716  
**YOGA** with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

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# SPORTS + RECREATION

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## ROLLER DERBY

# Island girls host roller derby doubleheader

Tempest junior team and guests from other places

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Roller derby fans can look forward to an afternoon of rough stuff as the Salt Spring Island Tempest junior roller derby team hosts two bouts at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday, May 4.

The Tempest will play against Vancouver Junior Roller Derby in the first game of the evening. Their match will be followed up by the Brass Knuckle Derby Dames out of Cowichan Valley facing off against the Brick House Betties from Comox.

"It's our first game of the season. We are going to be playing at home, which is awesome. We don't get a lot of games here," said Hannah Lawson, a.k.a. Lawless, one of the players on the Tempest. "It's nice when we get to have home games because then everyone on the island can come and participate."



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HANNAH LAWSON  
Team member, *The Tempest*

Roller derby is a rough sport in which players skate around a track at high speed, trying to score points against a defending team. Points are scored when a jammer (a scoring player, identified by a star on their helmet) laps members of the opposing team. The defending team tries to block the jammer from getting past. Blockers on the scoring team can also use body contact and other tactics to make it

Tempest players, from left, Infinity Perry, Maggie Fraser, Abi Adam-Oro, Kalla Tepperning, Jakob Fraser, Hannah Lawson and Aidan Hughes practise at Fulford Hall in advance of Saturday's games in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium.

easier for their jammer to score.

"It's a very charismatic game. We have characters behind our names, there is a lot of makeup, a lot of outfits," Lawson said. "The crowds are awesome. We have a very strict no swearing policy so the sportsmanship is also really good."

Derby players get to make up their own character, complete with names, costumes and personalities. Some of the names on this year's roster are Lawless, Blocking Beauty, Abi McStabby, Av-A-Sassin and Hello Hitty.

This year, the Tempest is bringing a group of experienced skaters to the game. Each player on the team has been skating for at least three years. Junior roller derby players are ranked into skill levels, begin-

ning at level 0 with beginning skaters and going up to level 3. Skaters in level 3 are generally considered to have adult-level competency on their skates.

"We have level-2 and level-3 players. Vancouver has more level-1 and level-2 players, but they have a lot of younger kids. We'll be bringing our brutality down a bit for the game. It's still really good practice for us to be playing with smaller, lower-level kids."

The team is also looking for new players. Three of the Tempest's skaters will be aging out of the league this year, and fresh faces are always welcome. Lawson explained that though the game looks rough and scary, safety measures are in

place to reduce any chance of injury.

"For me personally, it's a great outlet for stress or if I'm not having a good day. I also just love the feeling of being on skates. I feel like I'm flying whenever I'm skating," she said. "The team's energy is just like we're a little family."

For those interested in playing, the team's Facebook page is a good way to get in contact with the coaches. The team practices on Monday and Tuesday nights from 4:45 to 6:15 at Fulford Hall.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets are available in advance from Windsor Plywood, or at the door. Children under five get in free, and must be supervised and away from the track and crash zone at all times.

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## GOLFING

# Golf activity underway on cleared course

Rules change around the world this year

BY MARCIE HOGAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Yes, it is a new season at the Salt Spring Golf Club. The clean up of last year's storm is almost complete and the course is in great condition. Although the course lost over 200 trees the good news is that there is now more light on the green on Hole 7 and along the fairway on Hole 9.

The year 2019 is the long anticipated year of changes to the rules of golf. Golfers around the world have been challenged to let go of some long-held traditions in order to speed up play. The biggest rule change: no longer having to remove the pin while putting. Professionals and amateurs are embracing this opportunity to shoot to the stick and are even claiming improved scores.

For those who are looking to get in the game, the club offers free introductory lessons for both beginner and returning golfers on the second and fourth Mondays of the coming months. Contact the pro shop at 250-537-2121 for more information.

The men's club begins the season with the first round of the Bambrick Cup Tournament on May 6. The men will try to bring the cup back from Ardmore.

The ladies season opened April 30 with a nine-hole scramble and lunch. Their Rose Bowl competition kicks off on May 21.

The junior program, led by Mary Lou Bompas, gets started on Wednesday, May 15 at 4 p.m. The program emphasizes etiquette, rules and core fundamentals of the golf swing.

Disc golfers are enjoying the new, tournament standard baskets on the course. Salt Spring Golf Course is rated among the top-five disc golf courses in B.C.