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**HIGH STEPPING:** Fernwood Elementary student Summer Laughlin takes a flying leap in the final for the Grade 4 girls' long jump event at the Gulf Islands School District elementary school track meet at Portlock Park last Wednesday.

**ISLANDS TRUST**  
**Clinic support floods hearing**

Seniors housing proponents welcome cooperation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A public hearing on a seniors housing proposal for Kings Lane held last Wednesday night garnered many responses from people concerned about the fate of the Salt Spring Health Centre medical clinic.

Islanders were invited to the May 22 community information meeting and public hearing to ask questions and give input on an application by the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association, and a full house turned out to Lions Hall. GISRA plans to build a three-story residential building with 50 units of affordable housing plus services. The property is currently zoned under community facilities, with uses restricted to medical and dental offices.

The requested zoning would add multifamily, affordable residential use and also permit a service club to accommodate Salt Spring Seniors Society in the main building.

The future of the clinic has caused some concern from the practitioners leasing the Kings Lane centre and supporters in the community, who have asked the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to guarantee future operations through a covenant.

"Please protect both projects," housing advocate Fernando do Santos said at the hearing. "They're of equal importance to the community."

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# BIKE to WORK week

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Brian Schack, left, stops for refreshments at the Islands Trust Bike to Work Week Celebration Station with Trust staff Kristine Mayes and Jason Youmans on Monday morning.



Left and above: Salt Spring Elementary students arrive for a bike rodeo, snacks and tune-ups before school Tuesday morning. Another similar event was planned for Fernwood Elementary on Wednesday. See our What's On calendar for more events for kids and adults scheduled this Friday and Saturday.

## LAND USE

# Old Fulford Inn site project faces road blocks

Trust planner changes three times

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Progress on the old Fulford Inn property redevelopment application has slowed due to rezoning and density issues.

Salt Spring-based Merchant House Capital has a proposed development of 24 resort-style cottages, a restaurant, retail space, a concert venue and additional parking at the site that once housed the Fulford Inn. The project is known as the Salt Spring Vortex, and is intended to be a public space to help revitalize the Fulford village area.

"We were trying to create something more unique, more vibrant and more community focused under the existing zoning, but that did include a number of variances," said CEO David Fullbrook. "The project had always been intended to be this juxta-

position of people coming to the island and wanting a Salt Spring experience, but also creating a community hub for people on the south end."

Merchant House develops older buildings that have outlived their usefulness and turns them into forward-thinking multi-use spaces. Though this project falls outside of their typical mandate, the developers thought that since it was a local project they would be willing to take it on. Through the permit application process, the project has changed planners with the Islands Trust three times since it was initiated on September, 2018. The planners were working with the developers to bring the idea to fruition. A recommended rezoning has changed that dynamic.

"When that was conveyed to us eight months into the process, it was based on an interpretation of the measurement of the site area," Fullbrook explained. "Much of the bylaw is written in an 'and/or' way. That

'and/or' gives room for interpretation. It can be one, it can be both, it's up to the planner. Prior planners were interpreting it in one way, and this third planner is interpreting it in another way."

Current zoning for CA2 (Commercial Accommodation) allows for most of the project's amenities, but some fall outside of that zoning. The density requirements for the project are too much for the current zoning, and a rezoning is required to bring the density up to par. The project is on two adjacent properties, one of which is split-zoned, which also adds a layer of complication.

Though a rezoning is possible, Fullbrook explained that it would prolong the process even further.

"The principle issue for us is less about the outcome and more about the process, in that we've spent significant amounts of money with consultants developing this application," he said. "When there's this

communication breakdown, a change of personnel, a lack of timely responses... it just makes it a much more difficult process than it needs to be."

"Do we want to do this for another two years? We'd really rather get the thing built," he added.

Despite setbacks, the project is ostensibly moving forward. A status update was provided in Tuesday's Islands Trust meeting agenda showing a change in planner, as well as recommendations for rezoning. Fullbrook said that Merchant House intends on finishing the permit application.

"I don't think at this point we're going to undertake a rezoning," Fullbrook said. "We'll complete the application and if it gets approved we'll hopefully move it forward."

Regional planning manager Stefan Cermak was unable to comment on the application prior to press time Tuesday morning.

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	0819	1.5	4.9		1003	0.5	1.6
	WE 1425	2.3	7.5		SU 1803	3.1	10.2
30	ME 1851	1.9	6.2	DI 2217	2.6	8.5	
	0132	3.1	10.2	3	0307	3.1	10.2
	0842	1.3	4.3		1037	0.3	1.0
TH 1534	2.5	8.2	MO 1849		3.2	10.5	
31	JE 1948	2.1	6.9	LU 2307	2.7	8.9	
	0156	3.0	9.8	4	0336	3.1	10.2
	0907	1.0	3.3		1115	0.2	0.7
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SA 1717	2.9	9.5	WE 1157		0.1	0.3	
	SA 2129	2.5	8.2	ME 2022	3.4	11.2	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT Backyard burning ends

Campfires still allowed with permit

Salt Spring Fire Rescue expects to implement a seasonal ban on backyard burning starting Thursday, May 30 in line with a regional ban by the Coastal Fire Centre. Under Coastal Fire Centre guidelines, the Category 2 ban covers home burn piles and debris

burning, as well as fireworks, sky lanterns and burn barrels.

Campfires will still be allowed, with permit, and camp stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes are permitted.

Category 3 industrial fires are also still allowed for now under the Coastal Fire Centre rules.

Visit [saltspringfire.com](http://saltspringfire.com) for details on local regulations and to read the burning bylaw.

## HEALTH CARE

# Health needs survey open

Input deadline Monday

Salt Spring Community Health Society is continuing work on a community health needs assessment, and invites islanders to have their say.

Input through a health needs survey is being collected until Monday, June 3.

Response from community members so far has been very encouraging, the society says, but more data would be helpful. They would

particularly like to hear from people aged 15-24, 25-39 and males of any age, but they encourage as many people to participate as possible.

The online survey can be found at [www.saltspringcommunity-health.ca](http://www.saltspringcommunity-health.ca).

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Ferry change coming

Islanders traveling on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry route will see a change on June 5, as the recently sold Howe Sound Queen will be replaced by the MV Quinita.

The route's aging vessel was sold at auction for \$246,960 to an undisclosed buyer as it reached the end of its serviceable life with the ferry corporation. Over the past few years, load limitations and maximum weight issues have caused loading problems and backed up traffic on the route.

While the Quinita has a smaller total capacity than the Howe Sound Queen, the weight limit is much higher, meaning it will be able to carry a full load of vehicles even when one is a logging truck. The vessel also has less movement when loading and unloading, BC Ferries reports.

## Trust gives stewardship award nods

Islanders have nominated two Salt Spring candidates for the 16th Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

Salt Spring nominees are Christine Torgrimson for celebrating conservation leadership at the Salt Spring Conservancy and Aloha Aina farm for marking five years of community building as an organic permaculture farm.

The program recognizes accomplishments that support the Trust's mandate to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique environment and amenities. The nominations are for activities ranging from community work and conservation through land and marine protection.

In all, six individuals and five organizations from all of the Gulf Islands were nominated.

The recipients will be selected during Islands Trust Council's quarterly meeting on Galiano Island June 18-20.

## FOR THE RECORD

Last week's paper incorrectly described a Thomas Road fire as being "south-end." Thomas Road is located off Cedar Lane.

## GANGES VILLAGE

# Chamber eyes Ganges security issue

No easy solution to problem

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Recent incidents of vandalism in downtown Ganges have spurred the community into finding solutions, though it may be some time before any are reached.

Multiple community groups have been meeting to discuss the security problems in the village. The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce held two such meetings in March and April, brought on by the recent window-breaking events in the past few months. Community stakeholders, as well as representatives from the Harbour Authority, Coast Guard, RCMP and Salt Spring Fire Rescue were part of the meetings.

"The original impetus... was to start some sort of dialogue so the business community didn't feel left alone," said chamber board member Ian Clement, who helped organize the meetings. "It was quite eye-opening to discover the magnitude of the situation that we apparently are confronted with on the island."

Window breaking and similar incidents have been occurring on Salt Spring for the better part of the last year. The problem has been exacerbated by a lack of resources at the RCMP and other under-resourced programs.

"The situation becomes more intractable owing to the deficit of governance that the island experiences," Clement said. "The [Islands] Trust is a planning office and services are provided by the CRD, but there's gigantic gaps and a real lack of coordination and a lack of ability to coordinate because of the legislative framework

in which everything has to operate. So we are stymied."

In 2018, Salt Spring Island's homelessness count rose by 58 per cent over the number counted in 2016. Though a rise in homelessness has been visible in Ganges over the past few years, Clement explained that it was hard to see a direct connection between people experiencing homelessness and the issues in Ganges. He hopes that future meetings can be coordinated where everyone can participate in a meaningful way.

"It appears that anyone drawing a connection between the homeless and the vandalism is misguided," he said.

Clement explained that one of the concerns raised during the meetings was that of setting up a neighbourhood or business watch in the downtown core. That sentiment was echoed by downtown business owner Jason Watkin. Watkin explained that having people in the village after shops are closed would do a lot to stop the problem.

"When people come around at night, there's nobody here. They just feel like they can take over the streets," Watkin said. "If someone shared the responsibility and hired a couple of people who would just hang around, walk around and watch things, that would be a very good deterrent."

The chamber of commerce also reached out to the RCMP for advice in establishing a patrol, acknowledging civilians taking law enforcement into their own hands would be a major risk to both safety and to any ongoing investigations.

"The big concern is that we don't want this to turn into an issue that will fracture the com-



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Boarded up window at Pod Contemporary, one of several Ganges businesses to be vandalized over the past year.

munity," Clement said. "The main thing is that everyone wants to approach the problem with compassion and respect... We're trying to figure out how to find that sweet spot."

Other initiatives include an open community meeting that will take place at the library on June 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and further chamber of commerce-led meetings in the fall.

## OUTER ISLANDS

# Fowl play report

Chickens stolen on Galiano

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A flock of chickens was stolen and then returned with help from the community, all within 72 hours on Galiano Island.

Sometime in the evening of Saturday, May 18, five chickens and one rooster were taken from Colleen Doty's farm. The theft was not noticed until Doty's sister pointed out that one of the roosters was missing in the chicken run. After counting the birds, they discovered that a total of six were absent.

"We noticed that six chickens had vanished without any sign of predation. We're both experienced chicken-keepers. We know what it looks like when any kind of predator has affected a flock," Doty said. "We went door to door and looking through the woods and there was nothing. We were pretty sure that someone took them."

Doty reported the chicken theft to the Outer Islands RCMP, stationed on Pender Island, as well as on the local community Facebook page. Since some of the chickens that were taken were of rare breeds, Doty and her husband were concerned that the birds had been taken off-island. However, the community was able to track down the chickens on Galiano and negotiate their return.

"Sunday night, we had gone out for dinner and when we came home there were several phone calls from a friend of mine," Doty said. "The chickens were dumped at the end of our driveway in the dark without a box or anything."

All six birds were returned. They were all healthy and had not suffered any harm when they were missing.

"We were so full of joy and super happy. I'm glad that they're healthy," Doty said.

The RCMP has a file open on this case and the investigation is ongoing.



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## Cannabis Retail Sales

### Application to Permit Cannabis Retail Sales

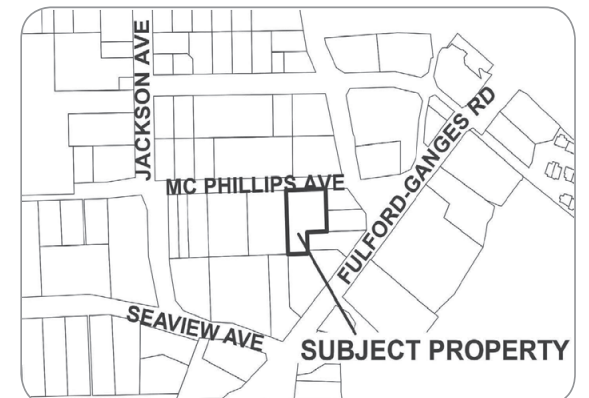
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- As the local government, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is requested to consider the application for this licence.
- Public input on this application is being sought.



#### How do I get more information?

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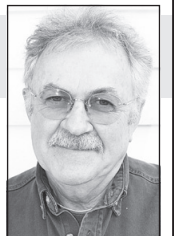
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## PARKS AND REC

# Trincomali trail project underway

## Administrative powers also discussed at PARC meeting

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Plans to connect two trail systems north of Ganges are underway, as the CRD Parks and Recreation Commission approved a project charter for the Trincomali Trail Project at their May 21 meeting.

Dunbabin Park and the trail network in the Trincomali area will be connected through a set of linear parks purchased by the commission in 2017. The three parks are located between Starks Road and the parkland that borders on Trincomali Heights. This fills in some of the gaps in the greater trail network plan and will give more continuity between the trails in the two areas.

PARC will conduct a site assessment, as well as consultation with neighbours about privacy issues and what kind of trail would be preferred in the area.

"Things to consider are parking; all new trail developments and our old ones, we should be giving consideration to where people park," PARC manager Dan Ovington said during the meeting. "[As well as] signage and construction. Those are all to be determined."

PARC allocated \$100,000 for the project, which has been in the planning stages since the properties were purchased two years ago. Three quarters of that money was allocated from the parkland acquisition fund, and the rest from the commission's capital reserves. Ovington explained that the total cost of the land was \$44,000. By bylaw, the remainder of the money allocated from the acquisition fund must be returned, which leaves \$26,000 for the site assessment and other initial costs. After the assessment process is completed, the project will come back to the commission for further discussion.

Commissioner John Gauld asked about the nature of the trail, specifically if accessibility would be a factor in the design. Ovington replied that an accessible trail would increase the cost of construction, but if the feedback indicated accessibility would be an issue then the commission

would look at that in a future planning session.

"If you go to Dunbabin and look at the level of that trail, it really is a backcountry trail," Ovington said. "If we were to connect it, there is the assumption that it would be a similar backcountry trail."

Also discussed was a report from the April 10 CRD's Electoral Area Services Committee meeting regarding the management of Fernwood Dock coming under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Commission. In December 2018, the commission passed a recommendation that management of the dock be undertaken by PARC, with the administrative powers retained in the new bylaw.

At the time, PARC commissioners were concerned that folding in the existing Fernwood Dock Commission, which had administrative powers in its bylaw, would remove those powers and transfer them to the CRD Board in Victoria. The Fernwood Dock Management Commission had been empty for years, with operations managed off the desk of CRD staff.

Commissioner Brian Webster brought up the issue of administrative powers during the December meeting. Last week he re-iterated his point, saying, "In principle, I disagree with Salt Spring Island residents giving away that final right of saying yes or no to any of the few things that don't have to go to the CRD board at the moment."

However, the report was on a decision that had already been made by the Electoral Area Services Committee. That decision was to fold the Fernwood Dock Commission under PARC, and to remove the clause about administrative powers.

In the report from the April 10 EAS Committee meeting, it was found that retaining the administrative powers of the Fernwood Dock Commission was no longer required, due to an existing PARC bylaw that delegates advisory powers to the commission for "the development, maintenance, and operation of community parks, recreational facilities and equipment."

"The recommendation is not to include the administrative powers because the Fernwood Dock commission, essentially the parks commission, is not going to be doing contract negotiations and things like that," Ovington explained.

# OCP's affordability guidelines being met

MEADOWLANE

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Shared space for Salt Spring Seniors is being planned for the residential building, and would include a kitchen, office and programs room. Seniors Society president Jean Elder said the organization voted to move at their last annual general meeting since the building they own is in bad repair and was only meant to be a temporary home.

Some speakers, including Lady Minto Hospital's medical director Holly Slakov, requested that "service club" not be included in the property's permitted uses in order to protect the clinic location.

GISRA representatives have said there is no danger to the clinic operations. The board approved a letter of intent expressing the wish to cooperate on May 21 after a meeting between the two groups and planner Pat Maloney took place on May 16.

GISRA says it can offer the clinic operators a lease of 10 years or longer, if they wish. The board has also committed to providing a liaison to the health centre team and to creating a construction management plan that would limit disruption to daily operations as much as possible.

After hearing multiple comments on the clinic situation, LTC chair Peter Luckham encouraged people with other concerns to submit their views as well.

"We have heard loud and clear that

this is a very valued service to your island and it's important that it continue and not be interrupted," Luckham said. "What we really want to hear is what you think about the zoning, whether it's a good fit."

Most participants at the hearing supported the project for seniors housing in general but disagreed with some of the particulars in GISRA's proposal. Several people, including the owner of a large property within the Agricultural Land Reserve next door to the site, suggested keeping the building at two stories and having fewer units.

Maloney explained that Salt Spring's official community plan allows for greater density in affordable housing projects, and GISRA wanted to maximize the number of units to meet demand. There are also cost efficiencies to the plan which will make construction and therefore rents more affordable, she said.

Former CRD director Wayne McIntyre spoke strongly in favour of the residential development, noting the great need for such housing, the lengthy waiting lists for GISRA's existing residence and its planned one, and the costs that delays bring. Island Pathways likewise signalled strong support. The nonprofit group will be working with GISRA to create safe routes around the site for pedestrians and scooter riders.

Other people speaking at last Wednesday's hearing criticized the definition of "affordable" that GISRA

is using to set base rents, in which shelter costs will be calculated at 30 per cent of Salt Spring's median income, with annual increases for inflation. Additional fees will be applied for services and amenities, such as nightly dinners, housekeeping, laundry and entertainment.

Some speakers demanded confirmation from BC Housing that the rate matches their definition of affordable shelter as being 30 per cent of gross household income, while others pointed out there is no means testing to ensure the people applying will even need affordable rates.

Though GISRA is a nonprofit community association, Malone explained that its project does not aim to provide subsidized housing for low income seniors, as other projects are doing. Nor is GISRA applying for BC Housing funding, so is not obligated to follow their rules.

The Meadowlane rate does line up with how affordable housing is defined in Salt Spring's OCP, and will follow the land use bylaw by having the schedule set in a housing agreement between GISRA and the Local Trust Committee.

"So it agrees with [local regulations] on both counts," Maloney said.

GISRA's application will most likely be considered for third reading at the June 25 LTC meeting. Conditions involving other agencies include water system approval by Island Health and connection to the Ganges sewer.



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

**ACTIVE LEARNERS:** Salt Spring Middle School students in the ecological education program finally get a chance to support weekly international student strikes calling for climate action, with school in session on Friday following the long weekend. Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, inspired the action by beginning to strike last August. Students around the world have been showing support in weekly events every Friday since March 15.

**TRANSPORTATION**

# Free market shuttle gets pilot

Local partnership kicks in for 2019 season

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parking congestion in Ganges village has become legendary on market Saturdays, but a new service could help divert drivers from the most hotly contested downtown spots.

The Capital Regional District has reached a partnership with Country Grocer, which is providing a shuttle bus normally used just for its customers and changing its Saturday route. The free service will travel between the grocery store, a park-and-ride stop at the Rainbow Road Pool and the Saturday Market. The loading area in front of Centennial Park has been designated as a bus stop for the hours in between vendor loading times, or from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Having a shuttle that would encourage people to park their cars further away from the market has been a dream of local CRD commissions for some time, with hopes that a joint initiative by the transportation and economic groups could spring a plan in time for both the 2018 and 2019 market seasons.

"Country Grocer has a shuttle, so I just wondered about the possibility," said CRD director Gary Holman, who ended up approaching the grocery store about the idea. "I wondered whether there might be some possibility of collaborating."

Francine Carlin, who chairs the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, is one of the people who have advocated for some kind of measure to reduce traffic congestion and make town more pleasant to navigate, both for visitors and for residents.

"I'm really excited and really pleased," she said about the

news. "I think this will be a test case for us to see if it's something that can be done every summer and busy season."

A Ganges parking study completed by the CRD for the Salt Spring Transportation Commission in 2018 found that people are willing to walk 500 metres from their car to the market, but not much further. In contrast, people are willing to walk as much as 800 metres from their car to get to an attraction in other centres studied.

Ideas that were raised over the past two years but not possible to implement because of liability and licensing concerns included using a Parks and Recreation day-camp bus or having a non-profit group take over the project.

Carlin, Holman and other CEDC members met with the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce several times earlier this year to explore the options. They considered the possibility for an "eco-shuttle" that could visit other parts of the island as well as Ganges, and talked about applying for WorkSafe BC funding for signage and parking ambassadors. Carlin said their initial avenues all led to dead ends, however.

"Country Grocer was not part of the meetings, so the fact that they've taken the leadership to try to reduce Saturday congestion is fantastic," she said.

There will be no set schedule to the bus, just a rolling loop between stations. PARC will be advertising the service on its website and Facebook. Sandwich boards will let people know where to stand and that the shuttle is coming back.

"Hopefully with word of mouth, people will get to know there is a free shuttle available," said Parks and Recreation manager Dan Ovington.

Holman said the local CRD office is also exploring the idea of using its staff to act as parking ambassadors during long weekends — they would be working to promote awareness of PARC facilities such as the pool at the same time. Holman suggested they could look for other locations for the park-and-ride if the pool becomes busier on Saturdays and needs its full parking space for customers.

**WILDLIFE**

# Songbird disease detected on Salt Spring

Bacteria can be transmitted at feeders

BY JOHN SPRAGUE, REN FERGUSON  
AND PETER MCALLISTER  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTORS

A disease in songbirds has been seen recently on Salt Spring, and people with bird feeders should be on the lookout for it. The disease severely affects pine siskins, but to a lesser degree it can also affect American goldfinches, evening grosbeaks, house sparrows and brown-headed cowbirds. The bird disease is present in the area of the Long Harbour ferry terminal, might also be present in the Sky Valley vicinity, but could occur anywhere. It is known across North America.

The disease is caused by several varieties of a bacterium of the genus sal-

monella, which infiltrates the bloodstream. Efforts to save affected birds have always failed. It can kill siskins, but the most noticeable thing is that the birds become weak and lose all fear — a person can walk right up to an arm's length of an affected bird and it will not fly away. (It does not cause the eye problem of a different disease which affects house finches in particular.)

The disease occurs in populations of siskins in nature, but of course is transmitted much more easily at bird feeders. One of us, John Sprague, found half a dozen sick siskins and three dead ones over a few days. Bird feeders were shut down immediately.

If anyone sees these symptoms, the best thing to do is to stop feeding birds. It's sometimes suggested to do this for a month. Clean feeders and sterilize them with a solution of one



PHOTO BY PETER MCALLISTER

Pine siskin, a type of songbird that has been affected by bacterial disease on Salt Spring.

part bleach to nine parts water. This bacterium can hang on for a long time. Thoroughly clean up the area under feeders, and do not directly handle sick or dead birds. Some varieties of salmonella cause severe intestinal disease in people.

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### EDITORIAL

## Strong women

**T**he end of May is when the Driftwood pays tribute to the women working in island businesses.

It may seem that paying special notice to female entrepreneurs and staff is no longer necessary — after all, women rule the world, right? In fact, we believe it's more important than ever to highlight the women who help keep the economy ticking.

Having women in leadership positions of all kinds is important for safeguarding the rights and freedoms won over the last century, as the political situation south of the border makes all too clear. The state laws recently passed that take away women's agency over their own bodies represent a backlash to advancements, and are not confined to the United States. Some elected politicians in Canada have openly stated their support for a reversal on abortion in this country. (In contrast, our MP

Elizabeth May says she is "unequivocal" in her support of "a woman's right to a safe and legal abortion.")

According to the Canadian Women's Foundation, women make up just over half of the national population, yet continue to be underrepresented in political and professional leadership positions.

### THE ISSUE: Women's rights

### WE SAY: Women in leadership roles essential

Membership in Canada's top 500 company boards is still more than 80 per cent by men, and women have just 8.5 per cent of the highest-paid positions in Canada's top 100 listed companies.

And although Canada's federal cabinet is more evenly split between men and women under Justin Trudeau's direction, only a quarter of the seats in the House of Commons belong to women.

On the other hand, the Canadian Women's Foundation says 86 per cent of women surveyed have been encouraged to believe they can succeed by seeing more women in leadership roles, and 67 per cent of women said they learned the most important lessons about leadership from other women.

As our annual Women in Business feature shows, we have many female leaders who are strengthening the local service community. From founding and carrying through successful retail shops to providing expertise on everything from home design to integrated water systems, island women are influencing life on Salt Spring in a hugely positive way.

This year our Women in Business print pull-out has an added feature to help readers get to know our local entrepreneurs. Check out the video of interviews conducted by DW Salty on our website [gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com).



## Economy needs STVRs

BY JACK ROSEN

I have lived on Salt Spring for 30 years and have never written a Viewpoint to the paper. I have kept my values and beliefs private, but as a business owner I really feel I can't keep silent on this issue and watch the economy of the island crumble.

A witch hunt has begun for short-term vacation rentals and the people in our community who are providing accommodations for our tourists are being targeted by the Islands Trust. Everyone, including business owners, is keeping silent.

Short-term vacation rentals on the island is a very complicated issue that needs examination.

Let's examine how we make our income on Salt Spring. We are a seasonal tourist-based economy. I have had to take out lines of credit to make it through the lean months with my former Island Escapes retail store and eco-tourism business, not wanting to close my doors and put my staff out of work. I now run a new eco-tourism business that would suffer

### VIEWPOINT

without accommodations other than B&Bs and our hotels/motels being available.

Tourism is not a dirty word, it is actually a very clean industry if managed properly, and it can help finance low-income housing with the new Municipal and Regional District Tax program and the eight per cent provincial sales tax on accommodations.

Without STVRs, our Saturday market vendors, restaurants, grocery stores and home-based businesses will see declines. We actually will not need as much lower-income housing as there will be less employment available. You cannot cut off the hand that feeds you and without tourism the economy on Salt Spring is in trouble.

It is time for business owners to be more vocal about a bylaw that is outdated. The witch hunt for vacation rentals needs to stop until we see changes in the bylaw. If you are not living on a property, vaca-

tion rentals should not be allowed as there is no one to manage noise and overuse of water, etc. Tourists need to be educated by property owners on how to be mindful about our resources and this cannot be done when an owner is absent.

People who provide low-income housing such as rooms, cabins and trailers during winter months should be regulated as well so that these accommodation owners don't kick out longer-term tenants for short-term Airbnb gains in high-season months.

Regulations are needed for low-income illegal housing. We also need to revisit the Residential Tenancy Act so that island owners are not afraid to rent for the long term as well.

I urge business owners to speak up, and for Saturday market vendors to see the whole issue and understand the economics that will directly affect small businesses and farmers.

*The writer owns Coastal Current Adventures and is a long-time Salt Spring Island resident.*

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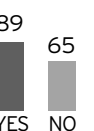
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Would you vote for an independent federal candidate?

Yes  No

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Does downtown Ganges need a citizen's patrol?



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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**“Hopefully with word of mouth, people will get to know there is a free shuttle available.”**

DAN OVINGTON, SSI PARKS AND REC MANAGER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**WE ASKED:** *Why is it important for women to be in business?*

**TRISH BIELICKI**



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**CAROL PERRY**



I think it's important for both men and women so we're considered equal.

**AMY HORTH**



It would give you more independence and confidence. Plus it adds another perspective to things.

## LETTERS to the editor

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### Fulford senior needs

I spent last weekend visiting Salt Spring. I was a long time resident of Fulford for 26 years. I recently moved to Coquitlam due to family concerns. I however have very strong feelings and ties to Salt Spring.

While there I became aware of the rezoning proposal to permit an affordable supportive seniors housing complex, service club and medical offices to be built in a three-story building. I was shocked to hear that the proposed site is where the bowling alley used to be. Isn't that an already medically saturated area? What with the Lady Minto Hospital, Braehaven, Greenwoods, the Kings Lane Medical Clinic and Heritage

Place all within a stone's throw of each other. Then to think of another three-story building so close to Braehaven in such a small dense area makes no sense to me. The drain on the water supply must already be immense in that area. I am all for affordable housing and medical facilities for seniors, being a senior myself, but surely a better site can be found.

Has there been any thought to Fulford as a possible location? In my 26 years living in Fulford I saw many friends having to move to places like Meadowbrook as they got older. They always expressed regret that they had to leave Fulford. There is a unique and supportive quality, and a strong sense of community in that little village of Fulford. I believe that this is because

there are two community halls, a good restaurant, the Mercantile market, three churches and a ferry terminal. All are gathering places that enhance the feeling of belonging to Fulford people.

What Fulford could use is an affordable supportive seniors housing complex, service club and medical offices. Dr. Alsberg does provide a wonderful service twice a week to those seeking naturopathic treatment in Fulford. However, for those wanting a more traditional approach, there are no doctors or facilities in Fulford. A dentist would also be an asset since dental care requires a trip to Ganges. Many years ago some concerned citizens tried to get an Abbeyfield house built in Fulford but for various reasons unfortunately were not able

to reach their goal. Affordable housing therefore would be a godsend to those wishing to stay in their beloved village. It could also provide a quiet supportive lifestyle for those in other areas of Salt Spring wishing to get away from the busyness elsewhere. I feel Fulford would benefit from these services, especially now that there is a reliable bus service on the island.

I hope you will give some thought to my concerns and suggestions. I have wonderful, treasured memories of my life on Salt Spring, especially Fulford, and only want the best for that little piece of paradise we call home.

**LILLIAN MACK,**  
COQUITLAM

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## Memory loss leads to rooftop remainders

We've loaded our Honda, and we're on our way to Fulford to catch a ferry to Victoria. We've left plenty of time to make sure we don't get flummoxed by a long ferry lineup or, heaven forbid, an overload. Suddenly, we are confronted by a yellow diamond-shaped sign warning us of road work ahead. Within moments we are halted by a hard-hatted flagman waving a stop sign.

We think the worst as we watch the backhoe operator pushing some fill across one side of the road. We both wonder simultaneously what our chances are of making the ferry. Just then, the flagman drops his arm and gives us the signal to proceed.

What luck, we think, with a sigh of relief. Just as we drive by the backhoe, however, the flagman on the other side of the big machine raises his stop sign and stares us down to a full standstill.

He motions me to roll down my window and then asks in a deliberate, innocent voice, "You wouldn't happen to be missing a book, would you?"

He lifts a hardcover copy of Donna Tartt's *The Goldfinch* off the roof of the car and hands it to me through the open window.

I can't help but be reminded of the time many years ago when I decided to bake a birthday cake for my friend, Samantha. This was not going to be any ordinary cake, but a two-layer Black Forest cake with cream cheese icing and a whole boatload of kirsch-infused Bing cherries embedded in a whipped cream topping, the first cake ever that I ever baked from scratch, and to my surprise, I produced a masterpiece.

I carried my stuff, a small gift, a card and a salad for the potluck, out to my pickup truck. I made a separate trip with the birthday cake, which I had placed on a platter inside a solid cardboard box. I didn't want things to slide around on the bench seat of my truck, so I balanced the bags and boxes until it all seemed safe. As I started to back out of my driveway, I felt something move beside me. I realized how precarious my situation could get if I had to hit the brakes in order to make a fast stop.

Not being the kind to leave well enough alone, I stopped and stepped out of my truck, hauled everything out, and rear-



**Shilo Zylbergold**

**NOBODY ASKED ME BUT**

ranged my possessions on the seat so there was little chance of anything moving or sliding. Then I jumped back in, started up, and off I drove.

I lived in Vesuvius then, and the party was taking place in a house high up Mount Belcher on the other side of Ganges. As I drove along Vesuvius Bay Road, I couldn't help but notice unusual expressions on the faces of the drivers and passengers in the approaching vehicles. The first few that drove by me sounded their horns or flashed their headlights. I assumed that there was a radar trap up ahead so I checked my speedometer to make sure that I was driving within the legal speed limit.

The occupants in the next two cars that passed me reacted even more strangely. In both cases, the drivers cocked their heads to one side and pointed up to the sky. Something weird was going on, and so I decided check out the situation by pulling off onto the shoulder of the road just before I got to Portlock Park. As I touched the brakes to slow myself down, the inevitable happened. As if it was a scene out of a movie, filmed in slo-mo stop action, the cardboard box containing my exquisite Black Forest cake came sliding down from the roof of my cab, diagonally across the windshield, and finally, in a daring manoeuvre that would make any lemming proud, slid off the passenger side of the hood.

When I came to a full stop, I quickly jumped out and assessed the damage. It was the worst that could have happened (naturally). Beside my truck lay the upside down cardboard box. Beyond it stretched a long white streak of whipped cream and kirsch-infused Bing cherries. What made it all the more painful was the inner knowledge that I would possibly have made it all

the way to the party with the cake on my roof if I hadn't decided to stop to see why I was getting such strange reactions from oncoming traffic.

This is just my long-winded way of introducing my "nobody asked me, but" subject for the month, memory loss. We lose many things during the course of our lives: keys, wallets, passports, grocery lists. As we get older, we find that when it comes to losing, the gift that keeps on giving is our memory.

It's not just forgetting how to spell words or the laws of grammar, such as how to use an apostrophe when writing "its," or even the silly little rhyming mnemonic that tells you how many days make up each month of the year. Sometimes you remember the face but not the name and sometimes it's the other way around. There are desperate times when you remember both the name and the face but haven't the foggiest what you were going to say.

Possibly, the most embarrassing of these unforgettably forgettable moments of mind fog occurs during the course of making a phone call when, just as you're about to press the last digit of a phone number, you suddenly realize you've forgotten who you were calling.

Your heart goes into panic attack as your brain races through the different possible scenarios of who you are trying to call at this time of day. Are you making an appointment with your doctor or dentist? Do you want to complain about a phone bill or your cable service? Not wanting to look stupid when the voice on the other end picks up, you may try to extract a clue as to who you may be talking to. How long can you make small talk before you give away the fact your memory has flown away? "How about them Canucks?" can only take you so far in retrieving the information you have misplaced.

Whether your loss of memory is due to your train of thought being derailed by a misplaced book, birthday cake, or general "blank out," rest assured that anything lost has the potential to be found again. Just take a deep breath, hope for the best, and let your own metaphor for kirsch-infused Bing cherries point you in the right direction.

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## Aggressive driving

I do not like having to write these letters, as it usually means there has been an "incident" that prompts my need to voice an opinion.

In this case, everyone was fortunate enough to escape unscathed. The scenario involves the driver of a dark green, older Subaru, who ran the stop sign at Jackson and Hereford avenues at about 9:30 a.m. and the two runners who were crossing the intersection at the time, on their way back to Art Spring.

Had this driver stopped, even for a moment, he may have noticed the scars on the left side of one of the runners. There is the visibly damaged calf that had been ripped open the last time he was hit by a car, more than two years ago, while on his bicycle, heading into town. What the driver would not have seen was the long-term recovery, both physical and emotional, because of the last driver who did not stop in time.

This same runner has finally been able to restore his shattered hip to the point that he has just begun an extraordinary return to competitive track sprinting, but the journey has been long and painful.

The other runner who was almost hit as the Subaru rolled through the stop sign is also well-known in the community. She is the one who began the #SeeMe campaign encouraging all those who run, walk, cycle, and ride horseback along Salt Spring roads to wear high visibility clothing, use reflective gear, and follow the rules and etiquette as designated by our laws and insurance implications. And yes, she was wearing neon yellow.

There is also a witness to this incident, who happened to be a short distance behind the other two. She, too, has been in an accident recovery process for several years, having also been hit by a car at a local intersection during one of our group runs.

We have all noticed that aggressive driving on Salt Spring has become even more so recently. We have taken several running routes off our list as they are now too dangerous due to speeding and/or distracted drivers.

I understand there are drivers who don't like to see any pedestrians or cyclists on our roads. That is unfortunate, because we are allowed to be there. I understand that there may be individuals who are too far into the driving lane, not visible enough, on the wrong side of the road, or otherwise not

in the best position for road-sharing. #SeeMe is an attempt to create a friendly reminder and educate those who either choose to ignore road safety or are simply unaware.

I understand that we don't always know why a driver is in a rush. Perhaps there is a medical emergency. Perhaps they are late for a ferry. Perhaps they're angry at a spouse or had a challenging day at work. This is not a rant against drivers. This is a plea for all those who feel the need to speed, or become lax about stopping at a stop sign, to please think about the consequences of hitting someone. Focus on your driving.

Next time you decide to ignore a stop sign, or roll through a crosswalk (which frequently happens here too) when it is occupied, it might not be a couple of highly aware runners in front of your vehicle. It might be a high school student, talking to their friends. It might be a 90-year-old woman who can't get out of the way as quickly as an athlete can, or perhaps a tourist who is unsure of navigating the island roadways.

I know we have many other issues to resolve on Salt Spring, but it would be really nice if we could just enjoy our pathways and roadways without the stress of aggressive and distracted drivers threatening our welfare and safety.

And a huge "thank you" to everyone who slows down, swings wide when safe and appropriate, and in general makes this the peaceful community we came to love and appreciate in the first place.

**SUSAN GORDON,**  
SALT SPRING

## Safely Protecting?

My son's eyes were heavy as we got into our car after a Saturday Market full of playground time, balloon-sword fights, pot-stickers and popsicles. I discretely cracked a couple windows. Not discrete enough, however. My son insisted that I close them. Completely. He was tired, he said, and cold and couldn't sleep with the windows open. I'm used to that. We've been in city traffic, at long red lights, in the ferry parking lot, on the dog-days of summer when he's insisted that I shut the windows. It's a running joke between me and his mom. He loves a warm car. It's his favourite place to nap. So I closed the windows, drove up Ganges hill and into the Country Grocer parking

lot to pick up a loaf of bread for my grandma before the drive home to Fulford. There was a spot next to the entrance with shade from the building. My son was close to sleep. I considered his need for rest and the time it takes for him to buckle himself into the car seat, as he is proudly learning to do. He often asks me to close the door so that he can do it on his own, which takes considerably longer than purchasing a loaf of bread.

At the till, a maximum of three (though I think closer to two) minutes after entering the store, I looked outside. People huddled around my car and someone talked about a crying child. I left my debit card in the machine and bread with the teller and ran. Several people surrounded my car, speaking loudly, and a woman clambered over the driver seat frantically reaching for him. I picked up and held my stunned and over-tired boy and felt the guilt I do whenever he cries, whether his tears are from scraping his knee or being denied junk food before dinner or being left alone for three minutes. The angry mob looked at me with vengeful eyes, as though I'd already killed or caused serious harm to my child. I'd heard the recent headlines but not the details of a recent car death and so when the mob spoke to me as though I'd put my son's life at risk I accepted it. Mobs are powerful, headlines are loud, and my child's tears are a trump card for guilt.

One man said, "We've called 911! The cops are coming! We've got your license number! You can't go anywhere!" He had a slight smirk as he said it.

Later that day, in disbelief and ridicled with guilt that I'd put my son in danger, I read the details about the tragic car death. A 16-month-old was left for several hours when it was 23 degrees outside. A much different circumstance. Further research revealed that leaving my tired four-and-a-half-year-old in a car for three minutes on a 17-degree day didn't pose any danger to him heat-wise. And he was in less danger of being abducted by a stranger than having a serious accident at the playground or on the drive home or while swimming or any number of activities that I and countless parents did with their children that day and will do tomorrow.

My son took awhile to recover from the shock of a frantic mob express to him that his caregiver knowingly put him in life-threatening danger. I feel

awful about him crying alone in the car, and I'll never do that again. But the ever-fearful mob is, in this example as many others, the greater threat to his sense of safety and well-being.

**ADAM HARRIS,**  
SALT SPRING

## Dead zone

The other day I got chatting to a couple of paramedics who had parked their ambulance for a few minutes to grab a bite, keeping on ear on the radio for a call.

I asked them how much the new radio tower planned for the Legion property would help.

"It would eliminate a lot of dead zones," the one said. "There are a lot of places on Salt Spring where we can get little or no radio signal, like inside the hospital."

They scoffed at the idea that the radio waves from the tower would do any harm, saying they are such low frequency radio waves, not radiation, radio waves and we are surrounded by them all the time, much of it from the sun.

As they left, I pondered one thing one of them had said: "dead zones." Think about it. Think about having a heart attack and the ambulance crew meant to save you can't get the call because some people who don't understand science are caught up in internet peddled fear.

Think about it for a moment.  
**GREG MIDDLETON,**  
SALT SPRING

## Pathways gratitude

I was part of an inspiring meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 15 with 100+ Women Who Care on Salt Spring Island.

We listened to three heartfelt presentations for the charities who were randomly chosen and after the vote Island Pathways came first.

I am excited to belong to such a generous organization of women which can provide such meaningful support to our local charities and to one so dear to my heart. As a member of the board of Island Pathways, we look forward to how we will put these funds into significant projects for our caring community.

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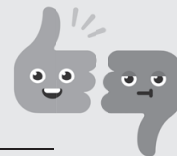
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## Roses

A large bunch of wild flowers with lots of poppies to the PARC's maintenance staff for cutting the tall grass along the community pathways and taking care not to cut down the wild flowers. Your attention and care of our pathways is appreciated. Jean Gelwicks, Partners Creating Pathways

Huge bouquets of roses to Dr. Aleta Schmah and Drew Jory for their amazing compassion when I had to say goodbye to my beloved

horse Lexi early last Sunday morning.  
Kim Davidson

A riot of red roses to the Roland Road residents who came for our Meet 'n' Greet. Special thanks to the amazing set-up and the clean-up crews: Bob and Kay, Ann, Diane, Helen, Ron, Simon, Petra, Werner and Ingrid and Peter (our "plumber"). My thanks for the many good things you brought, generosity well beyond "No need to bring anything but yourselves"! You all made that lovely, sunny gathering possible. Cara Joy

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Driftwood editor



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Ashleigh Gionet, Johanna Walkner, Elizabeth Nolan, Lorraine Sullivan, Noor Al Shoykh, Shirley Command.

# The Driftwood women who deliver you the news

Women may not literally make the world go 'round, but they are essential to the local media outfit reporting on the world through the lens of the Gulf Islands. Our current Driftwood newspaper team is almost completely entirely female, from business-savvy publisher Amber Ogilvie to our new office administrator Noor Al Shoykh.

Ogilvie has decades of experience in the Canadian newspaper business and has known what it's like to be one of the only women in a leadership role. That has made her a tough publisher, but also extremely supportive to the other women (and men) on her staff. Working in the advertising department under Ogilvie's leadership is Shirley Command, who brings a wide range of attributes including strong marketing skills to guide her clients on how and when is the best way to reach their consumers.

The editorial department is headed by Gail Sjuberg, who's put more than 25 years into making sure the paper's excellent standard are maintained week-to-week. Sjuberg started

as a reporter and has shined both as an award-winning writer and as a managing editor with her exacting standards, excellent memory and a great deal of compassion for community needs.

Reporter Elizabeth Nolan has written for the Driftwood for 12 years and has been full time in the office since 2010. The leadership provided by other women in the office has helped her win her own growing stack of awards.

Production manager Lorraine Sullivan is another long-time employee, who first came to the Driftwood team back in 1992. Her creative skills give the Driftwood and all its publications their signature style. She also keeps every paper and magazine on track and on deadline for the press. Johanna Walkner has been at the Driftwood for over 7 years and now helps in both advertising and administration and keeping the publisher on track. Our newest addition Ashleigh Gionet is now learning the ropes with terrific aptitude a production assistant and administrative assistant.

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Sandra is currently the vice-president of the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association Foundation, a trustee for North Salt Spring Water Works District, Member on the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste DLS Commission and chair of the Conservation and Efficiency Working Group (CEWG) of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA).

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# Interior design requires creative fire

Alignment with beauty of balanced design

Georgia Taylor's interior design skills are backed by years of study at Toronto's Ontario College of Art and the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr). Her education also includes a teaching degree and a graduate degree in Fine Arts from U.B.C.

Although her intention was to teach art and English at the secondary school level, interior design kept bringing many more exciting and innovative projects. "They were irresistible and called for imagination and research, culminating in creative results that were unique for individual clients, many of whom are still clients today," Georgia says.

An ideal clientele for Georgia would be one of shared excitement and creative growth with an eye to comfort and practicality. Aligned with the beauty of balanced design, this relationship culminates in the individual essence of each client as the end result of a project, rather than the designer's hallmark overshadowing the final result.

Many interior design clients and their projects segue into a lifetime relationship, with trust becoming the



Georgia Taylor

underlying glue as they grow, experience new possibilities and travel more. Clients are respected friends, and as such, there is no crossing the line with any discussion of a project in progress or after to outside interests.

Spare time seems to be rare, but interior design requires time-outs in order for the creative fire to remain lit and implemented. Georgia enjoys travelling to refresh and discover. She also supports community efforts such as SSNAP, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the Salt Spring Film Festival and more.

*Georgia Taylor*

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# Women are key to success at Mouat's Home Hardware

Women key players in providing customer service excellence

Mouat's Home Hardware has been in business since 1907, and since inception women have been integral to the success of the company. With over half the staff being women, unique for a hardware store, many hold key positions within the company.

Welcome back Wendy! Wendy Newton has returned to Mouat's after a 12-year hiatus. She assumed duties for her assistant manager's position in December. Wendy has a long history with the company, with a previous 20 years of service before heading off to Chase River where she worked for another 10 years in retail at Chase Country Grocer in the floral department. Wendy is very happy to be back and says she enjoys the fast pace of her job. She is happy to be back on Salt Spring and says the best thing about working at Mouat's is the people. "My favorite thing about working here is the people, all the people: the customers and coworkers."

Barb Kinnear has been with Mouat's for almost 30 years and has worked in many departments and positions. Multitalented Barb now works in accounting and computer support. Her experience allows her to help in any department when necessary. Barb enjoys her job at Mouat's because it's like a family, and it's a casual and relaxing work atmosphere. She says, "It's not a chore to come to work."

Barb's hobbies include snorkeling, knitting and reading. Most residents of the island know Gloria del Rosario from the paint department at Mouat's, where she is in charge of buying and customer service. She has been with the store for 13 years. It is no surprise that she enjoys working on home improvement projects herself, allowing her to share her expertise with customers. Gloria also likes to painting on canvas and refinishing old furniture, and she is happy to offer advice to the do-it-yourselfer. She encourages others to not be afraid to have fun by trying new techniques.

You will find Dora Reynolds in the hardware department. Dora is the buyer for the marine and fishing departments. Since moving to Salt Spring in 1983 she has raised four children and done many things, including pumped gas,

waitressed, delivered papers and was a cabinetmaker for 25 years. Over the years, Dora has coached gymnastics, soccer and softball. Dora loves the challenges of her job and finds satisfaction in solving the customer's issues and sending them on their way happy. She has been at Mouat's Home Hardware since 2007 and says, "It's a great company to work for, employees are treated very well". When not working, Dora enjoys golf and volunteer work.

Carol Perry loves to swim, she enjoys baking and cooking. You will find Carol in housewares, she works as a buyer for the company she prides herself on stocking a little something for everyone! After working for Mouat's Home Hardware for over 16 years she says the main reason she loves her job is the wonderful customers. She is dedicated to providing unique, quality products at a reasonable price. Carol loves her job and knows when you enjoy your job the customers enjoy their shopping experience. Visit her downstairs, you will be sure to find her sharing a chat and a laugh and solving problems.

Michelle Kay will find the products for the customers who need them. She has been doing this at Mouat's for nine years. As the buyer for the pet's department, she prides herself on quality personal service and will place a special order if needed. She works hard and provides competitive prices to keep people shopping local. In her spare time, Michelle's hobbies include, walking her dog and loves to cook work in the garden.

Christine Arnet, a buyer for furniture, bed and bath and has worked at Mouat's for 13 years. She loves helping find the perfect items for the customers and working with them solving design issues. Helping customers make their home

beautiful gives her a great amount of satisfaction. When not working, Christine likes to paint, garden and spend time with her dogs and cats.

Sazjo Stone joined the store in 2012, she is the buyer for the toy and arts & crafts departments, she says her department is full of fun for everyone! You will find toys and games for all ages.

Mouat's Home Hardware salutes the women who work hard to provide excellent customer service to clients.



Women have been an important part of Mouat's ever since the store opened in 1907.





Stop in at the Visitor Centre for a proliferation of information on Salt Spring Island.

## Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce salutes women

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has a new woman at the helm, Jessica Harkema took over as the Executive Director in early February this year.

Jessica says looking around the community and within the Chamber, she sees an abundance of women in leadership roles. "We are witnessing what seems to be an influx of women entrepreneurs in all business sectors, from artisans through the trades," Jessica notes. Frequently, the Chamber is the first point of contact for new entrepreneurs and leaders. They drop in to inquire about what it takes to open their business, to connect with other local business leaders and to become a member, and to enjoy the many benefits that the Chamber offers - group insurance, online

listings, social media interaction, local discounts, monthly newsletters, and overall business support.

Community leaders will notice the strong female presence at all levels of the Chamber: from the board, through the office to the front lines of the Visitor Information Center. The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce management and staff enjoy seeing women in business thrive in our community, and love being part of their business network.



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Yvonne has owned Salt Spring Adventure Co. Ltd. for 8 years now, and has been with the company for 11 years. Yvonne has an amazing team of passionate employees that are all dedicated to teaching locals and tourists about our beautiful island, the wildlife on and off the water, and focussing on an environmental message about what people can do to help to the local environment and it's threats.



Yvonne Angus, owner

Yvonne has several years' experience working with youth in a recreation setting, with 9 years dedicated to Girl Guides of Canada. Yvonne's love of the outdoors came early in life spending much of her childhood camping, hiking and kayaking on the mountains, lakes, rivers of Canmore, Alberta.

Yvonne and her team, look forward to helping you explore the Gulf Islands and Salish Sea, and invite you and your family to book your outdoor adventure now.



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## Salt Spring Island's sweetest little shop

Harlan's Chocolates and Gelato offers a variety of tasty treats.

Trish Bielicki has a long history with the chocolate and gelato shop she purchased in 2015. She began her career when she was only 14 years old, working with Harlan himself, who called her his "Best Little Production worker." Trish also spent some time at Salt Spring Gelato where she worked making gelato. All chocolate and caramel at Harlan's is made in house by their four chocolatiers. The candy is imported from their countries of origin.

Since Trish purchased the business four years ago Harlan's has expanded its product line and now serves coffee and espresso. They serve an organic fair-trade coffee called Spirit Bear, a First Nations company, and they are proud to offer this organic product that gives a percentage of its profits to protect bears.



Justine Wilkie, Helen Brindle, Trish Bielicki, Jenn Middleton. Missing are Sarah Morris, Sylvia Berry & Sai Benjamin.

The delicious gelato is made locally as well, and Harlan's is now offering cakes and goody bags for birthday parties as an added service.

Trish credits her staff for the talents they bring to the businesses. "I couldn't do it without the amazing team we have, they are all incredibly talented, they are truly the best." She is also thankful of the support Harlan's receives from their loyal customers who have kept the business going for almost 40 years.

Harlan's supports local organizations such as Safe Grad, Choices and the Arts Council. When not working, Trish likes to garden and hang out with her family.

## For the treasure you seek

An intriguing collection of unique items from around the world

Treasures of the Heart, founder and owner Debbie Harris-Funfer has created a store that is full of unique and inspirational treasures that nurture the soul.

Treasures of the Heart is a beautiful and soulful oasis where people could stop, still their minds, relax and see themselves reflected in the beauty around them.

With over 30 years cultivating her spiritual practice during her world-wide travel, Debbie has brought an intriguing range of products to Salt Spring. One of the store's features is a huge selection of extraordinary healing crystals and natural stones of all sizes and prices. It also has a wide variety of unique jewelry from around the world, sacred statues, Tibetan items, incense, sage, books, CDs, tarot decks, greeting cards and more.

It has one-of-a-kind sacred art pieces, Asian antiques, exotic furniture as well



Debbie Harris-Funfer, owner

as other home decor items, that create an atmosphere of peace and beauty within one's home. The store is a serene and peaceful place for all to enjoy.

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# Lady Minto Auxiliary Society looking for volunteers

Volunteers keep Thrift store running smoothly

The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society is comprised of 132 members, some new and others who have volunteered with us for many years. Now we wish to invite interested people in our community to consider joining us. Give it a try, and you are almost sure to see how fulfilling it can be, helping to make a great contribution to our wonderful Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwoods Eldercare and Braehaven. We provide care and comfort for islanders in many ways with our profits, and we find care and comfort ourselves in the process.

Thrift Shop volunteers enjoy their morning or afternoon shifts performing a wide variety of jobs such as sorting, pricing and displaying goods, making sales, keeping the shop neat and exchanging information and sociality



Volunteers at Lady Minto Thrift Shop take a short break for photo shoot

with colleagues and customers.

Knitters (and sometimes dollmakers or sewers) work at home to provide the popular hospital Showcase with much admired items. Volunteers who have chosen to serve tea and coffee to the residents in Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwoods or Braehaven find much satisfaction in getting to know them and in sharing small pleasures and good stories.

Stop by our Thrift Shop for more information on volunteering with us!

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# Find the perfect gift for anyone

Old Salty offers a variety of quality products both local and from around the world

Old Salty is like an old friend to many residents on Salt Spring, it's where you find that special card and gift or something for yourself.

Store manager Karen Stanley was handed the torch from Mary Lou who retired last year after 39 years of service. Karen has previous experience in marine retail, wellness, arts and with 5 years at Old Salty she may have found her true calling.

"Old Salty is a destination shop, a great place on a beautiful island with kind and loyal customers. The work is social and artistic, it encourages our enterprising nature and there's much detail to be responsible for," she said.

Old Salty offers a variety of quality products: fashion and home accents, coastal gifts, gourmet treats, seasonal gear, souvenirs, jewellery and much more. Local or from around the world, you will find things you've been looking for all your life.



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ANIA SHANDLER



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LEANNA NORTH

Karen and her crew, Dale Howell, Elaine Beattie, Ania Shandler, Vikki Cassar-Torreggiani, Leanna North, Erin Kelly and Reign Ackerly all greatly enjoy interacting with customers to find the perfect gift for every occasion.

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# Love My Kitchen keeps it fresh

Though small in scale, the shop carries a remarkable variety of items in an extremely efficient way.

Love My Kitchen has been bringing high-quality kitchen products to Salt Spring for almost 30 years, after Linda Koroscil and Elsa Fraser decided to go into business.

Linda had spent several years cooking at the Vesuvius Inn, where she became famous for her Mexican cuisine, ribs and cheesecake — her love for cooking led her to take the next logical step, opening a cookware store.

Love My Kitchen has proved to be just the place to keep things fresh, offering all the latest in kitchen gadgets. Visitors to the store will be impressed with the quality, durable, long-lasting products from Europe and Canada. Love My Kitchen is known for trying to source products from Canada and is proud to carry Meyer stainless cookware made in Paderno's factory on Prince Edward Island.

The shop carries a remarkable variety of items in an extremely efficient layout. Linda especially likes her many unusual kitchen tools, like the truffle slicer and of course her favourite the



Linda Koroscil, owner

Mexican handblown glassware: "It's perfect for that must have margarita after work!"

"If you can't find it, all you need to do is ask, we know where it is!" Linda says. Special orders are also welcome.

Linda's favourite activities away from the shop include growing flowers and hosting dinner parties. Mexico and its cuisine remains a top love. She also contributes to a number of local organizations.



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### EXHIBITIONS

## Group of Six present Forms in Nature exhibit

Photography show kicks off Artcraft Showcase series

Artcraft opens for its 51st season on Friday, June 7, welcoming a group of Salt Spring photographers to the stage for the first Showcase of the summer: Forms in Nature.

The Group of Six is a collective that gathers regularly to work together and discuss style, technique, inspiration and subject. The group is made up of Bruce McPhee, Kahsia Hartwell, Larry Citra, Ross McLeod, Simon Henson and Judy

McPhee, all lifelong and passionate photographers, who find that working together as a group adds an extra dimension to their finished images.

For this Showcase they have largely focused on the micro; detailed geometric or random patterns and shapes that occur in nature but are sometimes hard to discern with the naked eye. These studies not only elicit a feeling of wonder at the patterns and forms created in a technical sense, but also a sense of joy and awe at the sheer beauty of what nature has created, very often overlooked by us as we rush about our lives.

The viewer's eye, at times, leads the mind to see patterns they recognize from the human body or from man, or machine-made objects. These associations, however, are intriguing but secondary to the power and delicate precision of nature. Each photographer brings their own unique slant to the subject, but with an invariably high quality of process and sensitivity, revealing the nature of their subjects. It is an intriguing, lush and beautiful collection of images.

Forms in Nature is part of the Salt Spring Photofest, celebrating photog-

raphy on the island. It is the first Artcraft Showcase of the summer and runs at Mahon Hall from June 7 to 26. There will be an opening celebration on June 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

This summer Artcraft welcomes a new manager, Solana Rompré, bringing new energy and ideas to one of Salt Spring's main summer attractions. Many exciting new artists join a number of established favourites, making up the 100 artists and fine craftspeople in the show. Artcraft 2019 is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 7 to Sept. 15.

### MUSICIANS

## Local artist raising funds for first music video

Professional team helps Trisha Spire launch

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring musician Trisha Spire is ready for the next level in her career but is looking for some community support to help get her there.

The talented vocalist and cello player has already won over two strong supporters in local filmmaker Ian Mackenzie and music producer Alex King-Harris. They are sufficiently impressed to have been exploring the idea of a new platform to launch island-based musicians using their own skills, with Spire as the test case.

A music video and promotional launch of her song Ember Dawning is now in the works, but the crowdfunding financing model also needs to be activated in order to finish production on what amounts to a short film by MacKenzie – the filmmaker who co-directed Amplify Her and co-produced Occupy Love (directed by Velcrow Ripper), among other projects.

"It feels like a dream that Ian and Alex want to work with me," Spire told the Driftwood. "I really admire their work. Ian's films have been shown around the world, and I've been dancing to Alex's music for years, so that's really cool."

Spire started singing with a choir at age six. She studied classical and jazz vocals at the Victoria Conservatory of Music and has sung in many bands, ranging from folk to metal. She is now emerging as a solo musician, writing her own songs and performing them with her cello, a looping pedal and a keyboard.

The body of work she is currently recording is drawn from a desire to reconnect with her Celtic heritage, and through



PHOTO BY IAN MACKENZIE

Trisha Spire as Celtic-inspired forest fay, in a scene from the upcoming music video for her song Ember Dawning.

that to an Earth-based spirituality. As Spire explained, she had been feeling cut off from her cultural roots. She also admires First Nations traditions but didn't want to stray into cultural appropriation, so she looked back into her own ancestral past to find the same type of approach.

Through her music, Spire invites others to also get in touch with their ancestral heritage, wherever that might stem from.

"We all have lines that connect us, essentially to the same Earth," she said.

While the Celtic tradition influences her songwriting, her work is not noticeably Celtic in terms of song structure or style. Rather, it's in energy and the inspiration.

Spire said some of her songs seem to come to her "on the wind" or as if they are being received ready formed, but her

lyrics are almost always imbued with intense meaning.

"This album that I'm recording has a lot to do with inner workings," Spire confirmed.

Ember Dawning's lines are filled with abundant imagery and layered meaning that references the suppression of an old way of life in the British Isles. Spire calls up pagans being burned at the stake, grief at lost culture and the "sin" of not knowing who you really are. Snakes are honoured, both as symbols of pagan Ireland and of India's Kundalini energy. The music video has Spire appear as forest fay who comforts a child who has run away from an enforced English school.

MacKenzie, who has attended many of Spire's shows in the Gulf Islands, said he was inspired to create a platform with King-Harris to help build support for local artists. They are starting

with Spire to see how the model works.

"I feel really grateful because I feel joy that I'm coming into my potential," Spire said. "And I'm so sure I'm doing what I'm here for."

As part of her crowdfunding campaign, Spire is selling colouring books with images alternating with the lyrics to her set list. She will also be giving a fundraising concert with another bowed instrument musician, Safiya Carroll-Labelle, on Aug. 2.

Spire also offers group crystal sound baths on a regular basis, hosts singing circles, and will be giving an eight-week vocal reawakening course for women beginning in September.

For more information, see her Facebook page. Find the fundraising campaign by searching Trisha Spire - Ember Dawning on GoFundMe.



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# what's on this week



## Wed. May 29

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Terry Warbey.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**GISS Dance.** GISS Dance presents its ever popular end-of-semester show that includes a variety of dance styles and genres, and will be suitable for families. ArtSpring. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bike to Work Week Bike Rodeo.** Bike to Work Week event at Fernwood Elementary has kids bring their bikes to ride the circuit! With free bike tune-ups, coffee and snacks, plus prizes. 7:45 to 8:25 a.m.  
**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.



## Thu. May 30

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**GISS Dance.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Zinnia.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Open Mic at Moby's.** Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

## Thu. May 30

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Spirit Journeys: Short Film Night.** Salt Spring Public Library screens short films by local filmmakers: Cascadia by Deanna Milligan, Dear Guardians by Ian MacKenzie and The Sounds of Healing by Ross Gordon. 7 p.m.



## Fri. May 31

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Wannabeatles!** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Everyday People.** Live music and dancing at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.  
**Ellephones.** Live band at Moby's. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.** See Wednesday's listing.  
**Bike to Work Week – Skills Workshops.** Outspokin' Bikes offers skills workshop with Duncan pros at the Mouat Bike Park with pizza lunch included. Sessions for kids 6-9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon and for ages 10-12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration at the shop.  
**Family Movie Matinee.** Fridays in May at the library for kids 6 and up.  
**Artist's Reception – Evelyn Russell.** Opening reception for Evelyn Russell's show Far Shore, with handmade prints honouring the Salish Sea. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

## Sat. Jun. 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tasha Belle Album Release Party.** Local singer songwriter Tasha Belle has release party for her first EP, Woven Heart. All Saints Anglican Church. 7 to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30).  
**Doug and the Thugs.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Blanky.** Live band plays dance/rock/ska/funk covers at Moby's. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Saturday Market.** Famous market of arts and crafts vendors, food and farmers in Centennial Park every Saturday through October. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Bike to Work Week Celebration Station.** Ride to Ganges and enjoy free coffee, treats, plus E-bike demos at Outspokin' Bikes. 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
**17th Annual Choices Golf Tournament.** All island golfers are invited to put together a team for the 17th annual Choices Golf Tournament, a fundraiser that benefits adult special needs day programs. Tee-times start at 12:30 p.m. Register by calling the club at 250-537-2121 or by email to golf@saltspring.com.  
**Salt Spring Forum: Reporting the World: From Civil Wars to Climate Change.** Lyse Doucet, chief correspondent, BBC News, is the Salt Spring Forum guest at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



## Sun. Jun. 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Buck Dodgers.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Invasive Weed Drop-Off.** Bring invasive plant species to south end fire hall near Fulford Hall to be chipped and safely disposed of. By donation. Blackberries and giant hogweed not accepted. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Dance Workshop with Shay Kuebler.** ArtSpring presents community dance workshop offered with Shay Kuebler: Contemporary Movement and Dance Theory. Antler Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Road W. 5 to 7 p.m.



## Mon. Jun. 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Harry Warner.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**ArtSpring presents Radical System Art/ Shay Kuebler.** Radical System Art's 5th full-length dance project explores the art of rhetoric and the use of value-systems in our society. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Bar opens 6:30 p.m.

## Mon. Jun. 3

### ACTIVITIES

**Book Launch: The End of Ice – Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption.** Dahr Jamail's new book from the front-lines of climate disruption is a passionate ode to the wonders of our endangered planet that offers ways of engaging the climate crisis with commitment and love. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

## Tue. Jun. 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic with Richard Cross.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**PitchFork Social: The Travelin' McCourys.** Winner of Best Blugrass Band Grammy in 2018. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**LGBTQ+ Coffee Meet-up.** Weekly event sponsored by DAISSI. Every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Barb's Bakery.  
**Tuesday Farmers Market.** Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods opens for the season today and runs Tuesdays June through September at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Sacred Chanting.** This month's event is facilitated by organist, pianist and choir director Don Conley and includes Gregorian chant in English and Latin. Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## Tue. Jun. 4

### ACTIVITIES

**Book Launch: Jon van Tamelen – The Ancestor.** Jon van Tamelen launches The Ancestor, a non-fiction sailing adventure where the author acquires a 38-foot wooden smuggling boat on the island of Carriacou in the West Indies. With stone ballast and no engine and no instrumentation, but with an old lifeboat compass, plastic sextant and a roll of charts the author sails to Vancouver, via Panama, Galapagos, and Hawaii. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

## Wed. Jun. 5

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea à Tempo: Mbira Spirit.** Tea à Tempo presents Amy and Tadzwa Matamba, together known as Mbira Spirit, who are performing artists, educators and founders of the Zimbabwe Music Society. All Saints By-the-Sea. Music starts at 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats.  
**The New Customs.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**SIMS Music Spring Concert.** Students at SIMS are proud to present their spring concert, featuring a wide range of music and diverse genres. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



## Wed. Jun. 5

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Forum: Climate Crisis: Speaking Truth to Power.** Julie Gelfand, Canadian Commissioner for the Environment, is the Salt Spring Forum's guest speaker. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 10 a.m.  
**Artists' Reception: Group of Six.** Opening reception for photography show by Salt Spring Island's Group of 6, who share their perspective on the parts of the world that they see in black and white. Salt Spring Public Library. 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Parent-Child Mother Goose.** See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Bittancourt House Museum.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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## THE FRITZ CINEMA

- **Avengers: Endgame** — Finals shows this Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 & 30 at 7 p.m.
- **Poms** — Women form a cheerleading squad at their retirement home, proving you're never too old to 'bring it!' With Diane Keaton. Shows Friday, May 31 to Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday.  
**For more movie info go to www.thefritz.ca.**

## EXHIBITIONS

- **Evelyn Russell** presents handmade prints honouring the Salish Sea in **Far Shore**, showing at **Salt Spring Gallery** from Friday, May 31 to June 12. An artist's reception takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday.
- **Kizmit Galeria** shows paintings by **Ian Thomas** and handmade cribbage boards by **Liam Johnson** from Thursday, May 30 through June.

## EXHIBITIONS

- **Jeff Lederman** shows large-scale abstract expressionist paintings with accompanying poetry written for the works by Chicago poet and author **Margaret Sullivan**. At the ArtSpring Gallery, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily to June 12.
- **The Horses That Were My Teachers**, an exhibit of work by **Susan Gordon**, is at the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through May.
- **The Group of Six** shares their Black and White Photography Exhibit at the library program room from June 1 to 29 as part of **Salt Spring Photofest**, with an opening reception on June 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Group of 6 is comprised of **Larry Citra, Khsia Hartwell, Simon Henson, Ross McLeod, Bruce McPhee** and **Judy McPhee**.
- **Karin Millson** and **Bernadette Mertens-McAllister** present **In/From/Of - the Forest** in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of May.

## EXHIBITIONS

- **Erin Cleal** has the **ArtSpring** lobby exhibit for June, showing **Pushing Paint**, a body of work that focuses on the repetition of texture, patterns and colour.
- **GISS Media Arts students** show site-specific photos in **Ganges windows** from Friday, May 31 to June 7. ArtWalk maps available at participating locations.

**Poetry Open Mic**  
 June 6th and the first Thursday of each month  
 SS Public Library  
 Reader sign-up at 6:45 p.m.  
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## TEA A TEMPO

# Mbira Spirit shares music joy

Zimbabwe Music Society founders visit

## SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Tea à Tempo on Wednesday, June 5 features the dynamic duo of Amy and Tadazwa Matamba, together known as Mbira Spirit.

As founders of the Zimbabwe Music Society, they are performing artists, educators, inclusive leaders and cultural ambassadors who live and work on Vancouver Island and in Zimbabwe, Africa. Together they promote local arts and culture, help to preserve traditions and heritage, and serve local and sister communities in order to better lives and make a difference.

The Matamba Cultural Arts and Education Centre is working in partnership with the Hurungwe Rural District Council in Magunje, Zimbabwe to build a centre that provides cultural exchange. The centre promotes and educates in the area of arts, music, culture, sports, sustainability, agriculture, solar energy, tourism and economic development. The Matambas have just returned from Zimbabwe and will have some interesting updates on the work that is being accomplished in these areas.

Mbira Spirit provides irresistible, joyous music to numerous communities around Vancouver Island through tours, television shows, festivals and other events. Their African-influenced music with its distinguished Zimbabwean harmonies includes country classics, gospel, blues, reggae and more. They have blended their cultures and musical experience to create a magical and special time that has audiences of all



PHOTO COURTESY MBIRA SPIRIT

Mbira Spirit's Amy and Tadazwa Matamba play a Tea à Tempo concert on June 5.

ages clapping, dancing, and embracing the message of love, peace and harmony.

Their performance, admission by donation, begins in All Saints By-the-Sea at 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats. Donations provide the honoraria for the musicians and contribute to the running of the series.

## DANCE PERFORMANCE

# Shay Kuebler dance company returns

Epilogos premiere and workshop offered

The ever-popular Shay Kuebler and his troupe return to ArtSpring this week with the world premiere of his newest full-length performance, plus a special workshop for local dancers ages 12 and up.

Epilogos, which will be presented at ArtSpring on Monday, June 3, is built around the art of rhetoric and a blending of theatre, dance, martial arts and the interaction of these elements to video and live sound.

"Using the definition of epilogos, the point in a speech where the reader attempts to build an emotional response from the audience, the performance on stage becomes a device of persuasion, persuading the audience to see the power of the central character, the orator, portrayed by Kuebler," explains ArtSpring marketing manager Jessica Beck. "This character acts as a catalyst for the entire performance, wherein the performance itself is a piece of pro-

motion, propaganda or something to believe in. Utilizing biomechanical sensors, the simplest gesture has the ability to affect the entire performance environment and its performers."

Beck said Kuebler put together a strong design team and intricate set for the show, including a LED video wall at the back of the stage. Each LED is a light-bulb that is spaced out in a grid pattern.

"When you put video on it, it becomes pixelated, which creates a beautiful performance element that represents the big machine of propaganda," Kuebler said.

His character uses hand gestures that affect the lighting, sound, and video, making him very powerful – illusionary, magical.

Kuebler began his explorations with his dancers for Epilogos in late 2017, inspired by the world around him including politics, "seeing how intensely people can be so polarized by value systems, so strongly that they will believe in somebody even if they have done some horrendous terrible things."

As a choreographer, Kuebler is known

for his explosive style of movement with extreme physicality such as barrel rolls in the air mixed with street-tinged contemporary dance and martial arts leaps. The seven dancers bring in diverse interests and backgrounds including tap, hip hop, jazz, highland, contemporary, contact improvisation, gymnastics, martial arts, creating a dynamic performance language.

Kuebler doesn't just provide his audiences with entertainment; he gives an experience with a message.

"It has to be dance with a purpose. I want to make accessible work that can also be artistic and take people on an unexpected journey," he explains.

A post-show talkback with dancers will be facilitated by dance outreach coordinator, Anna Haltrecht, following the performance.

In addition to the dance show, dancers and actors are offered a community workshop called Contemporary Movement and Dance Theory on Sunday, June 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Antler Ridge Dance Studio, 211 Horel Road W. Registration is through ArtSpring.

## ART SHOW

# Oil paintings and poems merge at joint show

Jeff Lederman and Margaret Sullivan

A collaborative exhibition featuring large-scale abstract paintings of Jeff Lederman and the poetry of Chicago poet Margaret Sullivan is on now at ArtSpring.

The show called Twenty-one paintings / Twenty-one poems opened last Friday and continues through June 11.

While Sullivan is new to Salt Spring, Lederman's name will be familiar to many island residents, human and animal alike, as the founder of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre.

"It was almost 25 years ago that Lederman moved to Salt Spring Island with the lofty goal of creating B.C.'s first wildlife and marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation facility," explains a press release. "Now, thousands of rescued animals later, he is

introducing another first. This will be the first time he has publicly displayed a large collection of his artwork in Canada."

Sullivan held a professorship in Consumer Psychology and Music at an arts college in Chicago for 40 years. She says she never dreamt she would be presenting her poetry to a Canadian audience.

This symbiotic pairing of visual art and poetry is not new to Lederman and Sullivan. In 1978 the duo were featured in a Chicago Gallery exhibition displaying Lederman's graphic designs and photography along with the more commercial side of Sullivan's poetry which she coined "Industrial Poetry."

The ArtSpring exhibition will feature 21 large oil paintings and 21 poems and poetic fragments inspired for the most part by Lederman and his paintings.

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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Jupiter retrograde in Sagittarius remains in the spotlight. It is playing a lead role literally and figuratively. That it is retrograde adds a sharp spike to the already potent punch. Jupiter is big, very big, and so its influence is as well. It forms a couplet with Saturn as one of the two 'social planets'. Together, these two planetary giants synchronize social, evolutionary cycles. As ever, how these will influence any given country is subject, in part, to that country's Birth Chart. Of course the same is true for each individual person. Yet, in our modern age, the information superhighway is inevitably and inexorably producing a global culture, whether we like it or want it or not. Jupiter's role currently is to blend cultural beliefs and smooth out the edges where differences are pronounced. There remains a long way to go in this regard, but it is happening quickly now. The balancing act for us all is to acknowledge distinction yet forge unity. Unity in diversity is the operative phrase.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)**

You are poised to enter the next effective phase. It could be said that you have broken through the surface crust layers. With the way cleared somewhat, you will really begin to drive hard. This includes a close communication process. You want to be extra clear about your direction and objective before you go for it.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)**

This is perhaps the busiest time of you for many and especially you. Tending to both your personal and your professional responsibilities is the reason. This year you are in an experimental mood and are keen to try new approaches. Yet, you have to test before you commit and this is a main focus now.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**

Taking new leads and strides are likely now. Some of these may be more due to necessity than inspiration. Your ability to adapt is extra important. Deep changes that have been underway for a couple of years or so continue. These together reveal an overall process of deep changes, yet you may have to really step back to recognize them, or you don't because they are alarmingly clear.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)**

Keeping busy behind the scenes continues. Positively, this could find you happily productive in your yard planting your garden. Otherwise, you are happy to lay low for a while. Busy could apply to reading a book which has captured your imagination. Meanwhile, circumstances are pushing you to be more assertive these days, so make the most of this time-out.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**

Experimenting on social fronts finds you actively breaking old patterns. Trying new methods and approaches with social media, looking for new employment and joining new groups and clubs are all examples. One way or another, things are shifting and shaking especially in your public and professional life so focus to engage deliberately.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)**

If you have been working for earned rewards and waiting for your time to gain recognition, the time has come. You may have to focus to break through limiting and restrictive beliefs and self-concepts. This could amount to being one of those times when you 'feel the fear but do it anyway'. Patient perseverance is ever wise but now it is time to go for gold.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**

Paying closer attention to the details of the big picture is keeping you busy now. This can include assessing current activities in light of long-term implications. Keeping other goals and interests in mind is featured. This altogether constitutes the goal of striking a healthy balance so that your long-term goals are supported by your current commitments.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**

Circumstances are inspiring and perhaps pushing you to be more realistic. Some measure of research and investigation is implied. Changes on relationship fronts are indicated and if they have not already occurred, they are brewing. The likelihood is that these changes began last year but have now entered a major developmental stage.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**

Social opportunities are abounding for you now. These include a process of significant change in your overall lifestyle. Establishing these is requiring more effort than you might have bargained for, however. This will not last long but is active now. Yet, your ambitions are running strong leading you to confront hidden blocks.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**

Your brain is working overtime. Both logical analysis and imaginative and intuitive thinking are all engaged. Getting clear regarding your dreams, visions, goals, and plans represents the linear part. Success now requires that you work cooperatively. Family members may be your main focus but business associates are in there too.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**

A fun, social and creative cycle is underway. It does include work too, however. The efforts required represent a slow but sure process but also holds deep implications for the future. These may be described as practical, yet may also amount to cultural advancement that reveals hidden talents and serves to boost your confidence.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**

Staying busy close to home is likely and preferred now. Positively, this is a creative cycle and you are able to get a lot done. You are probably busy attending to a variety of fronts. As well, destiny has brought you to a time when you are meant to think differently about your approach. This may not be entirely comfortable but is important.



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## FUNDRAISER

# GISS hosts 10,000 Tonight fundraising event

Food, hygiene, cash donations sought

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School's leadership program is inviting the community onto its campus for 10,000 Tonight, a special event benefitting islanders in need on Thursday, June 6.

Under the direction of teacher Nikita Pardiwala, leadership students hope to assemble 10,000 individual items in cash donations, non-perishable food items and unused hygiene products for local charities, the food bank and the homeless community. If every island family were to contribute, the total would be easily achieved.

"The goal of this event is to have one large gathering for everyone to give back to our communities. Donating as an individual has impact, but donating even one item together as a population of over 10,000 people, we can make an incredible impact," said grade 12 student Meaghan Plumridge. "We recognize that GISS cannot do this alone, so we would be so grateful if others decided to join our cause."

Plumridge came up with the idea, which was accepted by the group of close to 60 leadership students as this year's big project. Her older sister had been part of other "10,000" events when she attended Belmont Secondary School in Victoria.

While Plumridge was only four years old at the time, her sister's participation made a big impact. Their family has direct experience with need: after her biological parents separated when she

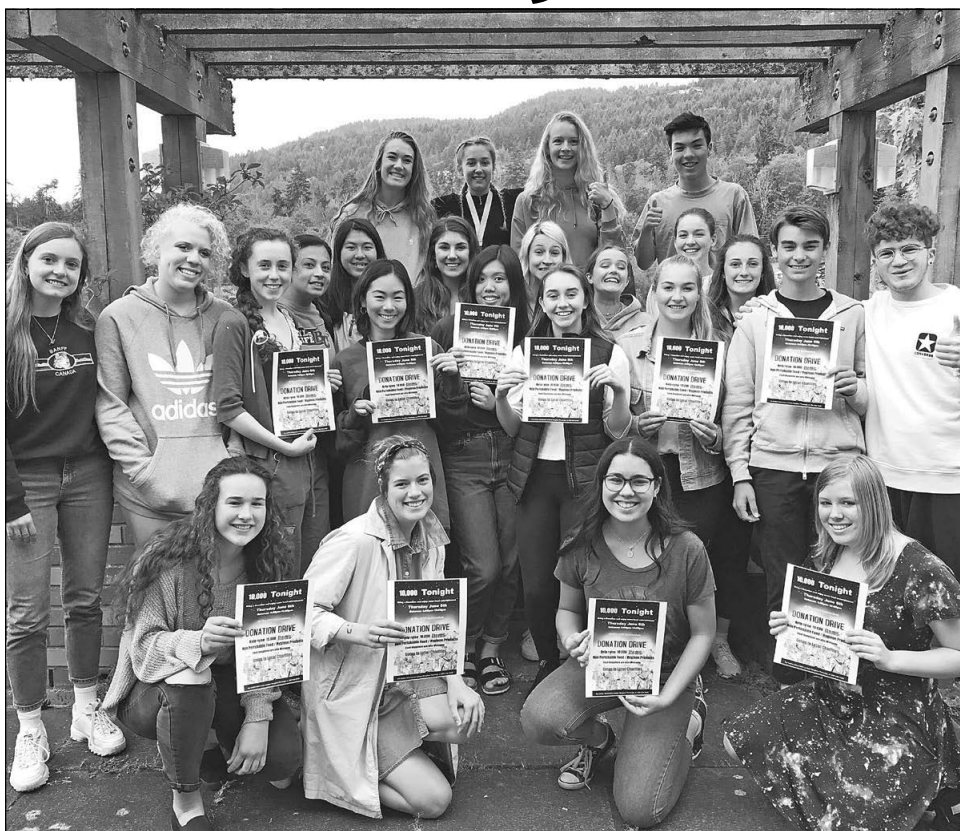


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A portion of the 60 or so students enrolled in the GISS leadership program, which hopes to bring in 10,000 donations for islanders in need during a special event on June 6.

was five, her mother's low income meant Plumridge and her family spent three months eating from the local food bank to make it through hard times.

"I believe it's important for the community to know why I decided to create and head this event," Plumridge said. "I take it personally to see our community

be able to support not only the homeless but also the families in need through their hardships."

"As a tight-knit community of islanders who are very community driven, I see that everyone does their part as often as possible as individuals," she added.

The event takes place at the GISS gym-

nasium from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. During this time the school will be hosting its annual talent show along with community performances to entertain those who come and donate. The cafeteria will also be serving baked goods and hot drinks.

**"The goal of this event is to have one large gathering for everyone to give back to our communities."**

MEAGHAN PLUMRIDGE  
GISS leadership student

"This is kind of a celebration for everyone bringing their stuff in," Pardiwala explained.

All school communities as well as community members are encouraged to stop by to donate, enjoy some refreshments and enjoy some of the performances at any point during the event. Donations should be received before 11 p.m.

The school also initiated a donation drive throughout the month of May to kickstart the event. If successful, 10,000 Tonight could become an annual tradition.

"When you really think about it, 10,000 is a huge number when it comes to cash donations, food items and hygiene products," Plumridge observed, adding anything that island charities can't use will be donated to other nearby communities.

## ENVIRONMENT

# Invasive weed drop-off service offered

Time to cut gorse and broom

BY SALT SPRING CONSERVANCY STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

You can't take your invasive weeds to the landfill site but you can take them to be chipped at the south end fire hall on Sunday, June 2.

Volunteers from the Salt Spring Conservancy's Stewardship Committee will team up with Salt Spring's fire department for the second opportunity this spring to dispose of broom, gorse, holly, daphne, ivy and other introduced invasive plants. The station runs between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., for a small donation to cover chipping costs.

The first event of 2019 on Saturday, May 11 at the Central fire hall saw 32 loads of mostly broom and gorse dropped off and chipped. Salt Spring Fire Rescue Lt. Mitchell Sherrin describes both plants as fire accelerants, and gorse as pyrophytic or fire-loving.

Covered in resins, broom and gorse

provide fire corridors as they spread along island roads. They also toxify the soil for native plants.

Since the first drop-off in 2010, residents and neighbourhood pods have helped significantly reduce the amount of broom on the island.

A graphic example is the broom removal site on Long Harbour Road. Broom that took two days and many truckloads to remove back in 2012 now takes a few easy hours to clear, on a site four times the original size. The green broomlets removed fit into the back of an SUV for Eco-Reality's goats.

For those new to cutting broom, the surest way to permanently remove it is to cut the plant as close to the ground surface as possible, when the plant is in bloom so as not to spread the seeds.

Gorse is more difficult. This prickly cousin to broom flowers several times a year and regrows from the root. Advice is to cut it below the ground where the stem joins the root, or pull it up and monitor for new seedlings. Or cut it and cover the stump. It does not grow in shade.



PHOTO COURTESY CONSERVANCY STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
Piles of broom received at the chipping day at the Fulford fire hall in 2017.

Any dirt sticking to cut plants must be removed before being brought to the drop-off to avoid damaging the chipper. Giant hogweed and blackberry are not accepted.

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**Obituaries**

**Celebration of Life for Melissa Selena Weigel**  
 A Beautiful Life



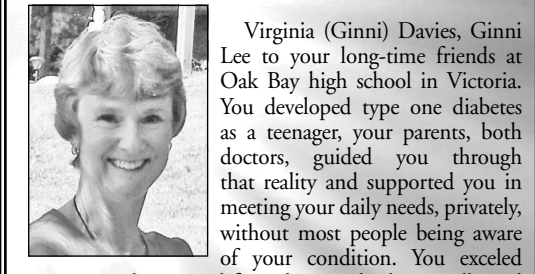
Why is it that we measure our lives by time.....be it hours, days, one year, twelve years, forty three years, or one hundred and five years. Forever is never long enough to be with the ones we love. So what if we were to measure our lives by moments rather than minutes?

We invite our community, that is rich with moments shared and memories created by Melissa who touched so many of us with her beautiful open heart. Let her smile reach back up and touch you as you take pause to reflect on the moments that you will keep forever safe in your own heart. This vibrant being has sadly left us wanting another lifetime of minutes and yet generously left so many of us with a lifetime of beautiful moments.

Beaver Point Hall, June 8th, 2019, 2pm till 5pm  
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**Virginia (Ginni) Davies**  
 APRIL 23 1919



Virginia (Ginni) Davies, Ginni Lee to your long-time friends at Oak Bay high school in Victoria. You developed type one diabetes as a teenager, your parents, both doctors, guided you through that reality and supported you in meeting your daily needs, privately, without most people being aware of your condition. You excelled in your studies, stayed fit and strong both mentally and physically. You could have easily obtained a medical degree, you always planned to be a doctor. So very bright! Married early, had three children, supported a husband through medical school, reluctantly you accepted the role as a wife and mother, but always assumed you would go to med school later. You found it hard to accept that the support to become a doctor never came. You did however carry on with your education. Shortly after giving birth to twins, you completed a master's degree at UBC in Audiology. You went on to add more educational accomplishments and honours in your work, as an Audiologist at St. Paul's Hospital, teaching at BCIT, UBC and with Work Safe BC.

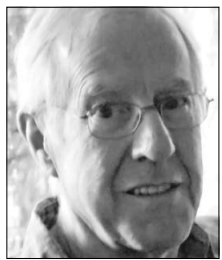
In 1989 we met and fell in love, we had 30 years together. In our blended family we have six adult children and eleven grandchildren. We experienced conflicts, challenges and disappointments regarding your health along with other issues. Over the years we worked closely together to suppress and deal with where this was obviously leading. Through it all you were stoic, determined, often feisty, never complaining, you had a great fun-loving disposition. Neither of us were perfect when taking on all the issues we faced, we struggled at times that's for sure! We stayed together and accepted the challenge this journey was taking us on. There were changing medical conditions and needs, later you were diagnosed as having Focal Alzheimer's. We took on all those issues, accepted some and found ways to get the best out of life beyond on-going medical predictions and opinions. We cried together at times in frustration, but we also laughed a lot, had much fun, travelled, met new people who became close friends and just pressed on. Ginni, you loved life, you certainly loved people, your family and friends. Halloween was a great time for you and we always found different places and ways to celebrate your birthday on the 31st October. As many do, I thought we had more time.

Shortly following a serious, unexpected medical problem and a few months before her 70th birthday, Ginni died, peacefully on April 23rd, 2019 in the arms of her care giver Darlene. Ginni you passed away minutes before I returned to Lady Minto hospital after being with you throughout the day. My lovely Ginni, I miss you so much, I cherished our time together.

-Your loving husband, Robert

**Obituaries**

**HUGH JOHN FREDRICK MCCULLOUGH**



Hugh John Fredrick McCullough was born on April 27, 1929. He passed away on May 19, 2019 at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his two sons, Jim and Rob; and three granddaughters.

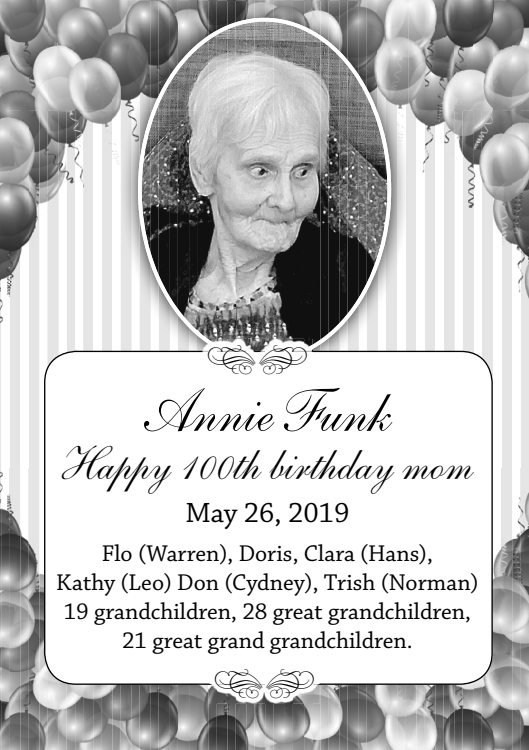
Hugh was born in Winnipeg, but grew up in Vancouver. His father died when he was 4. He left school after grade 9 to help support the family by working on the tugboats. After spending time in the Merchant Marines and the Royal Canadian Air Force, he returned to school and became an Engineering Technologist. Hugh and Nancy married in 1961 and settled in Edmonton where they raised their family. Hugh worked in the Physics department at the University of Alberta for 30 years.

Hugh was an avid skier and met Nancy while skiing. He was also a pilot, mountain climber, builder and golfer. He always had a love for the ocean. While on a sailing trip, he and Nancy stopped at Salt Spring Island and decided to build a home there in 1989.

Hugh had a lively sense of humour and a deep desire to learn. Hugh and Nancy volunteered with Meals on Wheels on Salt Spring for almost 30 years. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

**Celebrations**

**HAPPY Thoughts**



**Annie Funk**  
 Happy 100th birthday mom  
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**Coming Events**

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Trying to find a long lost friend by the name of **Mike Smith**



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It would be great to see if anybody remembers him and has any contact details. Particularly as I have also emigrated to Victoria ( in 2010) and would like to hook up again.

It is a very old photo in case anybody recognizes him!

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**100 YEARS YOUNG:** A tea and dinner were held at the Lions Club on Saturday for Annie Funk's 100th birthday celebration. Funk was born May 26, 1919 in Haliburton. She was joined on Saturday by her six children and approximately 70 family and friends from Washington state, Vancouver, California, Alberta, Salt Spring, Arizona, Saskatchewan, Kelowna and Mayne Island. Her extended family currently includes 19 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 21 great great grandchildren.

SALT SPRING

# Star of the WEEK

Roger Brunt



Roger Brunt has an affinity for elves and fairies and is known as Salt Spring's Fairy Door Man. He is the author of the Erskine the Elf series of books, has answered children's letters to Erskine put into the fairy door in Ganges, and makes and sells beautiful wooden fairy doors.

After two fairy doors on Mount Erskine were stolen over the winter, Roger volunteered to make new ones to replace them. The Mount Erskine elves and fairies thank you, Roger!

## Remember WHEN

### Five years ago

Picket lines went up as the B.C. Teachers Federation gave the B.C. Public School Employers Association notice that it would ramp up job action with a series of one-day strikes in different districts. Classes in the Gulf Islands were cancelled on the last day of the strike action, as both organizations were frustrated by the lack of movement at the bargaining table. Teachers were working without a contract for nearly a year, and the province wanted a resolution by the end of June. BCPSEA's response to the rotating strike was a partial lock-out all week and a 10 per cent deduction of teachers' pay.

### Ten years ago

A former Salt Spring resident got up close and personal with a nine-metre (30-foot) humpback whale entangled

in prawn traps off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island. Paul Cottrell was working in the Robson Bight area on May 18 when he heard the report of an entangled whale from a commercial prawn fisher working in nearby Knight Inlet. Thanks to a quick response and some good old-fashioned persistence, Cottrell and his marine mammal rescue team were credited with saving the five-year-old whale's life. "It was quite the week," Cottrell said. "I've never been so close that I could smell the breath of the animal. [The smell] wasn't that nice."

### Twenty years ago

High season started for the Ganges Coast Guard with at least one distress call a day to deal with, mostly a result of inexperienced boaters. Members were called to rescue a boat that had run aground on Cooper Reef in Haro Strait and to tow a derelict vessel floating near Mayne Island, while another boat overdue to come was eventually found in Otter Bay. Other calls included a pleasure craft that lost power and a vessel on-fire in Active Pass, which turned out to be a false alarm but was immediately followed by a report of a missing girl near Portland Island. The weekend ended with a pleasure craft

that reported a May Day after it ripped its hull on Moneymaker Reef in Ganges Harbour.

### Thirty years ago

A Fulford man suffered burns to his hand and two other adults, plus a child, were forced into the water when an 18-foot vessel burst into flames. The people were using the boat as a base for diving for crab in Fulford Harbour. According to RCMP, the group safely started up the boat to journey into the harbour. When Dan Akerman, who suffered the burns, started the boat up again, the motor flashed and caught fire. Those in the boat were able to escape unharmed to the water before the tanks blew and the boat was engulfed in flames.

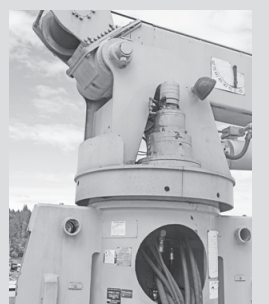
### Forty years ago

Three reports of bicycle theft were heard by the RCMP detachment at Ganges. Two were taken from the elementary school at Ganges and a third machine was removed from a private property. Reporting the loss of their wheels were Stephen Lee, Spring Farm, Fulford, Andrew Hoeller and Mike Mason. Both Hoeller and Mason lost their bicycles at school.

## What is this? Where is it?



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



LAST WEEK: Laura Jean Kreissl was the first to recognize the crane at the Coast Guard dock.

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## ISLAND HERITAGE

# New signage describes local historic buildings

## Salt Spring Historical Society project

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who are wondering where young, male newcomers went to stay busy and out of trouble in the late 19th century can now find out thanks to a project of the Salt Spring Historical Society.

The society has recently installed plaques on five historic buildings in Ganges and one in Fulford that answer these and many other questions. The new signs resulted from a comprehensive survey of the island's historic buildings conducted by recently graduated islander Catelyn Creswick, who worked in the Salt Spring Island Archives last summer.

Creswick's report listed 16 existing plaques installed by the Salt Spring Historical Society in the past, as well as a number of structures that lacked signage about their history.

The historical society approached local business owners and was able to negotiate placement on quite a few buildings in the Ganges core.

"Most of the people were really pleased, and when they see the signs they're even more pleased," reported island writer and

historical society member Charles Kahn.

Kahn is the author of *Salt Spring: The Story of an Island*, and he created the written content for the new signs.

"People seem to want short signs, so I tried to make them as short as possible and still have useable information," Kahn said.

The metal plaques explain, for example, that a small building on McPhillips Avenue beside the Core Inn was once the Salt Spring Island Club for young men. It was built in 1896 by Harry Bullock, the richest man on the island at the time, to keep young males out of trouble.

Other signage provides the history behind Salt Spring's jam factory on Herford Avenue in 1922, and the former United Church manse further down the same street (now home to Twang and Pearl). The Tree House Cafe is meanwhile explained as once being dubbed "Aunt Maggie's House."

Historical society members have done a couple of past tours of the building locations for international students attending Gulf Islands Secondary School. More recently, Kahn took a group of Phoenix Elementary School teachers to see the sites.

"When the teachers can take that information to their students, you give them a sense of place," Kahn said.



PHOTO BY CHARLES KAHN

Mark LeCorre affixes new signage with historical information about the building that houses his Tree House Cafe. The building was once known as "Aunt Maggie's House."

## OUTDOOR REC

## Strawberry festival closes club season

Ruckle Park on June 18

### Hikers

June 4: Hike Cowichan River footpath, Skutz Falls to Stoltz Pool with Barry and Sheila. Moderate but long (shorter if pouring). Meet at Portlock Park for carpooling and 8:30 a.m. departure.

June 11: Bill Goddu will lead us deep in the heart of Musgrave, where there are big, big trees, old homesteads, rocky bluffs and waterfalls. Moderate pace. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

June 18: The hiking season ends with the strawberry festival in Ruckle Park. This year's event is being orga-

nized by the Walkers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.

### Walkers

June 4: Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to take a walk somewhere.

June 11: Sue Lehmann leads an off-trail walk on Mountain Road. We'll be following deer trails along the shoreline. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:15 to carpool. Meet Sue at the start of the trail, about six kilometres along Mountain Road. Mountain Road is a winding dirt road with wider spots to pull over if

you meet an oncoming car.

June 18: Meet as usual at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle for a morning walk. Bring your lunch — the strawberries are the dessert.

### Ramblers

June 4: Meet at Centennial, then Frauke will take us to Bullock Lake Farm. Bring a sandwich.

June 11: Meet at Centennial at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the 10:50 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Bryan Adderley will take us to Crow and Gate for lunch, and we will be back on the 3:35 p.m. ferry.

June 18: Strawberry festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area.

## PERSONAL GROWTH

## Radiant Essence Retreat set

A day of renewal with qigong and writing

Two Salt Spring teachers will present their unique qigong and writing retreat on Saturday, June 8 to help open untapped reservoirs of well-being and creativity.

"Radiant Essence Retreat is an opportunity for participants to experience a deepening awareness and expanded creative expression," says one of the presenters, poet/writer/editor Lorraine Gane. "Qigong, with its gentle meditative movements, postures and breathing practices, will bring the body into harmony and clear the mind of mental clutter."

She adds, "From a fertile space of deep attunement to the reservoirs within, participants will be guided through a series of practices to initiate a flow

of words onto the page, which will be directed in subsequent writing exercises with various prompts. What emerges from these sessions is often rich in texture, power, depth and authenticity."

Gane has taught writing at universities across Canada and mentors writers through online courses, her own workshops and manuscript development/editing. She is working on several writing projects.

Qigong/tai chi instructor Purna Ma, who trained with a variety of qigong/tai chi masters, has taught numerous workshops in Victoria, as well as classes on Salt Spring and other locations to a loyal following.

The retreat will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cedar Lane Studio, at 210 Cedar Lane.

For more information (pre-registration required), contact Purna Ma at 250-537-5190 or purnama@telus.net.

## Chanting

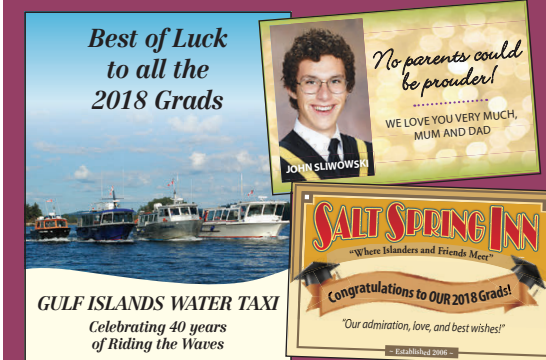
The monthly Star of the Sea Sacred Chant event on Tuesday, June 4 will be facilitated by organist, pianist and choir director Don Conley.

With his extensive knowledge of sacred music, this promises to be an exciting participatory evening of this genre, including Gregorian chant in English and Latin, using the system developed by the French liturgist Joseph Gelineau. Star of the Sea organizers state that once people are accustomed to Gelineau's method, then it is "easy and prayerful."

The evening runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Mary's church, Fulford, home of Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice. Participation is by donation and registration is not required.



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## TENNIS

# Tennis tourney finals successful despite rain

Rajsic Classic Attracts 40 teams

BY SALT SPRING TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Rajsic Classic combined age tennis tournament ended with all eight finals going indoors to complete a very successful event on the May long weekend.

The tournament is in its third year, and honours former club member Roy Rajsic, who always wanted to support junior tennis on Salt Spring.

Club professional Pete Schelling came up with the idea of hosting a seniors tournament where players could have fun, play lots of matches and socialize. All

junior tennis programs run throughout the year. Juniors are given discounted lessons in the fall and winter programs. There were over 50 juniors that participated this past season.

"It's what Roy would have wanted," Schelling said.

Rajsic's wife Marg Benmore also created a scholarship this year that will help two juniors with all of their lesson fees for the upcoming season. A cheque for \$500 was presented to Schelling for the program.

There were nearly 40 teams that participated in the weekend event. Players came mostly from Vancouver and Vancouver Island with one player coming from California.

The weather was perfect for all of the round robin matches but Monday was a washout.

Having two indoor courts to play on, the finals were completed without any problems.

See the story on the Driftwood website for the weekend's results.



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Rajsic Classic women finalists, from left, are Donna Wrigley, Justene Tedder and winners Marjorie Blackwood and Erica Ross, all from Salt Spring.

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## DRAGON BOAT RACING

# Spirit Point Dragons proud of results

Lynda Green coaches first full festival

BY DONNA COCHRAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spirit Point Dragons placed a strong second in our division on Sunday at the annual Fairway Gorge Super Sprints in Victoria. The Sprints hosted 19 women's teams and 26 mixed teams with each team racing three 200m races — a placement heat, followed by a semi-final and a final. The short distance leaves little room for error so requires a strong start, a brisk pace and precision timing. Spirit Point was up for the challenge and managed to improve their performance with each race placing them in the Mixed Jade B Final.

Only the A Finals received medals this year, but that didn't deter the team's resolve to shine. In their final race, Spirit Point had their best start of the day and kept pace with the strongly competitive front runner, Fairway Dragon Express, who crossed the finish line with a time of 1:02.7, just a heartbeat ahead of Spirit Point Dragons (1:04.6).

Paddlers for the races included Lorraine Ekelund, Donna Cochran, Serena Mullen, Shari Macdonald,

Robyn Huntley, Lesley Grott, Mary Lou Cuddy, Jeanne Delparte, Carmelle Labelle, Shirley Julien, Lisa Owens, Wendy McEachern, Rob Huber, Brian Campbell, Val Clark, Sam Goddard, Susan Ahn, Joni Devlin, Andrew Okulitch and a special shout-out to new paddler, Skip McCarthy, who raced for the first time.

The gold star for the festival was earned by 15-year-old dragon, Loren Ekelund, who made her debut as steersperson for the first two races. She made herself heard above the shouts of the other teams and steered through changing tides like a pro. Veteran steersperson, Andrew Okulitch, deftly managed the steering oar for the final race while Loren paddled with the team. Loren and Sam Goddard, our team's youngest members, received their official dragon boat steering accreditation from Fairway Gorge Paddling Club in Victoria earlier this year. Way to go Loren and Sam!

Coach Lynda Green led the team for her first full festival and couldn't have been more proud of her dragons, she said.

"Imagine: a 15-year-old steering and a 72-year-old yelling at you doesn't get any better in my world!"

The team is most appreciative for the support of our local sponsors. New members are welcome — contact Coach Mary Rowles, [onthewater181@gmail.com](mailto:onthewater181@gmail.com).

## GOLF

# Junior program underway at golf club

Choices tournament set for June 1

BY MARCIA HOGAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

All island golfers are invited to put together a team for the 17th annual Choices Golf Tournament, a fundraiser that benefits adult special needs day programs. The nine-hole scramble tees off between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

The always popular Salt Spring Junior Golf Program runs every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m., May

through August.

This

year,

two PGA of Canada professionals will work with junior golfers at the putting green, on the driving range and on the course to develop their skills. Contact the club to confirm participation.

Men's InterClub players have completed the second round of the annual Bambrick Cup competition between Salt Spring, Pender and Ardmore. Currently, Salt Spring is in second place in the gross and net divisions. Ard-

**GOLFTees**

more currently leads the tournament. Salt Spring's Chad Little is one of the six players topping the individual gross score leaderboard.

The 18-hole ladies league had a back-to-back winner for the Evans Cup as Linra Tremblay defended her title with a net 72. With a score of 76, Mary Lou Bompas took second place.

Check out our updated pro shop entrance. Thank you to Mouat's Trading for donating the large flower pots and trees and to Ken Byron Excavating for transporting them to the club.