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BC FERRIES

Quinitsa takes on Vesuvius run



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BC Ferries executive director of public affairs Deborah Marshall, left, and administrative assistant Mia Kaye hand out goodbye cake on the Howe Sound Queen's 4:15 p.m. sailing out of Vesuvius on Tuesday, June 4.

Howe Sound Queen makes final trip for B.C. Ferries

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It was with mixed emotions that passengers, BC Ferries staff and former crew members said goodbye to the Howe Sound Queen last Tuesday evening.

The retirement of the vessel after a last couple of morning trips on Wednesday, June 5 meant the end of an era for the Vesuvius-Crofton run. The change has also meant that a smaller ferry is now serving a route that has experienced frequent overloads over the past couple of years, and not everyone is happy with the result.

Salt Spring business owner Richard Elwell was on the Quinitsa during its first day of service on the route last Wednesday.

"I'm on that ferry as many as three to four times a week. It's gonna be a real pain," Elwell

said.

Other vehicle passengers complained about being left behind despite being within the terminal loading space at Vesuvius in Lane 7. The Howe Sound Queen is calculated at 52 Automobile Equivalent (AEQ) based on a standard vehicle measure of 6.1 x 2.6 meters. The Quinitsa comes in at 44 AEQ.

BC Ferries says the transition to the new ferry, which has a different deck configuration than the Howe Sound Queen, has mostly been smooth.

"There have been more overloads since the Quinitsa replaced the Howe Sound Queen on the Vesuvius route, but the vessel is better at keeping the schedule," public affairs director Deborah Marshall said Monday. "For example, the on-time performance of the Quinitsa from Wednesday, June 5 through Sunday, June 9 was

85.9 per cent. The previous week, the on-time performance of the Howe Sound Queen was 66.7 per cent."

Marshall said the Quinitsa is also carrying bigger loads of commercial vehicles.

"The last round trip that the Howe Sound Queen performed on June 5 left deck space because the vessel reached its load limits. Had the Quinitsa been sailing, it would have carried all the traffic," she said.

BC Ferries executives were on board the Howe Sound Queen for two farewell round trips Tuesday afternoon, handing out cake to passengers on the 3:35 and 4:50 sailings out of Crofton and the two return trips from Vesuvius.

"I'm enough of a ferry geek that this is kind of emotional," said BC Ferries CEO Mark Collins.

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FITTING TRIBUTE: Partners Creating Pathways volunteers, from left, Gary Gagne, Gary Lehman and Donald McLennan (bench maker) install a bench honouring the late Gillian Watson, a dedicated volunteer for the Salt Spring Archives and the Historical Society. Watson was acting manager of the archives from 2011 to 2017. She was also an enthusiastic birder. The group is grateful to property owner David Grayson for allowing the bench to be installed beside Ganges Alley, in a location looking out to the ocean that gives a good view of many shore birds.

WATER SUPPLY

Drought level three enacted

NSSWD ups water conservation level

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
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Dry conditions have prompted the Provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to declare a level-three drought for the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island, a move that was echoed by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District on Wednesday morning.

"We are in a pretty significant rainfall deficit compared to normal at this time," said NSSWD environmental manager Meghan McKee. "We're concerned about the very dry weather so with the province putting us into level-three drought, we've made the decision to go into level three watering restrictions as well."

Having received 11 per cent of normal rainfall for the month of June so far, the decision was made on both the provincial and local level to go into conservation. Low rain in May was also a factor in the decision. Last year, the district went into level three conservation on July 18.

Though the provincial announcement, which was made on Friday, called for voluntary water-use reduction, the local bylaws set in place by

the water district take precedence.

Level-three watering restrictions reduce the amount of sprinkling and drip irrigation allowed from four hours maximum per day to two hours. Sprinkling and irrigation are permitted between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. for a maximum of one hour, and between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. for a maximum one hour. Garden watering is allowed during sprinkling times, with an additional one hour per day outside of the sprinkling times. Filling of pools, garden ponds and water features are not allowed in level three, which goes for watering public parks, sports fields and open spaces. The district will be working with ratepayers with high levels of consumption to help conserve as well.

"We advise people not to water their lawn, to let it go dry, to not water in the heat of the day and to follow the watering restrictions that we've laid out," McKee said. "We encourage everybody to be conservative whether or not they're on our system."

Dry weather and a lack of rain in the forecast caused the restrictions to come into place. The NSSWD watering restriction is applied as needed during the dry season.

"It's very unlikely to go into level three and then come out of it before the end of the summer," McKee said. "It's the beginning of another dry summer."

BC Ferries asks for patience during transition period

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"Because for us ships are not just things — they're alive and they have unique personalities. So it's a big thing," Collins said.

Current BC Ferries worker Edward Frisch also attended a farewell sailing, stating he would miss the boat even with its tricky loading issues.

The Howe Sound Queen was built in Sorel, Que. in 1964 to serve the St. Lawrence River. As such it had a heavy hull with ice-breaking capacity, which would create overweight loading difficulties

later on the Salt Spring route. The ship was purchased by BC Ferries in 1971 and assigned to the Vesuvius-Crofton run in 1992. A major refit in 2008 included removal of toxic interior finishing such as asbestos and lead paint as well as an engine overhaul.

Collins, who worked on the ferry's transformation when he was part of the engineering team, said the Howe Sound Queen is being retired not so much because of age but obsolescence. Issues include lack of elevator/mobility access, narrow parking lanes and high vibra-

tion that can have long-term effects on employee health.

Collins said the absence of weight restrictions and an added sailing on the route will mean around the same daily capacity is provided overall with the Quinitsa. Passengers will no longer experience seeing the ferry leave with open deck space because a heavy logging or delivery truck is on board.

"I absolutely get that frustration, but it won't happen with the Quinitsa," Collins said. "What you see is what you get."

Elwell said BC Ferries talk about more weight capacity is a "red herring," how-

ever.

"Sure, weight overloads happen but both ferries I was on today were mostly cars. And they are leaving lots behind," he said. "Summer will only be worse, especially Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, which are pretty much all cars. Of course, 'there isn't another vessel' that could be used so this is the new reality: worse service on a run that was already close to maxed out with a bigger vessel."

BC Ferries has asked for patience while crew and customers continue to get used to the new vessel.

EMERGENCY preparedness

Safety Concerns: Wildfire Smoke

Wildfire smoke can harm you in multiple ways. Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases. Some tips to help you protect your health:

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4. Do not rely on dust masks for protection (Not an "N95" mask, when properly worn will have only some protection - See Respirator Fact Sheet <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2003-144/>)
5. Avoid prolonged smoke exposure during outdoor recreation.
6. Seek medical advice with your doctor if you have asthma or other respiratory ailments.

For more information on Wildfire Smoke Safety see Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html>
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	0735	1.3	4.3		1002	0.4	1.3
	WE 1355	2.4	7.9		SU 1813	3.2	10.5
ME 1820	1.9	6.2	DI 2237	2.7	8.9		
13	0058	3.3	10.8	17	0259	3.1	10.2
	0813	1.0	3.3		1039	0.3	1.0
	TH 1523	2.6	8.5		MO 1858	3.3	10.8
JE 1926	2.2	7.2	LU 2337	2.8	9.2		
14	0127	3.2	10.5	18	0334	3.0	9.8
	0850	0.7	2.3		1117	0.3	1.0
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SCHOOL DISTRICT Bus incident caused by overheating engine

SD64 continuing investigation

The school bus that left the road last Tuesday was experiencing an overheating issue at the time of the incident, according to an investigation for School District 64.

Gulf Islands School District superintendent Scott Benwell reported the driver had noticed the issue and pulled over to investigate. The engine automatically shut down as the driver was checking the vehicle, causing the bus to roll backward off the road.

Damage to the bus is being

assessed and it will be determined whether or not repairs can be done locally. The bus will be kept off the road until any repairs are made and it has been road tested, Benwell said.

No students were harmed in the incident, which took place near Beaver Point Road on June 4. The driver received some minor bumps and scratches. District staff were on hand last week to ensure the students were okay and understood the situation.

The route has not been affected. It has been covered using a spare bus and driver.

The school district will be continuing its investigation of the incident.

NEWS

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NEWS BRIEFS

Trust Council meets on Galiano

Islands Trust Council has its June quarterly meeting on Galiano Island this year, with the three-day session beginning Tuesday, June 18.

The meeting schedule at Galiano South Community Hall starts out at 1 p.m. with an address from the Penelakut Tribe and is followed by general business and a strategic planning session.

Wednesday's schedule gets started at 8 a.m. with new business items at 9. These include Private Managed Forest Land advocacy, internet connectivity advocacy, live streaming of meetings and low carbon catering for Islands Trust events.

Delegations and a town hall session are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, with delegations from the BC Community Bus Coalition, Gulf Islands Forest Preservation, Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership Society and the Gulf Islands Alliance.

The meeting adjourns at 12 noon on Thursday. See islandstrust.bc.ca for the full schedule and agenda package.

Driftwood earns national awards

The Driftwood team has received more award honours for 2019, with results of this year's Canadian Community Newspaper Awards announced last Tuesday.

The Driftwood picked up the award for best editorial page in its circulation class and editor Gail Sjuberg also earned first place in the feature series category for her Gulf Islands Anchorages series.

Elizabeth Nolan received third place for best news story for her piece "Citizen's Group takes laundry needs to the park." The Driftwood also got third place in community service for the inaugural Greening Salt Spring Clean-up Campaign.

FOR THE RECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood on the Freshwater Catalogue failed to mention it is a project of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

PENDER ISLAND

Dam plan outcry heard

Trustee calls for public consultation

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
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Capital Regional District plans to decommission the Gardom Pond dam on North Pender Island have caused local public outcry, and an Islands Trust trustee has made a call for more public consultation before the project is allowed to continue.

The dam is slated to be decommissioned as part of the provincial government's response to a failure at the Testalinden dam near Oliver, B.C. in 2010. The Gardom Pond dam was flagged during a survey conducted by the province as "high consequence." The Capital Regional District consulted with the six water license holders with adjacent lands to the pond, who agreed to decommission the dam in February 2017. The project received \$460,000 in federal funds through the National Disaster Mitigation Program, which would cover the entirety of the project's costs.

Work on the project began in early June, which got the attention of people living in the Razor Point Water Service Area on North Pender. They reached out to Islands Trust trustee Ben McConchie about the issue, who has put out a call for more public consultation before the works are completed.

Though the dam's decommissioning will ensure the safety of the people who live downhill from the structure from a dam failure, McConchie and other North Pender residents believe that other options could be looked at.

McConchie said that some residents have had one-on-one meetings with CRD representatives, but a larger community discussion was never held. He is suggesting a town hall meeting be held to discuss the options in public.

"I feel like the residents there haven't had a proper voice and haven't necessarily felt their concerns were heard," McConchie said. "This is a great oppor-

tunity to educate people, and there's a lot of outcry for this to at least be halted."

Gardom Pond is a body of water that is adjacent to a CRD park. The pond lies within a Islands Trust riparian development permit area, and has the potential to be a part of the watershed that serves properties in the area. Though the dam is in a DPA, the CRD has an exemption to the DPA regulations and has proceeded with decommissioning plans without consultation with the Islands Trust.

"The fact that they didn't even approach the Trust because they're exempt makes me concerned," McConchie said. "It kind of shows the inability of the Trust to stand up to its mandate to preserve and protect, particularly in these types of circumstances."

McConchie said that the Local Trust Committee has agreed to do a metered groundwater study on North Pender Island, which would include the pond and the aquifer in the area.

"We simply don't understand the aquifer and water recharge systems here," he said. "We [should] wait for [the] report on our water situation here before we're draining an ecosystem and water supply."

The Islands Trust and the CRD have both declared a climate emergency in the area. Residents feel that the pond and the water stored therein are a valuable resource that needs to be protected. The Trust is looking into a legal option for stopping the work on the project, but residents would rather take a political route to resolving the issue.

"We have no water here. It's getting scary, and with the weather that's been going on lately, it's been super dry ... We need this water," McConchie said. "Now is the time. When is an emergency an emergency? When do we save the water? When does that become the more important issue?"

The Driftwood reached out to the CRD for comment, but were unable to connect before press time.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Cyclists taken to hospital

Two separate incidents reported

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island emergency crews responded to two incidents involving cyclists early this week, with people taken to hospital in both cases.

The first incident took place on Saturday, June 8 at around noon on North End Road. According to Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George, the incident involved a single cyclist who was taken to Lady Minto Hospital. Traffic was delayed on North End Road near Stark Road as the person was treated on scene.

The second incident occurred Monday at about 8:15 a.m. on Fulford-Ganges Road. The cyclist was traveling downhill at the time of the incident. Traffic was delayed on Fulford-Ganges Road while the cyclist was treated on



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Salt Spring Fire Rescue response vehicle on the scene of a bike accident on Fulford-Ganges Road Monday morning.

scene for injuries. The patient was then taken to Lady Minto Hospital.

Both cyclists were wearing helmets. Vehicles were not a factor in either accident, George said.

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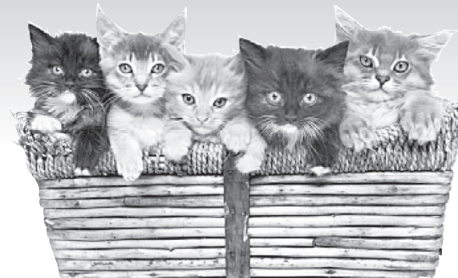
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RCMP

Bus shelter latest vandal target

"Moon Snail" shelter was designed by local artist

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP are investigating an incidence of vandalism to a bus shelter that occurred on the morning of June 1.

Glass windows of the moon snail-design bus shelter located near Country Grocer were smashed on the Saturday morning. The shelter is under the jurisdiction of the Salt Spring Transportation Commission. It was designed by local artist Matt Brain and installed in 2015. The damaged glass panes were etched to match the moon snail shell design of the shelter roof.

"It's my design, but I don't own it, it's the island that owns it. It's really sad," Brain said of the incident. "I was upset for the community, really."

The shelter was designed as part of a contest held by the Salt Spring Transportation Commission. The idea was to build unique bus shelters using a local artist as a designer, and as many local contractors as possible, while keeping the cost of the projects low. The moon snail design was the first built, and plans are underway for future shelters.

During the consultation phase of the design, the transportation commission's bus shelter committee discussed using materials that were resistant to vandalism. Ultimately, glass was chosen for the sides and back of the shelter.

"We talked about lots of different options, and glass was an option that solved a lot of problems. Its one drawback is that it could get broken," Brain said. "It is really great for a lot of other reasons... you can see through it, it stops wind and rain."

Ex-transportation commission chair



PHOTO COURTESY CRD

Caution tape marks off the one-of-a-kind moon snail bus shelter on Lower Ganges Road after vandals smashed the glass end panels on June 1.

Donald McLennan, who helped work on the moon snail shelter and other public projects, explained that while vandalism is a consideration in the planning of many designs, "you can't make anything vandal-proof."

"You just hope that these incidents are cyclical and hopefully people come to their senses," he added.

Vandalism incidents will not deter any further projects, McLennan said.

"We can't live in fear of vandals," he

said.

In a press release from the Capital Regional District's Salt Spring office, Parks and Recreation manager Dan Ovington said that the cost of the repairs was unknown. The incident was reported to the RCMP and their investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact either the RCMP at 250-537-5555 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

ISLANDS TRUST

Lasqueti floated as pipeline terminus

Trust Council chair responds to magazine piece

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lasqueti Island is one of the more remote communities in the Islands Trust Area, boasting passenger-only ferry service, stands of old growth forest, no paved roads and no BC Hydro electric grid to serve its 400 residents.

The transformation of this alternative sanctuary into a massive shipping terminal for raw bitumen would seem unthinkable to most, but that's exactly what was proposed by Edward G. Monteiro in the magazine BC Shipping News last month.

The marine consultant and ship's captain ponders the dilemma of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project in a guest column, stating it will probably never succeed with the current plans to end the twinned pipeline at the existing Burnaby terminus.

"Part of the problem has been trying to implement the project in a location that might not be suitable," Monteiro writes, while advocating an "out of sight, out of mind" approach.

"If the pipeline was diverted to a relatively unoccupied or isolated island in the outer reaches of Vancouver, where no one could see or care, it would be half the battle won," he argues.

Islands Trust Council has undertaken multiple advocacy projects that deal with protecting the Salish Sea from shipping threats. It has called on the federal government to work towards eliminating the use of 33 commercial freighter anchorages throughout the southern Gulf Islands and advocated for senior government policy to deal with abandoned vessels.

Chair Peter Luckham plans to speak against the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal expansion at a federal review panel hearing. Trust Council also opposes the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project, and has written to the prime minister and the National Energy Board on several occasions.

"We were certainly distressed about the lack of awareness of the Salish Sea," Luckham said about Monteiro's column. "And when you think about it, it's absurd a senior ranking officer in a professional capacity thinks you can snow people by doing something where you can't see it."

"He completely doesn't get that our issue is the shipping and the potential of a spill, and also climate change," Luckham added.

A response to the piece has been drafted, with hopes it will be published in an upcoming issue of the shipping industry magazine. Luckham notes in his response that Monteiro refers to the pipeline terminus as "tidewater," which is a term the oil industry frequently uses.

"In describing the shortcoming of the current 'tidewater,' also known as Burnaby, Cpt. Monteiro does an excellent job of outlining why it's a terrible idea to ship toxic bitumen through the complex narrows of Burrard Inlet right past downtown Vancouver," Luckham writes, before explaining why shipping it to an island in a protected region would be an even worse idea.

"Cpt. Monteiro claims it's a small lobby who are against pipeline expansion. I'm not sure I'd classify an estimated half the population of British Columbia, the cities of Vancouver and Burnaby, along with the Islands Trust itself as a small lobby," Luckham continues.

"We are firmly against the expansion because the west coast of Canada isn't simply 'tidewater.' It isn't the end of the line. It is a precious, fragile part of the world that needs our protecting. Not just for ourselves but for future generations."

ENVIRONMENT

Green New Deal meeting called

Climate crisis compared to Great Depression, First World War

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Volunteers for the Pact for a Green New Deal are holding a community town hall meeting next Monday to discuss how Salt Spring can take part in the growing call for climate change action.

The meeting will be held on Monday, June 17 at Meaden Hall beginning at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The Pact for a Green New Deal is a Canada-wide push to bring people together and work on the systemic problems associated with climate change. It is based on a similar movement in the United States popularized by Democratic congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and is modeled on the New Deal that helped pull people together in the United States to face the struggles brought on by the First World War and the Great Depression.

"The Great Depression just brought so many things to a head, as well as the First World War," said meeting organizer Darlene Gage. "We feel that this crisis is on a similar scale to that one."

Volunteer and organizer Ruth Waldick explained that the meeting will help put the island under one roof, and give people the chance to both learn about what's going on, and to contribute ideas.

"We've got a lot of expertise on the island, but it's not about the experts," she said. "We would like to hear from people that we don't often get the chance to hear from. Parents of families who are often too busy to participate in these meetings, farmers, people from the high school, kids,

seniors, builders, real estate agents — we want everybody to come to this meeting."

Over 200 such events will be held in Canada over the next few weeks. The local meeting will have two parts: one focused on local issues and topics relevant to Salt Spring, and the other for the larger national group to gather information about what's happening on the island. Part of the focus will also be on including First Nations people on a meaningful level.

Two fundamental principles drive the pact. The first is to meet the demands of Indigenous knowledge and science to help cut Canada's emissions in half by 2030 and protect the country's biodiversity. The second principle is to ensure that no group gets left behind.

"Some people wonder why we're trying to tackle so many things at once, and what we're appreciating so much about this national push is that it recognizes that all of these are interconnected," Gage said. "Now there's this crisis moment where all of the inequality and lack of respect and rights in between different peoples that are based in racism and colonialism are all coming to a head in the climate and biodiversity crisis."

Leading up to this fall's federal election, the Pact for a Green New Deal group hopes that the push stimulates conversation and makes the environment a leading point of debate in the months to come. However, as Gage and Waldick explained, for the Green New Deal to work it must include people from all walks of life working together.

"We know that we can transform very quickly when [we] perceive a crisis," Gage said. "We need to make a really broad-based push to make these kinds of transformations happen... It's not just a climate crisis, but it's a human and cultural and political crisis."

MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Dead Boats Society wants your derelicts

Signing abandoned boats over makes clean-up process easier

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With the controversial Ganges Harbour wreck Castle Finn now signed over to authorities for proper disposal, the founder of the nonprofit Dead Boats Disposal Society is urging other derelict boat owners to do the same.

Boat owners around the Gulf Islands have the chance to surrender their vessels to the Dead Boats Disposal Society for removal as part of the federal Abandoned Boats Program.

John Roe and disposal society partners have removed 17 boats from waters around Salt Spring so far and were out hunting for more last week to take advantage of the program.

"We've removed some and the Coast Guard has removed some, but we know there's a few more out there. The thing is, getting people to give up their boats is far easier than us going out and going through the paperwork for a seizure notice. It's very time consuming," Roe said.

Roe asks owners of boats that are in danger of sinking to sign their vessels over to the society for removal. Roe said they prefer to have multiple vessels to remove at the same time, which is more cost effective than removing one at a time.

"We'll take it, no questions asked. The only thing we ask is that you keep it afloat until we can remove it," Roe said. "Like everything else we want to get more listed on the [Abandoned Boats] Program. There's only two more years left, and we're



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The Castle Finn, seen smouldering the day after its first fire on Jan. 31, is one of the derelict vessels to be removed from Ganges Harbour through Dead Boats Disposal Society work and federal funding.

going to take advantage of it."

Bill C-64, or the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act, received royal assent in February 2019, and it authorizes Transport Canada to hold owners of abandoned vessels accountable, as well as impose fines of up to \$50,000 or \$5,000 per day depending on the situation. Roe explained that by signing derelicts over to the society, the owners will not have the risk of paying those fines.

Roe has surveyed the Burgoyne Bay area as well as Ganges Harbour. The Castle Finn is one notable vessel that has been turned over to the society, after being stuck on shore near Ganges, and then the scene of multiple fires over the winter.

He also has plans for a survey near Pender, and one in the Sooke area.

The bi-annual sweep is timed to coincide with daytime low tides. Though the society has sonar equipment, mapping vessels on the bottom is made easier by lower tides.

"This time of year, I can get in at low tides and see what's there on the bottom, map it all out and add it to the list," Roe said. "By the fall, we can bring in our crews and divers to get it and make it gone."

Vessels removed are tested for contaminants before disposal. Any materials that are contaminated are sent to a facility in Alberta to be incinerated. Regular garbage is sent to the Hartland Landfill on the Saanich Peninsula.

People who see derelict vessels can contact the CRD at infoline@crd.bc.ca or the Dead Boats Disposal Society by calling 250-383-2086.

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EDITORIAL

Dry spell

With May's warm and dry weather likely to extend through this month, the region's "January" trend seems a thing of the past.

That's good news for people who feel offended by the need to wear a sweater just when days are longest and the seasonal calendar is about to turn the page to summer. It's not so great for water reserves.

The forecast suggests conditions will remain warm and dry for the coming weeks, and dropping water levels have caused the province to announce a level-three drought rating for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. The most recent North Salt Spring Waterworks data shows water levels at both their drinking water reservoirs at St. Mary and Maxwell lakes are on par with the same time of year in 2018, on the downward trend that usually reaches its lowest point at the beginning of October.

THE ISSUE:
 Provincial drought rating
WE SAY:
 Please conserve, use water efficiently

But with much lower rainfall received this spring in comparison to the average, the provincial drought announcement has come more than a month earlier than it did last year. NSSWD is following suit by upping its conservation level starting today. Level three drought conditions call for voluntary water-use reductions for all surface water and groundwater users, including residents, industry, farmers and municipalities.

According to the province, all water users, whether licensed or not, are required to use water as efficiently as practicable. When voluntary conservation measures are not sufficient to meet all water rights, or to protect critical environmental flows or the survival of a fish population, the Water Sustainability Act provides authority to the provincial government to regulate water use by users of stream water and groundwater — even those who have not registered or licensed their private wells.

An observation among local planning authorities is that people tend to get interested in water-related issues only when their own supply is directly threatened.

Residents who subscribe to water district services are already good at following conservation guidelines. Now is the time for everyone else to follow their example, whether their own wells have shows signs of stress or not.



World Oceans Day pledge

BY SHEILA MALCOLMSON,
 MLA NANAIMO

Oceans are vital to the health of the world. For British Columbia, coastal waters are also vital to our culture and our economy. On World Oceans Day, we celebrate those working to protect the waters that are so important to us all.

Clean coastal waters keep us healthy and generate tens of thousands of B.C. jobs, as well as billions in economic activity - from tourism to film to fisheries. However, the waters that give us so much also suffer a lot. Thousands of abandoned vessels are deteriorating in B.C.'s marine waters, dangerously close to sinking, along with all the pollutants they carry. Our ocean floor is littered with marine-sourced debris and plastics. So much of the pollution we create sits just beyond our view, beneath the surface.

That's why I'm determined to find solutions for the problems of derelict vessels, marine debris and marine-sourced plastics. I have long advocated to include recycling solu-

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tions in federal legislation for derelict and abandoned vessels, and thousands of businesses support this idea. This commitment continues in my new role as special advisor on marine debris.

This summer, I'll travel the coast to find solutions. Conversations are already underway and, despite my 11 years of work in this area, I'm still learning about new, emerging ideas. We need to figure out how to prevent derelict vessels in the first place and how to salvage existing ones before they sink. We need to clean up marine debris and marine-sourced plastics already on the ocean floor. And we must ensure any new solutions do not put additional pressure on landfills.

While these conversations take place, countless British Columbians are already taking action to clean our coast and protect the ocean. For example, the Coastal Restoration Society and Clayoquot CleanUp

removed over 1.5 million pounds of marine debris from the ocean last year. Veins of Life and the Dead Boat Disposal Society have pulled hundreds of abandoned vessels out onto dry land, and the Ocean Legacy Foundation is turning marine plastics into fuel. These groups rely on volunteers. Today, I applaud every British Columbian who has given their time to this great cause.

Our West Coast economy depends on healthy and thriving ocean environments. We are all in this together. On World Oceans Day, I invite you to join Minister Heyman, myself and many others in the effort. There are shoreline clean ups happening along the coast, not just today, but throughout the year. Together, we can achieve our common goal of protecting our oceans and protecting our coastal environment.

The writer is special advisor on marine debris protection to George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and a former chair of Islands Trust Council.

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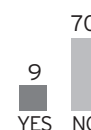
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Has the Toronto Raptors' historic advance made you a basketball fan?



OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

“We are in a pretty significant rainfall deficit compared to normal at this time.”

MEGHAN MCKEE, NSSWD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED:

What do you think of the proposal to ban single use plastics by 2021?

SHEILA DOLAN



I think it's about time.

MARIE BARCLAY



It's a good idea. I heard about the garbage island in the ocean, and I think they should stop making plastics. We can use alternatives like we used to.

CHRIS MALCOLM



It's great! I made a pact with my son to recycle every piece of plastic I touched, and it's not easy!

ESME HEDRICK-WONG



I think it's an excellent idea.

CATHIE GRINDLER



Can we do it sooner?

LETTERS to the editor

Island closed for business?

There are two recent developments that will indicate to the public both on and off Salt Spring that the island is not particularly interested in either business or tourism. The first is the lack of any movement towards replacing the marina by Moby's Pub and the other is the replacing of the Howe Sound Queen with a smaller vessel on the Vesuvius-Crofton run.

The marina was dismantled after the last tourist season and it does not look like it will be rebuilt in time for this one. The very busy May long weekend has already been missed. The amount of business that springs directly from those who book moorage in Ganges Harbour will be greatly reduced by the loss of this marina. I would think it could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The replacing of the ferry on the Vesuvius - Crofton run has instantly resulted in overloads. The amount of people travelling off-island for business regularly, like myself, and others coming to Salt Spring to provide services as well as those traveling off-island for medical appointments, etc., are facing a major disruption in the ability to travel this route. The volume was already taxing the Howe Sound Queen but now it will be significantly worse, regardless of what BC Ferries says about a reduction in overloads due to increased weight maximums. The 9:35 a.m. sailing on Wednesday was all cars and they couldn't empty the lot, let alone carry the dozen plus cars up the road.

It certainly seems that Salt Spring is moving backwards here and it will impact everyone on the island, whether they are directly or indirectly involved.

RICHARD ELWELL,
SALT SPRING

Stop guns

Life makes demands of everyone and we don't always have the time or mental space to act on the moral outrages that pass for normal all around us every day. I feel compelled to write this letter to formally complain about the Driftwood running a flyer that has advertisements for semi-automatic rifles and pistols as part of the insert for Cabela's. The latest instance occurred in the May 29 edition of the Driftwood Extra, but the practice has been ongoing. I did complain in person about this earlier this year, and while I received a sympathetic ear, the response was —more or less— that the guns are legal, and that I could complain to the company. The newspaper offered to send me the email address of an intermediary agency responsible for creating the insert. A short time later I was told that this agency did not wish to give

out their email address to me and would prefer that I write to the newspaper, who could then forward my message. Talk about a run-around. Fortunately, the publisher also invited me to write a letter to the editor. All right then, here it is. Hey, Driftwood! Step up!! Don't run flyers featuring weapons designed for little other purpose than to kill people. It is up to each of us to pull up our own socks in a world that in so many ways has gone entirely mad. This includes you — our community newspaper. Do the right thing. Stop running these flyers.

MARTIN ADAM,
SALT SPRING

Editor's note: It was explained to Mr. Adam that Canada has strict gun legislation and those purchasing guns in Canada must have a government issued Fire Arms Certificate. When Mr. Adam questioned it, he was assured that it was legal for the company to promote the sale of guns.

Restricting tourism robs Peter to pay Paul

BY MICHAEL ABLEMAN

Recent actions on the part of island authorities to restrict home-based tourist accommodations have brought back memories of the worst manifestations of local government that I experienced many years ago when living and farming in California.

The 100-year-old farm we managed there became an island floating in a sea of tract homes and shopping centers. As new urban neighbours moved in around the farm they complained; about the crow of our roosters, the colourful signs advertising the fresh produce that we grew for the community, and about the large compost piles that recycled vast amounts of organic waste that used to go to the landfill. In each case local authorities threatened me with time in jail simply for doing the things that farmers need to do to grow and sell their products. We overcame each of those challenges through the media and by educating our new urban neighbors about the social, ecological, nutritional and recreational values of a farm in their neighbourhood.

The foundational principle of the Islands Trust is a good one, and the Trust's standing in the region was one of the reasons we moved here over 20 years ago. "Preserve and protect" are ideals we all should hold high, but we need to ask ourselves what we are preserving and protecting, and for whom.

I have been deeply involved with the sustainable agriculture movement over the last 43 years. But that movement had an unfortunate tendency of focusing only on the sustainability of the land, the environment and the food system as a whole, while too often forgetting to consider the sustainability of those who are in the fields doing the work.

Likewise, when considering the concept of "preserve and protect," we may want to include the human environment along with the natural one. Are we also "preserving and protecting" the physical, psy-

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chological and financial well-being of the people living here as well? If individuals on the island cannot creatively make a living then we will soon find ourselves preserving and protecting only for those who do not need to work or maintain economic enterprises to survive.

Whether we like it or not, tourism is the economic backbone of Salt Spring Island. Every inhabitant of the island is positively impacted by those who come to our shores to enjoy the beautiful place we have made our home. It matters not who you are or what you do — doctor, lawyer, shop-keeper, farmer, artist, craftsman, chef, mechanic, plumber, carpenter — all of us, every single one of us, is benefitting directly and indirectly from the tourist dollars that circulate through the island.

Salt Spring is an island, and as such the majority of visitors who come and contribute to our collective economy need a place to stay. Most of those providing home-based accommodations are not big-time hoteliers or absentee owners, they are simple hard-working individuals who are trying to pay their bills while providing a much-needed service.

Recent attempts by the Islands Trust enforcement arm to clamp down on home-based accommodations, actions being taken supposedly to improve our critical housing shortage, are ill conceived. The bylaw as written that governs these activities is confusing, contradictory and unclear.

To restrict island tourism as a way of resolving a housing crisis is essentially robbing Peter to pay Paul. Shut down essential incoming tourism dollars and you shut down all of the myriad economic relationships that support everyone who lives and works here.

While there is not enough real data on the subject and very few studies done, the few studies that are out there suggest that

the impact of home-based accommodations on long-term rental availability are inconclusive and that minimal benefit may come from restricting them. There needs to be more research on this, less assumptions, and more real data before any actions are taken.

I have been deeply involved with low-income and social housing as part of my work on the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. The project I started there trains and employs individuals with long-term addictions and mental illness in production of urban agriculture. Over the last few years we married one of our multi-acre parking-lot-based farms with a major social housing project that was built directly adjacent to the farm. This was an innovative effort requiring a collaboration with BC Housing, the Portland Hotel Society, the City of Vancouver and ourselves, which took a holistic view of affordable and social housing by considering all that an individual needs beyond just four walls and a bed. The result has been fantastic and demonstrates that even under the most challenging circumstances creative collaborations can achieve remarkable outcomes.

We need to work on affordable housing on Salt Spring Island on its own terms and seek out creative and collaborative solutions to resolving this issue that do not require taking a hammer to a core and essential part of the island's economy. I'm no expert, but having worked on this issue in Vancouver in the poorest postal code in the country, in a city with some of the highest real estate values in the world, I am convinced that creative solutions exist everywhere. If we were able to create a housing model in that community, we can certainly find solutions to housing here on the island that do not require restricting much needed home-based businesses.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island farmer and author.

Tax increases

BY GARY HOLMAN
CRD DIRECTOR

IN RESPONSE

Robin Williams' Viewpoint on the 2019 Capital Regional District budget continues his accusations of financial wrongdoing with no factual basis. He justifies his misinformation based on a meeting with senior CRD administration staff, who I assure you, don't agree with his "assessment."

Here are the facts. The CRD's 2019 requisition was about two per cent higher than in 2018. Period. The voter-approved, Salt Spring Transportation Commission levy expired, as legally required in 2018. The accounting for this special levy is completely consistent with CRD reporting of its implementation in 2015. In 2015, the special levy was counted as part of the total CRD requisition, resulting in a higher than otherwise percentage increase over 2014. The special levy remains in a separate reserve fund earmarked for the North Ganges Transportation Plan, and was not "effectively laundered together" with other transportation funds, as Mr. Williams states.

Tax increases in other CRD services more than offset the expiry of the special transportation requisition. But funds from transportation were not "transferred" to other CRD services. Requisition increases in other CRD services were put forward separately by the former CRD Director in the provisional CRD budget, which accounts for most of the 2019 tax increase. After thorough review (not "assumptions" as contended by the Driftwood), I supported the provisional budget plus other modest increases in the final CRD budget. All of this was explained clearly in February's public budget meeting (the first in a decade), and my detailed Driftwood report in March.

Even more troubling than Mr. Williams' public falsehoods is the language he uses to promote this misinformation. Words like "misappropriation," "laundering," "financial manipulation" constitute accusations of wrongdoing, with no basis in fact. They have no place in our local newspaper of record, nor does the Driftwood's editorial statement that the legal wording of the transportation referendum was not respected.

Forestry update urgently needed

The following letter was sent to Premier John Horgan and other B.C. government cabinet ministers and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY PETER MCALLISTER, MARIAN HARGROVE, DARRYL MARTIN, KATHLEEN MASER, ROB MASON, SUSAN HANNON, CHARLEY MILLER, DAMIAN INWOOD, DIANE FAY, PIERRE MINEAU, SHEILA DOBIE AND JEAN WILKINSON.

Many weeks ago we sent you and key cabinet ministers a letter urging the provincial government to act quickly to suspend commercial logging on Salt Spring Island lands not zoned for forestry.

Currently, a number of our island's rural residential properties are being clear-cut for timber sales. In addition to a loss of vital carbon sinks that help mitigate the climate crises, this unregulated logging presents a number of very serious threats to:

Our environment: Destruction of wildlife habitat, disruption of native plant ecology, accelerated erosion, negative impacts on watersheds and aquifers;

Our community: Diminishment of neighbours' quality of life and right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes, and severe reductions of property values;

Our economy: Damage to the natural beauty of the island, thereby risking the livelihoods of many in the tourism industry for the profits of a very few.

Hundreds of residents have come forward demanding that Islands Trust take immediate action to halt this misuse of the land and protect our forests and the natural values islanders overwhelmingly wish to nourish and enjoy. The trustees are beginning to address this issue, but it will take time for our local government to put the necessary regulations in place. Meanwhile, the possibility that Islands Trust will finally take some action restricting timber extraction from boundary to boundary on rural and farm-zoned properties has led to accelerated rates of cutting and threats of more logging by a few land owners.

One blatant example is the residentially zoned portion of a Beddis Road property. A suspension of logging is needed now to prevent loss of the rare and

endangered older dry coastal Douglas-fir stand found on this large lot. This is one of the most sensitive ecosystems left in the Gulf Islands, according to the BC Conservation Data Centre. Your government has the authority and the responsibility to protect such sensitive ecosystems, and the remnants of pre-colonial forests. We urge you to do so without delay.

Failure to act decisively would ignore the climate crisis we're facing as well as the objective set by the provincial government when creating the Islands Trust to "preserve and protect" the Gulf Islands region. A temporary stop to unregulated forest cutting will allow time for rules, regulations and protocols for selective harvest, cutting permits and plans to be established. Development permit areas (DPAs) can be revised so that forests and other sensitive ecosystems are given protection; and the Islands Trust Act can be amended or updated if necessary so that local Trust committees can enforce DPAs in line with the Trust's mandate and the declared climate emergency.

But without an immediate and enforceable stop to the commercial tree cutting on non-forestry lands, we risk losing a large proportion of our remaining forests while a comprehensive policy is being debated and analyzed. Older forests are not renewable, and changing weather patterns as well as the over-abundance of deer prevent secondary growth from establishing as in the past. Consequently, all citizens of British Columbia risk losing the special natural amenities of this unique natural environment forever.

This is an issue of huge concern, frustration and anger to many, as the threats are great and the solution is clear. We look to you for positive political leadership to prevent an irreparable loss of our island's forests. Premier Horgan, please act now to suspend commercial logging on Salt Spring's rural residential lands, and give the Islands Trust the time and tools necessary to preserve and protect our natural heritage.

The writers are a committee of concerned residents of Salt Spring Island.



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Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch Lounge Endorsement Application

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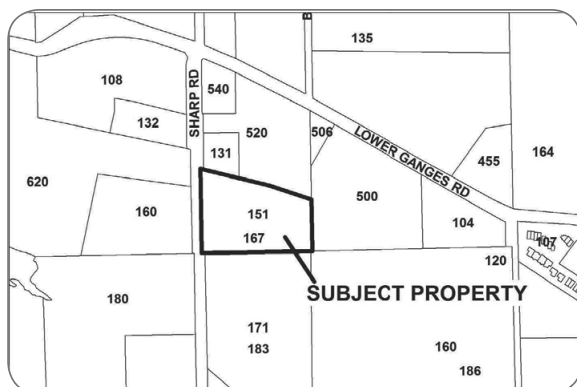
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What is being proposed?

An application by Salt Spring Wild Cider has been made to the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) proposing the following changes to their current license:

- Indoor hours remain unchanged (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.); Outdoor hours proposed to change from 9:00 a.m. to half an hour after sunset to 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Noise making activities remain unchanged.
- Indoor alcohol serving sizes proposed to change from 375mL per day to 682mL per serving; Outdoor alcohol serving sizes proposed to change from unlimited to 682mL per serving.
- A Lounge License permits sale of alcohol from third party manufacturers (no more than 20% of the value of alcohol purchased in a given quarter).
- Proposed Occupant Load – Indoor: 49 person capacity; Outdoor: 104 person capacity.

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



How do I get more information?

Copies of the application are available for review at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Rants + ROSES



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Rants

May a permanent cloud of acrid smoke forever shroud the owner of Alders Road properties who on Wednesday, May 29 sent thick acrid smoke billowing up, over and through our property, permeating the house and onward to properties above. By early evening that smoke exposure had my eyes severely watering and experiencing loss of vision and extremely painful eyes for about an hour, followed by periodic deep coughing the rest of the evening. Keith Ballantyne

A lifetime supply of earplugs to the "maestro" who performs chopsticks on the Fulford Harbour wharf piano at 11 at night. Please note this is a quiet seaside residential community not an all hour public music venue. Your brilliance is needed another time, another place, thank you. Kjell Liem

Roses

I have been the subject of a random act of kindness by a Window

Washing Wizard on May 20 or 21. The windscreen of my car had been targeted by the omnipresent flock of seagulls that make Windsor Plywood their roost; as a result it was covered with guano, which I had not taken the time to remove. On May 21 as I was driving back from a walk in Duck Creek Park I suddenly noticed the dazzling sun and brilliant blue sky through my crystal clear windscreen. Someone had washed it! I could not discover who had done the surprise good deed, so I am sending a lovely virtual bouquet of fragrant, long-lasting roses to the Window Washing Wizard of Salt Spring who made me so happy that day. From a very appreciative Andrea Rankin.

The Special Olympics athletes would like to send a dozen roses to each coach for all of the time and energy in the following sports: bocce, swimming, club fit, track and golf. Bob Elsea, Ross Harvey, Alfie Luke, Richard Dick, Emerson Hayden, Drew Stotesbury, Jo Logan, Sophia Johnson, India Hayden, Perry Ruelhen, Judie Wilson, Tom Wilson, Kim MacKay, Brigitte Allan, Aramis St.-Gelais, Bob Woodhouse and Don Nemeth.



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WORLD MUSIC

Swing Shift and Cuban Party Band join forces

Latin Fire evening at Fulford Hall

Many Salt Springers are familiar with both the local 17-piece big band, Swing Shift, and Jose Sanchez's Cuban Party Band, as both groups have played at nearly every performance venue on this island over the past two decades.

This Saturday, June 15, the two groups will combine energy for a special evening at Fulford Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Each band will do a set by themselves with added guests, and then the two bands will combine for a Latin extravaganza with over 20 musicians and vocalists. Patrons will hear music from all over Latin America: samba, rumba, salsa, bolero, bossa nova and mambo. They'll hear old and new big band arrangements, vocal and instrumental features and small ensemble pieces. There may even be a few non-Latin musical surprises thrown in.

Featured trumpeter, conga player and vocalist Miguelito Valdes has played with some of the best Latin and jazz musicians in the world. He performed regularly with the Buena Vista Social Club and for many years played at Havana's

famous Tropicana. His current "day gig" is with the Naden Military Band in Victoria. Both Sanchez and Valdes studied at Amadeo Roldan Conservatory. Sanchez went on to play with some of Cuba's most famous bands, including Adalberto Alvarez y su Son and Amaury Perez. He currently tours with Grammy and Juno award-winning Alex Cuba.

Swing Shift's music director Derrick Milton has always had a love of Latin music and has dreamed of doing a Latin night with Swing Shift for years. This year, he invited his friend Sanchez to work with Swing Shift and play a couple of gigs with the band. Milton said Sanchez's presence in the rhythm section took Swing Shift to a whole new level of performance.

After Swing Shift's Osborne Bay Pub gig with Sanchez, Milton decided it was time to do something bigger and the idea for Latin Fire! was born. Milton's previous Swing Shift collaborations have included performances with Bill Henderson, the Salt Spring Singers, Tara MacLean, Salt Spring's "Andrews Sisters," and/or last year's Valdy Goes Big Band.

Advance tickets are available at Mondo Trading.



PHOTO COURTESY SWING SHIFT

Trumpeter, conga player and vocalist Miguelito Valdes is one of the guest artists performing at the Latin Fire! show.

CONCERTS

Bach on the Rock welcomes summer

Light program features works inspired by Magnificat texts

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Bach on the Rock Chamber Choir and Orchestra is winding up the concert season with a light and breezy program at ArtSpring on Saturday, June 15.

Chamber Music for a Summer's Evening promises a program of glorious 18th-century chamber music for choir, flutes and strings, featuring sonatas and suites by some favourite composers.

Each half of the program will be capped by a treatment of the Magnificat, a hymn to Mary, mother of Jesus.

In the first section listeners will hear how Durante (or possibly Pergolesi, as the composer is not confirmed) imagined the music for the text. The second half showcases an entirely different Magnificat by Vivaldi.

"The two are contemporaries but they have very different approaches," said Bach on the Rock director and conductor Michael Jarvis. "It's very interesting how two composers can set the same text."

Jarvis said Vivaldi's Magnificat in G minor is probably the composer's most popular choral piece after his Gloria, and has similar compositional elements, being light and upbeat. Durante's work is also lightly orchestrated and upbeat but has a more transparent setting, he explained.

"It's based on a Gregorian chant theme and it's a very different

approach. I think people will enjoy hearing the two settings side by side."

Filling in the concert program are some audience favourites from Bach, Handel and Telemann. The evening includes Bach's Sinfonia to Cantata 209 and Trio Sonata in G major — a suite for two flutes and a bass instrument.

Telemann's Sonata in A major is another work to highlight two flutes. Each movement is named after a tragic heroine of ancient mythology or history, such as Dido, the queen of Carthage who died for love of Aeneas, and Xanthippe, a wife of Socrates relegated to history as a "shrew."

Also on the program is Handel's Arrival of the Queen of Sheba from Solomon and his Sonata in G major.

Tickets to Saturday's show are available through the ArtSpring box office.



LITERARY EVENTS

Island dwellers celebrated in new book

Joy Davis gives reading at library next week

Victoria author Joy Davis gives a reading and talk on her new book about small island living at the Salt Spring Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19.

Complicated Simplicity: Island Life in the Pacific Northwest follows the stories of people who lead a self-sufficient lifestyle on remote islands along the B.C. and Washington coast.

Davis, who is a former director of heritage and museum programs at the University of Victoria, grew up on a small island in the Strait of Georgia in the 1960s and '70s. She says her motivation for writing the book relates to her lifelong interest in understanding how people make sense of their heritage.

"My grandfather was a professional mariner and took us along as he explored the coast aboard his sailboat. And my parents worked and lived in logging camps in Haida Gwaii and Sechart before mov-

ing us to Bath Island near Gabriola in 1963. That experience developed my love for island living and my appreciation of the ingenuity and tenacity that is generally involved," Davis said.

The result is an exploration of "islandness" that draws on many sources — literary, academic and autobiographical — to highlight the unique aspects of the island lifestyle, the types of people who are drawn to it and how it shapes one's sense of identity.

As part of her research, Davis also conducted interviews with over 20 individuals who live on small islands in the San Juans, Gulf Islands, Discovery Islands and Clayoquot Sound.

"I focused on those who choose islands without ferry service, since they deal with the special challenges of getting to and from islands, transporting supplies and living off the grid," Davis explained.

Topics covered include the geography and topography of islands in the Pacific Northwest; making the move to a small island; do's and don'ts of purchasing an island property; boats, ferries, and seamanship; traits and characteristics of islanders, and much more.

The High Quadra Ramblers with the New Caledonia Overlanders

Tuesday, June 18, 6pm
Centennial Park

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

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SUMMER MUSIC

Arts Council launches outdoor concert series

High Quadra Ramblers and New Caledonia Overlanders kick off park music

The Salt Spring Arts Council launches its Summer Outdoor Concert Series this Tuesday, June 18, with a show by the High Quadra Ramblers in Centennial Park.

Mack Shields (fiddle and vocals) and Kaitlin Chamberlin (banjo, vocals and stepdancing) are a powerhouse duo keeping the magic of traditional music alive. They take an ambitious approach to Appalachian oldtime, translate traditional Celtic into clawhammer banjo rhythms and take inspiration from Cajun,

Métis and classical to create original music.

Local openers will be the New Caledonia Overlanders, comprised of Michelle Footz (trumpet and accordion) and Jason Donaldson (guitars and mandolin).

"Their music blends blues, rags and a tasteful amount of twang, with side trips through the bayou, arroyo, a little street music and a harkening to yesteryear," explains the Salt Spring Arts Council in a press release.

Six concerts will be presented in the series, which sees west coast festival favourites, Juno winners and nominees, and international touring acts perform.

Concerts take place every second Tuesday at 6 p.m., just after the Tuesday Mar-

ket closes.

Performances span the range of musical genres, including roots, jazz, traditional and well beyond.

"We've chosen acts that honour a range of musical traditions and simultaneously push the boundaries of those traditions. It's an exciting lineup," said Salt Spring Arts Council executive director Yael Wand.

The Tuesday Market came on board early to support the series.

"I love that this collaboration builds on community strengths," said Wand. "We want to give people an enticing reason to come to Ganges on a Tuesday evening, buy a local dinner or picnic ingredients, and experience great music in a gorgeous setting. It's easy to forget what we have

on this island. These concerts highlight so many of our incredible assets and music delivers a powerful way to bring people together."

The Summer Outdoor Concert Series is made possible by a number of island sponsors and provincial grants.

"I'd love to see this series become a summer tradition. We're incredibly lucky this year that the support we've received enables us to program professional acts. Recently, the province has stepped forward to support the B.C. music industry, but it's up to local communities to pull together the resources to make it happen," said Wand.

Concert details are at www.ssartscouncil.com/events.

celebrating SENIORS

Improve life expectancy with some healthy habits

"Who Wants to Live Forever" is a song that appeared on the 1986 album "A Kind of Magic" by the rock band Queen. The song often sparks conversation about the potential benefits of immortality.

Immortality may not be possible, but many people aspire to improve their chances to live a long and prosperous life.

There may be hope for Canadians yet. Doctors and scientists continually study the lifestyles of people who outlive their life expectancies. While genetics can play a role, so can following healthy habits, which have been identified to promote longevity.

- Don't smoke. Many smokers have been told that smoking trims 10 years off their life expectancies, and that statement is corroborated by a study published in 2013 in The New England Journal of Medicine that tracked participants over a span of several years.

- Avoid drug use. Usage of prescription opioids and heroin has skyrocketed in recent years. Drug use also may exacerbate mental illnesses, potentially making drug users more vulnerable to suicide.

- Maintain healthy body mass. Moderate to vigorous exercise regimens and diets loaded with healthy foods can keep weight in check. Maintaining a healthy weight has a host of positive side effects, including reduced risk of dying from cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is a leading killer in North America.

- Limit alcohol consumption. Some evidence suggests that light drinking can be good for cardiovascular health. However, a paper published in the Lancet suggests every glass of wine or pint of beer over the daily recommended limit will cut half an hour from the expected lifespan of a 40-year-old. The paper says the risks are comparable to smoking.

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EXHIBIT

Montalbetti images form Playtime show

Salt Spring Gallery exhibit opens Friday

Among several special exhibits in the first Salt Spring Photofest event is a show of photography by Gulf Islands Secondary School alumnus Sam Montalbetti running at Salt Spring Gallery from June 14 to 26.

Called Playtime, the collection approaches photography as an additive medium, and as a site for sculptural and instinctive activity.

"These pictures begin in the colour darkroom, where I make colour photographs — any process of making a photograph with no camera — using photographic paper, colour filters and light," explains Montalbetti. "I bring these prints to a studio, where I make in-camera multiple exposure photographs of them, accentuating their physicality for the camera while their colours and forms interact

inside of it.

"Both the studio and the darkroom are used to explore spaces of instincts, intuition and improvisation. To me, photographs are created through a relationship between an apparatus (or instrument) and a practitioner (or player) whose various decisions and actions largely affect the outcome of the photograph. The spaces I work in stem from a curiosity towards this form picture making; 'What would this gesture or action look like?' is a common question within my practice as a whole."

Montalbetti said he came to photography through a love of music, and his initial connection to "this additive activity" was the track-by-track layering process of recorded music.

He is a Bachelor of Fine Arts student at Concordia University, majoring in photography.

The show opens with a reception running from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 14.

RECITAL

Jazz group at All Saints

Caroni Young, Jim Shultz and Ian Van Wyck perform

Jazz vocalist Caroni Young is the next Tea a Tempo performer, presenting a program called Parisian Jazz Cafe.

Beginning at 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, Young will share the stage with guitarist Jim Shultz and bassist Ian Van Wyck. The trio will present a series of songs about Paris in the style of great French musicians such as Edith Piaf and Michel LeGrand.

The audience can look forward to some favourite stan-

dards such as April in Paris and La Vie En Rose but also some newer compositions such as La Belle Dame Sans Regrets, which was composed by Sting.

Young is currently a Gulf Islands School District teacher, and the artistic director of Viva Chorale! and the Makana Youth Choir.

Next year Young will be attending UBC as a graduate student in choral conducting.

Young earned a degree in vocal jazz at Capilano University and loves to sing whenever possible. She performs regularly with the Swing Shift Big Band and is also a member of the Tongue n' Cheek a capella choir.



ISLAND LIFE

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D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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FIRST NATIONS

Xwaaqw'um Project hosts fun day

Fundraising auction for canoe journey also launched

Long, late spring days have members of the Xwaaqw'um Project buzzing with excitement and busy with upcoming programs on the land at Xwaaqw'um (Burgoyne Bay).

Next up for the site is a tribal journeys canoe fundraiser set for Father's Day, this Sunday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Xwaaqw'um Village, pronounced [whoah-qwum] serves as a meeting place for community members to come together and reconnect with the land and people," said project coordinator Joe Akerman.

The June 16 community gathering on the land will include activities by donation. All are welcome to attend with or without their father or family.

After the opening at 11 a.m., the day will offer activities such as 10-minute canoe paddles in the cedar big canoe, wool weaving, archery and games such as egg toss, tug-of-war and potato sack races. There will also be a barbecue lunch and tea and water available (bring your own mugs and paper plates) and a 50/50 raffle.



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Community members get ready to launch the big cedar canoe at Xwaaqw'um last September. A fundraiser happening this Sunday will help send the canoe and a paddling team to the Paddle to Lummi event in Bellingham.

Families and individuals can take 10-minute cedar dugout canoe tours from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Find the full event schedule and updates at the Facebook page: Father's Day at Xwaaqw'um - Tribal Journeys Canoe Fundraiser.

Donations collected will help send a canoe team to Bellingham for the

Paddle to Lummi event.

"We have been training in Cowichan Bay two times per week and will be ready for the journey leaving July 20 and landing July 24," Akerman reported.

An online silent auction is also open and can be accessed through the Facebook event page.

FESTIVALS

Tour des Îles boats open for bookings

Festival runs June 21-23

Tour des Îles is happening again this year with boats ready to connect island ports Friday through Sunday, June 21-23.

The fifth annual event is an inter-island small boat service that brings foot passengers to Pender, Saturna, Salt Spring, Galiano and Mayne islands, combined with special events on each of the islands. Courtesy shuttles with knowledgeable and friendly local drivers take passengers to island attractions such as art galleries, markets and natural features once they arrive. This year for the first time, boat service will also take passengers to and from Sidney.

"The festival is a chance for islanders to travel easily to the other islands on small boats, and truly experience the variety and wonder of the Gulf Islands," said Darryl Martin, one of Salt Spring's representatives on the operating organization, Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society.

"As one example, it's possible to leave Salt Spring at a convenient hour like 9:15 a.m., visit Saturna for a guided tour and Orca Walk and return the same day on a 5 p.m. boat."

The now-annual event was started five years ago, with support from the Capital Regional District directors and economic development commissions from the Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands electoral districts. Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society continues to be supported by CRD branches on Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands, and by a host of local societies and businesses. This helps to keep boat ticket fees modest and to make land transportation available.

On Salt Spring, Country Grocer is providing a land shuttle service from the dock in Ganges and the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island is providing crucial dock facilities.

To book boat passages, see schedules and find events for each island, visit toudesiles.ca.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Engineering for Kids brings STEM to library

Family Literacy Day session on June 21

Victoria-based Engineering for Kids group will visit Salt Spring on Friday, June 21 for a special Family Literacy Day event.

Salt Spring Literacy and the Salt Spring Public Library are co-sponsoring the session, which takes place in the library's program room from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

Ideal for children aged four to seven

and their caregivers, the activity will see participants work together to build a catapult to launch marshmallows, ping pong balls and more.

Limited spaces are available for the free event, so families are asked to sign up at the library information desk or otherwise contact the library to register.

Engineering For Kids provides students with hands-on access to the science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects (STEM) they learn in school to help build crucial problem-

solving and teamwork skills.

As a company that began with a teacher and mother that recognized the lack of engineering education her children were receiving, founder Dori Roberts has worked hard to construct a safe, well-structured and fun environment that allows young learners to explore STEM subjects first-hand. The ultimate goal is to expand the social skills, confidence, academic knowledge and problem-solving skills of the next generation.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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The Moon waxes to full this week (June 17) in the fiery, exuberant and philosophical Sagittarius. Jupiter there already will contribute to this impulse as soon as the Moon enters its realm on June 15. All this in the lead-up to Summer Solstice on June 21st. The Moon will have to pass through Saturn and Pluto occupied Capricorn prior to the official start to summer, but will be well into Aquarius by the time it occurs. Mercury and Mars closely aligned in the late degrees of Cancer on Solstice day will synchronize as deepened emotions. Currently, like sentinels, they are positioned on either side of the Moon's North Node serving to increase the challenge to let go of control and let the child out to play. Playing constructively applies too. As ever, it is all about attitude elevated by gratitude which is truly genuine when it is expressed for being a part of the drama of life, at all!

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

In this last official week of spring, you find yourself balancing between social interests and projects close to home. Combined, this could manifest as a work party. You deeper focus is on securing your nest, which could well include repairs and renovations. Yet, these could be directed to healing emotions wounds and hurts as well as your living space.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Multi is a keyword for you. What it applies to is for you to decide... But here are a few clues: multi-talented, multi-tasker, multi-orgasmic, multiple streams of income and more. Nothing boring about this list! This focus is especially strong now and will continue through most of July. Uranus in Taurus meanwhile suggests that the bull is out of the pen.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

This week's Full Moon will amplify and increase your social expansion process currently underway. How will you engage? One of your main focuses these days is to feel more secure. In some respects this includes money. Yet, it more fully points to the quality of your daily choices and diet an whether or not these are healthy. Adapt to your changing needs.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

You remain in a mood to lay low to recharge your energy levels. This is the last week prior to a dynamic cycle of activity so allow yourself to retreat and rest. Tending to your home and garden with lightweight tasks at a slow pace could suffice. For some, simply taking space from others is all they need. You will feel more social again in July.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Exploring your sense of individuality continues. This could include a process of reinvention. This is probably especially true in your public and professional life. This process will continue but is especially strong now. If you have plans or projects that align with this impulse, take the initiative now, prior to the solstice. If you don't, getting started after could prove much harder.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

You have begun to see a bigger picture. Currently, implementing your intuitions and strategic logic towards your career and public status is likely and ideal. This includes breaking through old patterns. Doing so requires focus, action, and follow-through. Often it is simply a matter of replacing the old with the new. You can do it!

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

You are in a philosophical mood. This includes thoughts and reflections on the meaning of certain aspects of your life. If what you are doing no longer holds meaning for you or perhaps never has, you are probably wondering what does and what and when you can do something about it. It may not be time yet to act on this fully, but that time is coming.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

As the most complex sign of the Zodiac, you have both an added advantage and a bigger challenge. This includes deciphering what constitutes lower and higher desire. Once that is clear, which is not such an easy task, then comes the process of taking action. Process is the keyword and it is ongoing. Currently, your drive is strong.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Your social network has been extra active of late and this will continue. Beneath the surface of it, your ambitions are churning. Yet, you may also feel an impulse to escape. By acknowledging this and recognizing that it is fear that is producing this feeling, you can confront it and replace it with love. The love here translates into passionate, courageous action.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

A busy cycle tending to a wide array of details continues. These include intuitive and imaginative input as much as logic and instinct. When all four are engaged, the result is exponential. Dealings with others could prove edgy but this is what they are meant to be at this time, so focus to use the edge to its best advantage for all concerned.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Gemini time is usually a creative cycle for you. Yet, Mars in Cancer is making you work harder these days. With major shifts unfolding close to home meanwhile, nothing is straightforward. In the bigger picture, you are ideally busy dissolving old foundations and establishing entirely new ones which may even feel foreign. If so, you are on track.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Hopefully, you have been enjoying your home retreat time. This is your last week, so take full advantage. The good news is that the next cycle is more playful and/or creative. The momentum towards this has already begun. For now, focus to create more beauty in your home so you feel that much more inspired as the creative cycle begins.

what's on this week



Wed. June 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Kaizenjammers.
Salt Spring's Kaizenjammers trio returns to the Tea à Tempo stage, featuring John Reid, Michael Aronoff and Warren Langley playing blues, folk, light jazz, old timey and a few original pieces. All Saints. 2:10 p.m.

Witness Her Wake.
An evening of music, photography and spoken word with Sasha Rose & Brigid Devoe at Mateada Nitro Lounge. 7 to 10 p.m.

Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
GISS Music Presents The Weight.

Year-end music program show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
Open Wednesdays through Fridays at the Farmers' Institute grounds, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., until June 28.
SD64 School Board Meeting.

Final meeting of the school year. School district office portable. 12 noon.

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce AGM + Mixer.

Annual general meeting with board of directors elections, mix and mingle and more at Lions Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m.; meeting starts promptly at 5:30 p.m.; mixer from 6:30 to 7 pm

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



Thu. June 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Moby's Pub Anniversary Party.
With openers Vixx starting at 5 p.m. and then the Angry Hippies until 10 p.m.



Sasha Rose.
Tree House Cafe. 7 - 10 p.m.

GISS Music Presents The Weight.
Year-end music program show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Cycling the Silk Road.
Slide show presentation by Brenda Trenholme highlights a challenging ride through spectacular and remote landscapes from Beijing to Istanbul. Admission by donation to benefit the Kenyan Education Endowment Fund. Salt Spring United Church. 7 p.m.

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday listing.

Fri. June 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Synergy.
Tree House Cafe. 7- 10p.m.
Downtown Mischief.
Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Children's Art Classes
For 7 to 14-year-olds led by Luba Nikitina on Fridays in June. At 10 a.m., noon and 1:45 p.m. Register at www.makemoreartstudio.com.

Fri. June 14

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday listing.
Salt Spring Photofest Opening – Photosynthesis.

Opening reception for Photosynthesis' 2019 group show and Salt Spring Photofest. ArtSpring. 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Photofest Opening – SSI Photography Club.

Opening reception of photography club's 2019 group show and Salt Spring Photofest. Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Playtime.

Opening event for Sam Montalbeti's exhibit at Salt Spring Gallery. Part of Salt Spring Photofest. 5 to 8 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Venter Gallery.

The Venter Gallery is participating in the first Salt Spring Photofest with 19 archival silvertone on aluminium prints by Deon Venter. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sat. June 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Julia Beattie
Tree House Cafe. 7 - 10 pm

Latin Fire!
Swing Shift big band teams up with beloved percussionist Jose Sanchez and his Cuban Party Band, featuring star trumpeter Miguelito Valdes, to present an evening of dancing to exciting rhythms of Latin music. Fulford Hall. 7:30.



Sat. June 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bach on the Rock.
Bach on the Rock Chamber Choir and Orchestra welcome summer with the final program of the season, featuring 18th-century music for choir, flutes and strings. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



Salt Spring Underground.
Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Saturday Market.

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

6th Annual Ruckle Trail Runs and Cultural Celebrations.

Everyone invited to Ruckle Park for oceanside camping, traditional story telling and salmon dinner. Running not required to participate. 9 a.m. onward.

Sun. June 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

K-Tones.
Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tribal Journeys Canoe Fundraiser.

Xwaaqw'um Project offers fun day of activities by donation at Xwaaqw'um (Burgoyne Bay). Offerings include canoe paddles and tours, games, wool weavings and barbecue lunch. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sun. June 16

ACTIVITIES

Father's Day Swim.
Free swimming for dads at the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Mon. June 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Safire Blue Featuring Lisa Maxx.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ArtSpring Presents Makana Youth Choir.

Makana Youth Choir singers will perform a range of music from Amy Bernon's Beautiful piece "Night Time Sky" to Bob Chilcott's Stunning "Can You Hear Me?" which incorporates sign language. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SSI Fire Protection District Meeting. Public welcome to attend meeting of board of trustees. Ganges fire hall. 7 p.m.

Town Hall: Canadian Green New Deal.

One of several meetings being held across Canada to provide input into the Canadian version of the Green New Deal being discussed in the U.S. Meaden Hall. 5 p.m.

Tue. June 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Outdoor Concert Series: High Quadra Ramblers and New Caledonia Overlanders. First in a series of outdoor concerts at Centennial Park sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council. 6 p.m.

Tue. June 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic With Richard Cross.
Tuesdays at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Salt Spring Probus Club.

ACTIVITIES

Probus Club's meeting's guest is Patricia Skidmore speaking on British child migration to Canada. Lions Hall. Doors open at 10 a.m.; speaker starts at about 10:30 a.m.

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. Runs June through September at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Sacred Poetry.

Facilitator for this month is local poet Eliad Shankar-Levy. Participants are asked to bring one or two of their favourite sacred poems to read aloud and share with the group. These may be either their own writing, or those of another, from any tradition. Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church). 7 to 8:30 p.m.



Trivia Tuesday.
At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wed. June 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea a Tempo: Parisian Jazz Cafe.

With jazz vocalist Caroni Young, guitarist Jim Shultz and bass player Ian Van Wyck. All Saints. 2:10 p.m.
Vaughn Fulford.
Tree House Cafe. 7 - 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.

See last Wednesday's listing.

Strawberry Social.

Salt Spring Seniors Society event at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 p.m.



Book Launch: Complicated Simplicity.

Victoria author Joy Davis gives a reading and talk on her new book about small island living at the Salt Spring Public Library on Wednesday, June 19. 6:30 p.m.

Music Bingo.

See last Wednesday's listing.

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THE FRITZ CINEMA

- **Pokemon Detective Pikachu** — Shows Friday, June 14 to Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday.
- **National Theatre's All About Eve** shows Thursday, June 13 only, at 3 and 7 p.m.

For more movie info go to www.thefritz.ca

EXHIBITIONS

- **Salt Spring Photofest** opens with two anchoring shows at ArtSpring and Gallery 8 this Thursday, June 13, with staggered opening receptions on Friday. The Photosynthesis group's reception at ArtSpring takes place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Salt Spring Photography Club has their reception at Gallery 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. Photofest events at the two galleries and other participating venues run to June 26.
- **Connie Kuhn's** photography exhibit Salton Sea runs from June 14 to July 13 at Pod contemporary, with an opening reception this Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Venter Gallery** is participating in Salt Spring Photofest with 19 archival silvertone on aluminum prints by Deon Venter. Runs June 13 to June 26, with opening reception Friday, June 14 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Playtime: Photography by Sam Montalbeti** opens at the Salt Spring Gallery with a reception Friday, June 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. and runs to June 26.
- **The Group of Six** shares their Black and White Photography Exhibit at the library program room to June 29 as part of Salt Spring Photofest. The Group of 6 is comprised of Larry Citra, Kahsia Hartwell, Simon Henson, Ross McLeod, Bruce McPhee and Judy McPhee.
- **The Group of Six** are also featured as the ArtCraft Showcase exhibition with a show called Forms in Nature at Mahon Hall to June 26.
- **Kizmit Galeria** shows paintings by Ian Thomas and handmade cribbage boards by Liam Johnson through June.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Susan Benson** brings her theatrical experience to bear on luminous new pastels of Salt Spring at Duthie Gallery to June 26. Gallery hours are Friday to Monday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Jeff Lederman's** abstract expressionist paintings have final day at the ArtSpring Gallery June 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **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.

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BY BOB WEEDEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Roger Brunt's report of Laurie Hedger's adventurous life in the Driftwood a while back was delightful. We bought Laurie's farm in 1989 and were next-door neighbours to his dad Alan for several years. We absorbed his stories of Island life along with the fragrance of the vegetable stew forever simmering on his stove. We saw that Laurie's canny work with heavy machinery is a legacy from his father, who moved dirt with a 'dozer to help build Pat Bay airport in the '40s, and was one of the earliest 'cat loggers on Salt Spring Island. We grinned when Alan told us that his dad had long accused him of shirking farm work to go deer hunting with a Whims companion, so Alan built a barn to show that he was good for something. With a skeleton of barely hewn logs, skin of rough lumber and scalp of cedar shakes, it leaked rain, swallows and stray cats.

These stories set me musing about some broader patterns in the connections between people and their land. Salt Spring Island became livable maybe 4,000 to 6,000 years ago, having been scraped and crushed by lingering Pleistocene ice. First Nations people soon found it. Every aspect of their lives — body needs, domestic and trade economies, spiritual beliefs, celebrations, fun and community vitality — depended on a thoroughgoing intimacy with the land. They did this without changing the land much. Theirs wasn't a bulldozer culture. The contrast with modern living is stark. We depend on distant places for all but a small fraction of our food, household goods, income and recreation, but even with this potentially lighter pressure on the land we routinely change island topography, plant and animal numbers, the amount of water above and below ground, and the global climate, all in a day's living.

Our little piece of land is a good example. I can look out the window right now and see these changes all around me. A lawn-like slope of grass drops to a jewel of a pond, which Laurie Hedger dug with

an excavator and bulldozer. Parts of it are over 10 metres deep; Laurie wanted as much irrigation and stock water as he could catch in a small area. Not 30 metres from the pond is an old, slump-sided well, shovelled out long before Laurie's time. The whole area of pond, well and adjacent cedar woods is full of springs and seeps that form the swampy headwaters of McFadden Creek. Alan Hedger told me his dad drained the site well enough to grow excellent white carrots for a few years. Later, Laurie's hogs fed on the wild regrowth. We've left it alone. It is a tangle of alder, hardhack, snowberry, willow, blackberries and young grand firs. Warblers and thrushes love it.

The slope above the pond is dry. It looks well scraped. Apparently Laurie 'dozed off the surface soil to help build the levee around the pond. Blackberries and wild roses moved in. I was glad of the berries; Judy makes wine and we eat berries a lot. Blackberries and roses tussle with each other, though, and roses are winning the ground. (That's OK, I've changed too, and folks on blood thinners shouldn't pick blackberries.)

The whole farm was logged over as needed for pasture, buildings or cash. It is naturally forest land, so if you turn your back the woods will regrow. Hogs had chomped and snuffled on a slope down to McFadden Creek when we came in 1990. It supported scattered small firs and a lot of Scotch broom. Today it is a fairly dense young forest, and the broom is dying back from too little sun.

Over half of Whims Farm was cleared for hay. Then tractors replaced draught horses and cows and hogs had their bad times. Arthur Hedger turned several hayfields into orchards when Victoria and Nanaimo offered good markets in the '20s and '30s. Then the province subsidized fruit growing in the Okanagan, fruit prices dropped, and by the 1950s Salt Spring farmers lost interest in fruit trees. The Hedgers pulled out many of theirs. The 1990s brought a renewed interest in orchards, not for profit but to save the genes of centuries-old varieties. I got



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN
Whims Farm product displayed for sale during a Salt Spring Apple Festival event.

interested, fenced three acres, and planted 200 trees of 150 varieties.

There's a thicket of blackberries on the farm hiding a hand-dug runway sloping to an active seep, a handy drinking place for cows and horses on pasture. The seepage ends a few metres away in a shallow pond that used to dry up in summer. (When the Whims came in 1860 it was a wet place in the cedar and fir forest, full of alders and skunk cabbage.) We loved to hear the diminutive tree frogs start their croaking chorus in February, and watched the tadpoles hatch from their tapioca-pudding nursery in May. But the shallow pond dried up in June, stranding the tadpoles before they grew legs to escape. Just for fun, I got a contractor to deepen the pond a bit. The frogs and we are both happy.

Farm buildings keep changing, too. Ancient lilacs and plum trees show us where a Whims home once stood. I men-

tioned the replacement of one barn by another; there must have been earlier ones. Laurie's peripatetic cottage, rescued from repossession, now nestles at the start of the farm driveway. He built a hog barn, and then transformed it into a short-lived self-storage venture. Disinterested in either pigs or rented storage, we raised the walls and rebuilt the roof to create a pottery studio.

The point is clear. In our society, individual landowners largely determine how a piece of land is used. Governments have put some boundaries around landowner choices, of course, and collectively all landowners at a particular time respond to the limitations and new possibilities of "the times." (Imagine the fate of city-margin hayfields when Henry Ford came along and chased horses with his motorcars.)

Underlying all that, the land itself has its own character, whispering or shouting its messages to every owner. Many a land-use scheme has foundered when no one listened.

Without realizing it or caring much we create and recreate landscapes every day. "The beauty we see in the vernacular landscape," John Jackson wrote 35 years ago, "is the image of our common humanity: hard work, stubborn hope, and mutual forbearance striving to be love." That's the kind of beauty that made my heart thump when Arvid Chalmers put the For Sale sign on Whims Road many years ago. Landscapes can be ugly, too, reflecting human greed, self-centredness, indifference and impatience. In our culture, land is a biological and economic necessity, but always Other. We have "gone forth and multiplied" and filled the planet, but come into the country indifferent whether it comes into us.

"The land was ours before we were the land's. / She was our land more than a hundred years/ Before we were her people./ ... Something we were withholding made us weak." So wrote Robert Frost. He implies that those days are past, but I think he was being hopeful. We still withhold; we still are weak because of it.

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In addition to cash or securities, you can donate other things to a charity including gifts of ecologically sensitive land or even a life insurance policy. In the year of death, the gift is not subject to the 75% net income limitation. This doesn't offset the downside of dying, but it's something!

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When planning a second viewing, ASK FOR AN INFO PACKAGE & PERMISSION TO TAKE PHOTOS. Take notes. Identify chattels that you may wish to have included such as: window coverings, appliances and their brand name, built in vacuum and/or hot tub accessories, shelving, firewood on hand, riding lawn mower, water filters, garden sheds, building plans, etc. Note what items are excluded on the feature sheet to assist you in making plans for replacing. Then you will likely conclude that...

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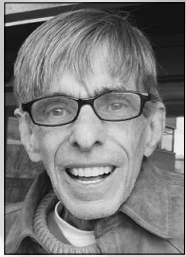
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James William Crawford passed away peacefully on June 2, 2019 at Sidney All Care Residence in Sidney, BC at 90 years of age. He did not have children, but he will be well-remembered by his sisters, brother, sister-in-law and nieces and nephews with whom he spent considerable time over the years visiting and sharing his love of the outdoors. He was a well-respected artist and naturalist on Salt Spring Island where he retired after an extensive career as a professor of geology and as a geological prospector which took him to places all over Northern Canada including the Arctic. He was known for his detailed botanical paintings and his involvement in the Rhododendron Society.

He was the oldest of a family of five children who lived on Salt Spring Island running a dairy farm on Beddis Road with a fruit orchard. Jim was an avid photographer and his family remembers his annual slide show presentations at Christmas of his travels and family holidays. His brother Richard Alexander Crawford passed away in 2007, and his remaining siblings are Tom, Rosemary and Elizabeth who are now living in Comox, England and Sooke respectively. His sister-in-law, Ernestine Crawford, continues to live on Salt Spring Island. The family would like to thank all caregivers for their incredible care of him in his later years along with so many of his dear friends who took their time to make his life a little bit better as things got difficult.

There will be a memorial on July 27, 2019 on Salt Spring Island with details to be announced as we get closer to the occasion.

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PUBLICATIONS

Day in the Life photos needed

Driftwood also welcomes returning cartoonist

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island project is one of the Driftwood's most popular long-running activities and publications.

Beginning in 2004 with photos taken by Driftwood staff and a few freelancers, DIL has evolved to include photographs submitted by all community members within the given 24-hour period.

This year the Driftwood will accept photos taken on and in the waters around Salt Spring between 5 a.m. on Friday, June 21 and 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 22. Photographs are then used in a mid-July publication.

"We encourage any and everyone to

submit even one photo of something they see or an activity they are part of during that 24-hour period," said Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg. "More participation means we can create a more inclusive and interesting publication, and one that truly represents Salt Spring Island."

While not every photo submitted can be printed due to constraints of page configuration and other considerations, at least one picture from each scenario and photographer does end up in the final publication.

For more information, email Sjuberg at news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

• Salt Spring Islander Jim Dickinson has joined the Driftwood team in providing cartoons for the editorial page, alternating weeks with long-time award-winning cartoonist Dennis Parker.

Described by his friends as a renaissance man, Dickinson has been many things, including a social worker, car-

toonist, industrial designer, university instructor, general adventurer and writer.

From a small boy, it was apparent that Dickinson's drawings and stories set him apart. By the age of 19, he had published his first editorial cartoon. In the 1980s he was an award-winning cartoonist for the Gulf Islands Driftwood. Over the next two decades, Dickinson published over 700 strip and editorial cartoons in Alberta and B.C.

His professional design career was the bread and butter for raising his daughters. Through museum exhibits and documentaries, he became noted for his innovative storytelling. Writing is his passion and it led to several short stories being published, two local history books and finally the Mind-Speaker series.

Dickinson and his wife Judy can often be seen sailing within the Salish Sea on Hey Jude.

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LAST WEEK: Dustin Bean was the first to recognize this angle of the Skeena Queen.



Remember WHEN

Five years ago:

A longtime effort by Cusheon Lake residents to get drivers to slow down on their windy, narrow road got some high-level traction from MLA Gary Holman. Vivid new signs paid for by Holman's office and approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure asked drivers to slow down because "kids matter." The hope was that people would respect the 30 km/h zone near the beach access and reduce speed in general on the short stretch between Stewart and Fulford-Ganges roads. Traffic on Cusheon Lake Road had increased dramatically after Stewart Road was paved in 2005.

Thirty years ago

Islands Trust trustees were told that attendance at council meetings must be improved. Comments were made by Gabriola trustee Susan Yates when the 26-member body lost its quorum shortly after lunch on the second day of the two-day meeting. The drop to 15 representatives meant that the meeting could function as an information meeting only. The loss of quorum was a frequent problem on the second day of the quarterly sessions. Yates said that some trustees had an "attitude problem" and that many who were leaving early had no legitimate reason to do so.

Ten years ago:

The body of water surrounding the Gulf Islands was set to receive its official name, which would reduce confusion and pay respect to the First Nations people who had lived there for generations. The name "Salish Sea" was chosen because it went beyond the purely scientific. Naturalist Briony Penn said the area should "be named out of respect for the native people, not after some dead king." Representatives from the Coast Salish First Nations echoed the sentiment. Approval for the name from the Washington State Board of Geographic Names and the British Columbia Geographic Names Office was set to come down later in the year.

Forty years ago

Students at Fernwood Elementary School entered their classrooms for the first time. Though the community was proud of their new school, for some time the school nearly did not get built. Long debates and exchanges between parents and school trustees about the kinds of facilities available stalled the project. Many parents preferred the larger elementary school in Ganges, for its central location and the benefits of a larger student body. However, new classrooms were needed in the district, and Fernwood was picked to be the best location. In the end, critics were less critical when they saw the finished building.

Twenty years ago:

An 80-year-old car ran out of gas, lost its brakes and rolled over on its side during a vintage car tour. The Alberta driver attempted to control the car as it rolled backwards down Sunset Drive. The car turned over on its side at the edge of the intersection with Vesuvius Bay Road. A woman in the car suffered injuries to her pelvis and was taken to the hospital in Victoria. Her husband, who was driving the car, was not injured.

Fifty years ago

When Highways Minister Wesley Black told Gavin Reynolds of Fulford that he was planning to spend up to \$500,000 on island roads, Reynolds told him he might as well spend it on beer for all the good it would do. Reynolds, who was president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, reported he told Black in a meeting that islanders didn't "want freeways, but [they did] want roads to handle the steady increase in traffic."

SALT SPRING Star of the WEEK

Lynn Thorburn

Retiring from the SaltSpring Therapeutic Riding Association after 18 years, Lynn is a star in the SSTR herd. Lynn was trained as a physiotherapist and is an avid horsewoman who has contributed a huge amount of time and experience to the SSTR riding program over the last 18 years. Dedicated to helping others, she will be truly missed by her riders, volunteers and the board of directors of SSTR.





SPORTS + RECREATION

D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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ROWING

Close race a nail-biter for Salt Spring squad

Team competed in nationals despite windstorm damage

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Six months ago, Salt Spring Island rowing club coach Stacy Mitchell was unsure if her Gulf Islands Secondary School team would survive the winter. The young squad was however able to turn the season around and placed in the top five at the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association regatta in St. Catharines, Ont. on June 2.

The Dec. 20 windstorm was far from anyone's mind as the women's quad made up of Claerwen Sladen-Dew, Cheyenne Sawchuk, Linnea Barrett and Zoey Johnson were getting ready for their final 2,000-metre race. The team had qualified from semi-finals in fifth place, though the semi-final was decided with four seconds between the first and last place boats.

"When they qualified the difference from first to fifth in the qualifications was only four seconds," Mitchell said. "In terms of a 2,000-metre race that is extremely close ... We knew we

needed to find four seconds."

The final race was no different. Throughout the length of the course, all six boats were neck-and-neck. Advantages were gained and lost by the timing of the strokes, and even up until the gate there was no clear winner. Mitchell explained that as the boats crossed the line, the finish buzzers were so close that it was hard to tell who won.

"There are those moments when you coach and you really don't know ... To see that in the final was exciting. I know they have it, but it's a whole different story when they actually bring it," she said. "It's one of those moments when you tell them it's no longer about technique or skills, they've done it all. It's purely grit. It's about whether they're willing to put themselves in enough pain to get it."

The team finished in fourth place, with a difference of three seconds between the top four finishers.

"It was a very close race, it was inch to inch, boats were going back and forth. It was intense to watch and intense to race," said Sladen-Dew.

Sladen-Dew explained that higher level racing exposes racers to a new level of competition

from what they usually face.

"It sets the bar higher," she said. "You know exactly who your competition is going to be when you're on the West Coast. We race the same teams every time. It really puts how strong you are into perspective when it's at a national level."

The national results were far from Mitchell's mind when she first surveyed the damage from the windstorm last December. During the storm, a limb had fallen from a tree onto the bows of six club boats. The damage was estimated at about \$130,000 and left the team missing most of its fleet.

"It was one of those 'what do you do' things," Mitchell said. "Do I shut down the program when I was trying to build it? When we started in September there were promises made. We just did what we had to do."

The team was able to borrow boats from neighbouring teams. Through some creative scheduling and the help of an assistant coach, the team was able to get enough water time to train.

"It just kind of postponed some of the water training when we were trying to sort out getting enough boats," said Sawchuk.

New boats have been sourced



PHOTO COURTESY STACY MITCHELL

GISS rowing quad team members, from left, Claerwen Sladen-Dew, Cheyenne Sawchuk, Linnea Barrett and Zoey Johnson at the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association regatta in St. Catharines, Ont.

and purchased with the help of community donations as well as a GoFundMe page. Some of the less damaged boats are under repair by a local volunteer.

Mitchell said that even though the season was difficult for the team, they were able to prove they wanted to win and showed that on the water.

"One of the things that we had difficulty with is that those teams train together all the time, but

because of our lack of equipment, they only trained for two weeks, and that's the result that they got. They're pretty gritty athletes. We have kids that want to and can win," she said.

Other Salt Spring boats at the competition included a double raced by Barrett and Sawchuk which placed ninth overall. Sladen-Dew placed ninth in her senior lightweight single scull. Johnson placed 21st in her single.

GOLF

Faulkner and Westfield earn Lucky Mashie honours

New golf rule creates unforeseen issue

BY MARCIA HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring golf club's inaugural member/guest Trivia Night buzzed with anticipation as teams were assembled and team names were debated. Final results saw the Hopefuls take first place, followed by Smart Tees and then the Bunker Bugs.

Jehanne Kirwin, Steve Marleau and Betty Ann Kruger split the 50/50 prize. The next Trivia Night is on June 21. Come on out for food, drinks, trivia and the Family Feud chal-

GOLFTEES

lenge. The Men's Lucky Mashie competition, named for the mashie niblick wooden club of years gone by, teed off on June 2 with 24 players. A fairly recent addition to our trophy collection, the Lucky Mashie Trophy was donated by Ralph Cossey and is awarded annually in the Men's Handicap Two Ball Best Ball Tournament. The 2019 champions are Tony Faulkner and Kerry Westfield with a team net score of 56. With a net 60, in second place, were partners Rick MacKinnon and Randy Cunningham. Just a shot away at 61, the Dons — Hodgins and McMahon — took third place.

Did you know a player should take no more than 40 seconds to take a stroke? This was one of the items addressed at the rules clinic presented by the chairpersons of Zone 5 on June 4.

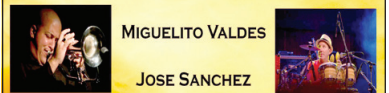
The new rule allowing golfers to putt with the flagstick in the hole has created an unforeseen issue. Greenskeepers across B.C. have been complaining that the cups on the green are being pulled out of place when players yank out the pin to toss multiple golf balls onto the putting green. We were asked to pick the balls out of the hole instead.

The golf course is in really good condition this year and there has been an influx of golfers and disc golfers enjoying good weather and good shots.

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