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FIRE BRANDS: Marv Coulthard, in black cap, centre, and Paul Sommerville, right, light the black powder cannons for a noon firing at the Canada Day Show & Shine event in Ganges.

LADY MINTO

Hospital still without potable water

Small amounts of Legionella bacteria

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Detection of Legionella bacteria in the water at Lady Minto Hospital has prompted the hospital staff to switch to bottled water only until the problem is resolved.

No patients, visitors or staff have been harmed by the bacteria.

Weekly sampling done since the initial detection has shown a drop in the presence of the bacteria after a copper and silver ionization system was put in place on May 10. Island Health facilities maintenance and operations manager Kelly Yerama said that the system should fully eradicate the bacterium within six to eight weeks of when it was put in place.

Legionella bacteria was detected during routine testing of the hospital's water system in March. The levels present were very low, but Island Health applies a stricter standard

against Legionella than public water systems.

Yerama explained in an email that "the levels indicated by test results would have presented a very small risk to the general public. Based on the potential exposure to more vulnerable persons within the facility, it was judged prudent to eliminate activities to eliminate that risk."

"While the risk for contracting serious illness is low, Island Health has – out of an abundance of caution – taken immediate measures to further reduce the (low) risk. Those measures include providing bottled drinking water for patients and staff, discontinuing the use of all showers pending comprehensive disinfection of the water system and discontinuing the use of drinking water fountains."

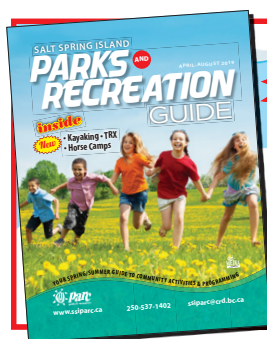
"The pre-existing water filtration system intended to remove sediment and algae could have provided an environment favour-

able to Legionella growth," he added. "It was taken out of service immediately as a precautionary measure."

Lady Minto gets water through the North Salt Spring Waterworks District from St. Mary Lake. Both Yerama and NSSWD manager Ron Stepaniuk said the issue is not related to the new treatment plant, and that they were not concerned about the bacteria being in the general water supply.

Legionella can build up in older facilities like hospitals after decades of water staying within the system, and tends to prefer warmer water. Hot water heaters in particular can be prone to bacterial build-up. The bacterium is naturally present in lakes, streams and moist soil. It can only cause illness when aspirated within water droplets containing the organism.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Susan Benson becomes Order of Canada member

Theatrical career marked with award and book

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Susan Benson was named a Member of the Order of Canada on June 27 for her extensive contributions to Canadian theatre as a set and costume designer, notably with the Stratford Festival.

Benson and her husband, lighting director Michael Whitfield, have lived on Salt Spring for the past five years. Working both together and individually, they have created the visual aspect of multiple acclaimed productions in Canadian ballet, opera and theatre.

"I'm very proud to get it. It's very nice at this point in my life," Benson said of the honour. Benson is even more touched by the way

she was named to the order. Her name was put forward by Donald Stuart, who is a fellow member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. The nomination was supported by three outstanding Canadian women: former prima ballerina and current artistic director of the National Ballet of Canada, Karen Kain; Veronica Tennant, the filmmaker, director and former principal dancer of the National Ballet of Canada; and Martha Henry, the acclaimed actor, director and 57-year veteran of the Stratford Festival.

"These three women are very well known in the arts, so I found that very special," Benson said.

Though her nomination to the Order of Canada has apparently been in the works for at least a year or two, the announcement timing comes at a particularly apt moment. An in-depth book about Benson's long his-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

David Borrowman introduces Susan Benson at the Salt Spring launch of a new book about her career on June 21.

tory at the centre of Canadian theatre culture was just released this year. The Salt Spring

launch with author Patricia Flood took place at Mahon Hall on June 21. It was preceded by a Toronto launch and will be followed in August by a number of events during the Canadian Institute of Theatre Technology's conference in Whitehorse.

"I've never been up there so I'm quite looking forward to it," said Benson.

While Benson was deeply involved with the book's creation, the Order of Canada was happy news. She has already received a package with a booklet on 50 years of history of the award and a pin that she can wear on special occasions. The investiture ceremony date and location have not yet been set.

"You know, you go through life and you think, 'I just do my job.' But suddenly these two things happen that are very nice," Benson said. "I'm just very pleased and surprised to have received it."

FORESHORE TENURE

Crown comment deadlines near

Long Harbour dock and Penelakut shellfish plans

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who have an interest in the Booth Bay or Long Harbour areas of Salt Spring have the opportunity to provide input on two foreshore use applications currently open with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Residents have until Wednesday, July 10 to weigh in on an industrial marine use application for 111 Scott Point Rd. Applicant Kym Sheppard of the company 1045015 BC Ltd. is applying for a 30-year foreshore lease related to marine transportation services and intends to put in a wharf and pilings in the water to be used for moorage for the company's transport boats. The site is immediately south east of the Long Harbour ferry terminal, on land previously owned by BC Ferries.

Letters of concurrence have been obtained from the Islands Trust and BC Ferries. Geotechnical and environmental studies have also been completed without identifying any major issues.

While some residents of the Scott Point area feel the project would be a departure from the intended zoning, an Islands Trust review found the uses meet the guidelines for both the Industrial 4 (soon to be General Employment 3) and Shoreline 3 zones.

Residents of the Scott Point area have voiced some concerns about potential traffic and other disturbances the project might bring to a mostly residential area.

"Those who live along Long Harbour will be subjected to vastly increased water traffic with the inherent disruption of water flow patterns, noise and added danger," Maggie Warbey wrote in a letter to MFLNRORD.

Sheppard clarified for the Driftwood that there will be no loading or unloading of the transport boats from the Long Harbour location. Nor does the company plan fuel storage or other industrial uses at this time.

"We're actually a good option to go there because all we'll be doing is creating moorage to tie up our boats overnight," Sheppard said. "We'll be going in and out of there, but not that often."

Sheppard said the company has had good meetings about the project with the adjacent neighbours. They are also open to measures such as the possibility of having water storage on the site.

"We are really there to facilitate this whole thing," Sheppard said.

Penelakut plan laid out

Penelakut Seafoods Inc. has a revised application for foreshore tenure and aquaculture of clams and oysters, with public comment available until Aug. 4.

Information from the revised application explains that Penelakut Seafoods is a non-profit company managed through a board of directors from the Penelakut Tribe, and provides employment to its community members.

The application was first opened to public comment last fall and received opposition from Salt Spring residents at the time. A significant change in the revised application sees the removal of predator netting from the plans, which reflects the applicant's intention to use a natural set method and address some of the public comments received. The application states clam harvesting in the intertidal area will be done by hand and will follow a grid pattern to allow for natural spawning.

FLNRORD applications can be viewed at <https://comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/>.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Emergency crews seek lost visitor at Burgoyne Bay

Salt Spring emergency services were called to the Burgoyne Bay area on Canada Day to help find a missing person.

Crews were called to the scene at around 1 p.m. to assist in finding the individual. On scene were Salt Spring Fire Rescue, RCMP and B.C. Ambulance crews.

The call was initially a medical call, but once crews arrived on scene it was determined to be a rescue. Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue were requested by the other agencies at 2:15 p.m. to assist in finding the individual.

"There was voice contact with the person by cell phone, and the RCMP managed to have a coordinate of where he was," said Search and Rescue manager Jason Grindler. "The individual was requested to stay put and wait for assistance."

Twenty-two Search and Rescue members responded to the incident, but were asked to stand down as RCMP had located the person as Search and Rescue arrived. Grindler said the individual was visiting the island and was unfamiliar with the area. The lost person did not suffer any injuries.

Bacterium levels dropping

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Legionella cannot be transmitted from person to person, and drinking water with Legionella present cannot cause illness. The bacterium is the cause of Legionnaires disease and Pontiac fever.

Testing at the hospital will continue. Recent tests have shown reduced levels of the bacterium.

"Based on the rate of decrease in test readings, we are hopeful that restrictions will be lifted at the hospital in the very near future," Yarema said.

HEALTH CARE

Island Health board visits Salt Spring

Mental health, shift to community care reports received

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring hosted Island Health brass on Thursday, when board members and senior staff held a public board meeting at Fulford Hall.

The group also visited Salt Spring Elementary School's garden, toured Lady Minto Hospital, had a "partnership luncheon" and met with physicians, medical staff and volunteers in the local health-care system.

"[Visiting the island] helps us learn what's working, where we can improve and how we can better work together," said board CEO Leah Hollins.

"The dedication and caring provided on Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands is incredible," she added, "from the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and Auxiliary to the Southern Gulf Islands Advisory Committee and so many others who bring together key people to focus on health and well-being across the Gulf Islands."

Kathy MacNeil, Island Health's president and CEO, reported on initiatives underway to improve health-care delivery in the region.

"The current model of care, with hospitals at the centre, needs to shift," she said.

"[Research] shows that many of the conditions we treat in hospitals can be safely and well cared for in the community."

Efforts are being bolstered by the provincial government's new primary health-care network strategy, with more emphasis on team-based care delivered closer to home, or in a patient's home in some cases.

"On Salt Spring, the shift to community is already underway," said MacNeil, citing use of a nurse practitioner based at Lady Minto Hospital who specializes in mental health services, and a community paramedic.

The meeting later heard a report on community paramedicine, a program operating on Salt Spring and in 98 other rural and remote B.C. communities. It sees paramedics do regular wellness checks in the homes of vulnerable individuals, and provide community-wide education activities, such as training people in CPR and AED use.

Use of telehealth has helped people receive



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Participating in a sunflower visualization exercise led by Robin Jenkinson at a Fulford Hall meeting on June 27 are, from left, Bryn Pyper, Island Health president and CEO Kathy MacNeil, Island Health board chair Leah Hollins and board members Alana Nast and MJ Whitmarsh. Board and staff members also had a tour of the Salt Spring Elementary School garden as part of the day's activities.

services closer to home, and extending "virtual care" is another area of focus for 2019.

MacNeil also praised the government's investments in the health-care system, which has resulted in a 30 per cent increase in MRIs in Victoria and Nanaimo, for example.

The meeting received reports from Keva Glynn, executive director of Island Health's Mental Health Substance Use division, and public health officer Dee Hoyano.

Glynn described the mental health and substance use program in the Gulf Islands, stressing that on-the-ground services to islanders had increased since Island Health took over responsibility for adult mental health from Community Services in 2015.

Service use jumped by 150 per

cent between 2015 and 2018 on Salt Spring, and by 280 per cent on the Southern Gulf Islands, she said.

Glynn reported that 404 individuals had sought mental health services on Salt Spring in 2018. Of those, 73 per cent accessed counselling services, 10 per cent required "case management" (or referral to other services that impact mental and physical health), and 17 per cent received some kind of primary health care related to their mental illness.

Hoyano presented a health profile for the Gulf Islands, which outlined all of the factors that determine an individual's state of health. Public health services are determined to contribute only 15 per cent to a person's level of health, she noted.

Other community presenters were Horst Backe and Jane

Osborne of the Living Out Visibility and Engaged Community Response Network, and Robin Jenkinson of the School District 64 gardens project. Part of Jenkinson's presentation involved leading the room in a visualization exercise involving sunflower seeds from Salt Spring Elementary School's sunflowers, distributed by her daughter Bryn Pyper.

Kisae Petersen, the housing director for Island Women Against Violence, which is developing the Croftonbrook affordable housing complex, took the opportunity to ask Island Health about its participation with the project and support for its most vulnerable future residents.

"We are still waiting to hear how the partnership will work out with the Mental Health Substance Use team," she said.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Meadowlane project advances

Industrial lands project and several initiatives also passed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee moved forward a number of business matters at its June 25 meeting, giving third reading both to the long-standing industrial lands project and the Meadowlane rezoning application.

The rezoning bylaw allows for the development of a 48-unit affordable seniors' supportive housing complex with service club meeting space at 154 Kings Lane.

Meadowlane proponent Janet Smith, who is president of the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association, spoke at the meeting about her appreciation on passing the latest hurdle.

"I have a thing that I've had on my desk all my working career that says 'If you can dream it, do it,' so that's what I follow," Smith said. "So this is a dream."

Tuesday's third reading of the bylaw included an amendment, based on public hearing input, that makes a medical/dental clinic and its two dwelling units the only permitted use for the existing clinic building located on the site.

The project must still receive approval from Island Health for its water supply system, and get confirmation of connection to the Ganges sewer. A draft housing agreement is subject to Trust legal review.

Industrial project finalized

The LTC's industrial lands project has moved on to the Trust's executive committee after a lengthy period on the priority list.

"I just want to acknowledge all of the staff, present and not present, who have worked on this file for such a very long time, and I'm very pleased to have reached this stage," said LTC chair Peter Luckham.

The project to ensure sufficient industrial land is secured on Salt Spring underwent many revisions since the Industrial Advisory Planning Commission delivered its draft report in July 2014. Considerable opposition came from both the owners of industrial properties and their neighbours in the past two years. The final public hearing on May 14 yielded little participation, however, and third reading of the bylaws was similarly anti-climactic.

TRANSPORTATION

Trust supports various islands' bus plans

Capital Regional District also looks at Gulf Islands transit service

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Trust Council is supporting community-run transit operations in its area, and has directed its executive committee to follow up with the Union of BC Municipalities and the provincial government on several issues that make service provision challenging.

The action comes in response to a delegation to Trust Council, made by Gabriola Islander Steve Earle on behalf of the BC Community Bus Coalition on June 19.

Earle's personal dedication to alternative transportation included a self-paddle from Gabriola to Galiano for the Trust Council session, during which he was over-turned by a big wave and lost a paddle. Fortunately he located an old canoe paddle on nearby Valdes Island and was able to continue his journey.

BC Community Bus Coalition involves several Islands Trust communities as well as some remote and rural communities elsewhere in the province. Community bus services are run by local organizations, not through Translink, and some are completely volunteer based.

Earle reported that bus service is important for people who can't drive, such as youth, seniors and low-income residents, and it benefits local economies. Encouraging bus transportation is also desirable in light of the climate emergency, Earle said.

Barriers to such services include the lack of provincial funding, and in most cases, taxpayer funding. (The GERTIE bus on Gabriola does benefit from a tax requisition through the Nanaimo Regional District.)

"We're asking the Trust to help by applying pressure on the appropriate provincial government departments."

STEVE EARLE
Gabriola Islander

During his delegation Earle outlined the need for start-up funding, changes to the Passenger Transportation Act that would create a new category specific to community buses and allow

One final change as of June 25 was to reduce the proposed setback between industrial properties — now deemed part of the General Employment zone — with adjacent lands where agriculture is permitted but not on those located in the Agricultural Land Reserve. The setback for those properties was reduced from the proposed 15 metres to six metres. The ALR setback remains at 15 metres but could be adjusted through a variance permit.

Cider, Leaf hour extensions

Two requests for Local Trust Committee endorsement to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch got the green light from trustees last Tuesday. Salt Spring Wild Cider made a successful case that increasing serving hours will not overly impact their Sharp Road neighbours, and that allowing cider sales by the glass to a maximum of 682 ml per person will help control liquor consumption on site rather than increase it.

Luckham voiced strong support for the business, which purchases fruit from local trees that were unpicked in the past, and provides income to 70 local families in the process.

The LTC also provided endorsement to Leaf Compassion's LCRB application to provide retail cannabis sales from its 105-109 McPhillips Ave. shop between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Staff explained very few people turned out for an open house and the items of correspondence received were all in favour of the application.

Trustee Laura Patrick requested that information sent to the LTC suggesting that Leaf Compassion had not ceased its cannabis sales as obliged after October 2018 be included as part of the public consultation package that's being sent to the LCRB.

Agricultural applications forwarded

The Agricultural Land Commission will have two local applications to consider with support from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Reviews by the LTC's Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission found that an application to convert a former equestrian centre at 196 Vesuvius Bay Rd. into a cannabis production facility with a concrete floor would in fact increase farming potential of the property. The group also determined that moving a boundary to increase the lot size at 1200 Beddis Rd. would significantly increase farming potential there, with the new land to be devoted to soil bean production.

standees, and alterations to insurance rates to help services on the islands.

"We're asking the Trust to help by applying pressure on the appropriate provincial government departments," Earle said.

Trust chair Peter Luckham voiced support for bringing the matter to the UBCM meeting in the fall.

"Steve made quite the impression, paddling up the strait without the (right kind of) paddle," Gabriola trustee Scott Colbourne noted after the meeting.

Colbourne put forward the motion that was subsequently approved by Trust Council to support the community bus requests.

In other local government news, the Capital Regional District recently passed three resolutions related to establishing transit service in the southern Gulf Islands. The board voted at their June 12 meeting to direct staff to: consult with community groups, BC Transit and BC Ferries to define a service model that would best serve the electoral area's transportation needs; consult with community bus service providers within the southern Gulf Islands to determine the operating requirements, costs and service levels necessary to support a CRD transportation service; and to include the establishment of a SGI transportation service in service and budget planning for 2020.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dog owners asked to leash up

Island trails being enforced

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sheep farmers are asking dog owners to keep dogs on a leash at all times, especially while walking on island trails.

Colin Byron grew up in a farming family on Salt Spring. To him, seeing dogs attacking sheep is nothing new. Howard Byron, his late father, worked as the island's animal control officer for years, and the younger Byron recalls going on calls for dog attacks with his father.

"I went on quite a few excursions with him to dog attacks and I'll tell you, it's pretty horrific," he said. "The people that let their dogs run, it might do them well to see something like this. It's very graphic, but that's the reality of it."

In recent years, Byron has seen the amount of dog attacks on island rise. Increased numbers of visitors and lack of awareness are contributing to the problem, he said. However, Byron believes that lack of knowledge should not be a reason for people to let their dogs run loose.

"It's just boiling down that there are more and more people coming to the

island with dogs and it has to be a concerted effort of CRD Animal Control, Parks and Rec and so forth," he said. "People have to be informed. The dogs cannot be off-leash. It's just a matter of education."

The problem is not endemic to one part of the island. Rob Dailly of North End Farm has seen and heard of dog attacks in the area for years. His farm is located near a popular hiking trail, and he would like to remind owners that though the area may seem like it is in the middle of the forest, there is always a farm nearby.

"If you come from the city and you're walking down that trail it seems like you're walking in the middle of nowhere, you can do anything you want and nothing's going to happen," Dailly said. "Unfortunately those trails run straight down the fence line that borders our farm."

Sheep on North End Farm have been attacked as recently as a few weeks ago. Dailly noticed something odd with the sheep, which were all bunched up in the field. He suspected dogs were responsible, and went to the end of the trail leading to Southey Point.

"We went to the trail and managed to see the people coming out with their dogs and talked to them about it," he said. "I was a little heated, and

they were apologetic . . . Luckily, the dogs had good recall or something, but they were still able to get well into our fields and do some damage before the owners could retrieve them. It's not abnormal for these things to happen."

Other north-end farmers have had recent experience with dog maulings. Last spring, a spate of dog attacks left farmers reeling. Over 15 sheep were killed last year in June on five different north end farms.

Though the damage to a flock can be distressing to farmers and sheep, livestock loss carries a financial burden as well.

"What people don't understand is a three-year-old lamb-producing ewe, she is going to be producing lambs for another five years," Byron said. "If you lose a flock of sheep with 15 to 20 ewes, that's a huge loss for the farmer, one that they will never recover from unless they recoup it from the owner of the dogs."

The Capital Regional District has a compensation program for livestock killed by rogue dogs. The district had debated eliminating the program, but walked back the proposal after hearing from farmers in the area. The program is funded through dog licensing and covers 75 per cent of the value of an animal, up to \$750.

ENVIRONMENT

Cowichan pitches new sewage outfall spot

Satellite Channel identified as ideal location for treated effluent

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee heard a presentation last week on a proposed new outfall location for treated effluent coming from the Cowichan area.

The proposal is to relocate the outfall pipe to a new location in Satellite Channel from its existing place in the Cowichan River. While the approval decision rests outside local government jurisdiction, the project has the potential to impact Salt Spring's shoreline at the southern part of the island. The new location was chosen based on a small area available that avoids existing shellfish tenures, shellfish beds, First Nations fishing areas and ecological reserves. It was identified following a 2014 environmental impact study, with the second stage of the study now underway.

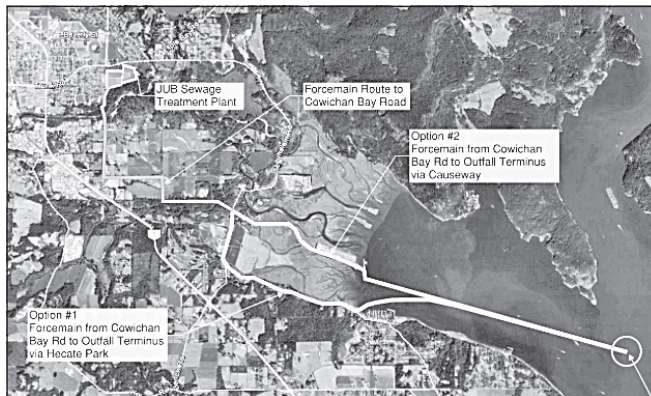
Public outreach consultant Judith Cullington explained in her presentation to the LTC last Tuesday that wastewater from North Cowichan, Duncan, Cowichan Bay, Eagle Heights and Cowichan Tribes is treated at the Joint Utility Board Sewage Treatment Plant, which is located on Cowichan Tribes' lands near Duncan. The JUB's lease agreement with Cowichan Tribes includes a commitment to make a reasonable effort to move the outfall out of the river. Doing so would be an important step toward re-opening shellfish harvesting in Cowichan Bay.

Other factors that make the change desirable include risk of damage from log jams and gravel accumulation. Especially of concern is the more frequent drought periods; during periods of very low river flow there is not enough flow to provide the desired amount of effluent dilution, Cullington said.

The current dilution rate in Cowichan River during drought periods is calculated at 28:1. The worst case scenario calculated by the environmental team for a new outfall in Satellite Channel predicts a dilution rate of 153:1, though the rate is expected to be much higher under regular circumstances.

The minimum depth of the outfall would be 27.5 metres underwater, while the average would be 45 m in spring/summer, 35 m in winter (with differences depending on tides).

"This is based on good Western science. There's also traditional ecological knowledge to take into account," Cullington said of the impact study, noting consultation with different First Nations is now underway so the project merits can also be studied under that lens.



Map of proposed routing options for a new outfall pipe from the Cowichan treatment plant to a Satellite Channel terminus.

Recognizing the effluent discharged has undergone high-quality treatment, trustee Peter Grove had questions about whether North Cowichan and the JUB had examined other uses for the water, such as the Capital Regional District has been exploring on Salt Spring. North Cowichan engineer Clay Reitsma said the district had discussed piping water to irrigate a golf course which didn't go ahead, as well as several other possibilities. However, he said, the province would still most likely require a back-up outfall location in case of emergencies and using the effluent would require installing a whole new system of "purple piping" designated for reclaimed water.

"Usually you do that kind of system where you have severe water shortages," Reitsma said. "There is an impression out there we have a drinking water shortage; that's really not the case."

"In the CVRD we already severely restrict water use. So our way of dealing with drought is to restrict water use in the first place so we don't have to do things like run purple pipe everywhere," he added.

Trustee Laura Patrick suggested the JUB public engagement process should include an information meeting for the general community on Salt Spring, as well as the LTC.

"I think people would like to hear about this. We have our own sewage treatment plant; I think people have to start really thinking about what this means, especially with the emerging issues we're all concerned about," Patrick said. "I think people would appreciate getting more information directly about the project."

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EDITORIAL

Fire smart

While some rainy days in June allowed wildfire fears to dampen on Salt Spring, the sense of relief is temporary.

No precipitation is anticipated for the next two weeks, putting us back to a more expected summer weather pattern.

The fact that a devastating wildfire has not struck the Gulf Islands in the past few years can only be attributed to heightened fire safety awareness on the part of residents, swift responses by our fire department and provincial government resources on occasions when fires were ignited, and dumb luck.

Minimizing damage to both natural and built environments caused by future wildfires has been on the minds of Salt Spring Fire Protection District officials, among others. Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George recently asked the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to consider implementing a Wildfire Hazard Development Permit Area. Such a DPA would guide development of future subdivisions to implement FireSmart principles, which include creating "defensible space" around buildings, and mandating fire-resistant roofing and construction materials.

THE ISSUE: Coping with wildfire

WE SAY: DPA a good idea to explore

"Specifically, Wildfire Hazard DPA guidelines, as seen in other B.C. jurisdictions, generally intend to reduce fire risk by ensuring adequate setbacks between buildings and the forest edge through use of fire-resistant building materials (e.g. metal roofing, glazed windows) and practices, and by removal of debris or fuels within the defensible space immediately adjacent to structures," explained George.

Of equal concern is that out-of-control wildfires will destroy significant areas of forest cover and natural amenities of the islands' unique ecosystem.

For people still not convinced that wildfire is a real danger to Gulf Islanders, or those who want to know what can be done to mitigate the impacts, the Salt Spring Forum's next speaker is an expert on the topic. Ed Struzik, author of Firestorm: How Wildfire Will Shape Our Future, is at the centre of a discussion at ArtSpring this Sunday night.

As promotional material for Struzik's book states, "Wildfires can no longer be treated as avoidable events because the risk and dangers are becoming too great and costly."

Maybe the weather forecasts will be wrong and the islands will have more rainy spells this summer than in recent years. If so, that would be great, as it would give us that much more time to plan for reducing wildfire risk and devastation.



Parker

Electric cars not a panacea

By GARY GAGNE

I attended the last Community Alliance meeting, which was focused on actions to mitigate climate change.

Surprisingly, there were four bicycles parked near the door when I arrived. Often I am the only one who cycles. There were so many people in attendance we were split into three groups of 20 or so. We were then directed to share our personal stories of actions or solutions in dealing with the crisis we currently find ourselves mired in.

With talking stick in hand, I expressed my primary view that we all need to wake up to the reality that we are intimately and inextricably part of nature and that unless this becomes our lived experience so that we care about/for this world as our own body (which it is) we will not resolve this current emergency. I also voiced a few items that I do in my daily living, including riding a bicycle as much as possible (I ride a cargo bike I call my "truck"). Everyone else in our circle spoke sincerely of various ways they contribute to reducing their GHG emissions with many expressing either owning or wanting to own an electric car.

I was given an oppor-

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tunity to add a further comment before the break and said that, in my opinion, electric cars are not the solution to our climate crisis. I spent two days recently at a conference on active transportation where I discovered how many countries in Europe and Asia are diverting funds from improving highways for cars to building safe bicycle highways. Folks are now realizing that adding more lanes to freeways does not improve congestion.

Also it's a social justice issue. We cannot build an electric car for everyone on the planet. An electric vehicle needs at least 120 batteries similar to the single one that helps propel my electric-assist bike. Not everyone can even afford an EV in spite of the huge subsidies offered by the government. Even though I had to pay GST and PST to the tune of \$400 for a new bicycle I recently purchased, it is still a much much less expensive option as well as a healthier means of transportation. Someone else in our group mentioned that most people he knew who owned an EV also had a second gasoline-fuelled vehicle.

And here, finally, is the punch line. Following my unpopular opinion, someone spoke out about the latest insanity in automobiles. Apparently a lot of high-end fast car manufacturers are beginning production on super fast luxury electric cars that require a magnitude of 10 times the current EV battery needs to drive them at excessive speeds and distances. Added to that questionable logic is the fact that lithium mining, one of the main components of new batteries, is expanding exponentially. Manitoba is beginning to strip mine an area that will rival Alberta's tar sands in size. And we've probably all heard about the plight of children in the Congo being exploited to source a rare component of these batteries.

I've also learned at this recent conference that unless your electricity comes from a renewable source, running these cars from the power grid does not reduce greenhouse gases. Massive hydro electric dams are no longer considered a renewable source of electricity. Got a bicycle, anyone?

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident.

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Should dogs be on leashes on all island trails?

Yes No

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Will a new contractor improve Salt Spring road concerns?

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“Steve made quite the impression, paddling up the strait without the (right kind of) paddle.”

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Space. There's so much of it. When I moved back here from the U.K. I wanted to explore it all. I love the outdoors.

ANJA LUTHER



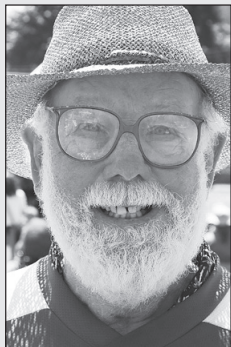
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HENRY BAADE



My car is 100% made in Canada, I was born here and am very proud to be Canadian. I don't know what else to say.

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Visibility issues

Thank you for your coverage last week of how Keith Alexander stepped in to clear brush that was creating a hazard on Fulford-Ganges Road.

A similar problem exists a little further south at the junction between Isle View Drive and Fulford-Ganges Road. When checking to the right before making a left turn on to the main road northwards, low cedar branches and other shrubbery make it impossible to see around a bend in the road, and give very little time to make the turn. It is extremely dangerous, especially as some drivers exceed the speed limit on this stretch.

I first contacted Mainroad South about this by email and phone in mid-April, and have since called again, informed the CRD director, and contacted the Ministry of Transportation. I have had no response and no action has been taken.

We too decided to take action ourselves and man-

aged to eliminate a small maple and other undergrowth. However, the ditch is precipitous and the dense block of cedar branches that is the main problem cannot be tackled without a bucket truck and road crew and this is not easy for a member of the public to organize, nor should we be expected to.

Help and suggestions are welcome. Meanwhile, should someone be injured or die, it is on record that this matter has been drawn to Mainroad's and MOT's attention.

KATHY PAGE,
SALT SPRING

Funding affordable housing

The CBC news online edition had the following article on June 25. Those who would have Salt Spring rid itself of Airbnb, hoping that it will improve the affordable housing situation, may

want to consider that the \$14 million in B.C. taxes that Airbnb has collected just in the last six months and remitted to the B.C. government is all earmarked for affordable housing. It should also be noted that the provincial government is in negotiation with other online platforms to collect the PST, which will add even more funding for affordable housing.

The Salt Spring Accommodations Group does not endorse STVRs with absent owners or multiple properties, but believes that STVRs that are properly operated as a home-based business, with the owner living on the property to greet and brief guests just like in a B&B, serve a useful purpose and generate good tax revenue that will go towards affordable housing, which is needed throughout B.C., including on Salt Spring.

Here is the CBC article.

“B.C. is on track to collect millions more from Airbnb in provincial sales tax than was originally estimated.

“Airbnb says it has remitted \$14 million in PST in the first six months of collecting the tax which kicked in Oct. 1, 2018.

“That means the tax money is rolling in at almost twice the expected rate because when Airbnb signed the tax agreement last year, the company pegged the remittance to be \$16 million for the entire first year.

“Airbnb Canada's Alex Dagg says the tax windfall is a direct reflection of the platform's popularity.

“There's just been a continuing growth of interest in people coming to British Columbia and continuing interest in people using our platform as a way of seeing British Columbia,” said Dagg.

“Money collected through the Airbnb PST is earmarked for affordable housing.”

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Still time to make one's literary mark in life

I've been depressed recently. I don't mean a full-blown Ernest Hemingway, Farewell-Cruel-World, You'll-Miss-Me-When-I'm-Gone depression, but more an occasional deep melancholy. I'm far too fond of myself for thoughts of suicide, however lugubrious my mood, but I have recently become haunted by a singular failure in my life.

In all my many years on the lower rungs of the literary ladder I have still to write anything useful. There will likely never be that moment when, perplexed by a problem, someone will look up and say, “Hand me the McElroy, will you?” as they might Roget's, Merriam-Webster or Bartlett's.

While the dear little Driftwood has been hoovering up honours like a Meryl Streep of the media, the phone book has more chance of winning a Pulitzer than me. If I'm honest, I don't see university libraries squabbling over my legacy when I close my laptop lid for the last time and front up to the Great Publisher. My entire literary output could be summed up in a 20-second PowerPoint presentation.

But I intend that to change and plan to write a guide book. My chances of success in the reference field have recently been made considerably easier by my appointment to the Salt Spring library non-fiction selection committee, which will allow me to surreptitiously flood the shelves with the McElroy Guides To All Sorts Of Useful Stuff.

The trouble is that my cunning plan is already proving problematic since I don't seem to know anything useful.

My first thought had been to write a recipe book because I can, in fact, cook a bit and have an unhealthy interest in food, but it soon dawned on me that just about everyone has already written one. I suspect that Donald Trump has one in the pipeline once he figures out whether “recipe” is spelled with a ‘c’ or an ‘s’. And in any case,



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

there's not much call for a Guide To Cooking Your Way To An Early Grave. Most of my signature dishes would clog your arteries before they leave the fork, so any thoughts of becoming Salt Spring's Julia Child died in infancy and the world is safe from my Extra Buttery Butter Tarts with Clotted Cream Sauce.

Equally, carpentry and gardening are non-starters because I can't do the first and won't do the second. And in any case my friend Linda Gilkeson has pretty much cornered the green-fingered market and has left little room for another “Guide to Keeping Your Kale Curly.”

My wife, bless her, suggested I could write the definitive guide to being grizzled and grumpy but decided it would be unfair to other wives if it ever became a best seller. I have treated her suggestion with the contempt it deserved.

When I was a callow boy, I was quite taken by the notion of keeping fit and spent 10 shillings on Charles Atlas's Ten Steps to a Better Body and a chest expander, a torturous contraption that would supposedly turn my pigeon chest into something you could park a car on. I soon lost interest in it and turned instead to another guide, The SAS Method: A Fitness Manual By The Deadliest Military Elite In The World. Since I was about as lethal as a bath sponge at the time, I thought it might be useful to be deadly

because my younger brother was annoying me and I had a math teacher I didn't much like. As it turned out they were both safe because the SAS Method involved a good bit of running, jumping and lifting heavy weights and no killing at all, so I abandoned it somewhere around page 11.

A little while later I decided that I was better suited to a more academic (sedentary) exercise and decided to teach myself Chinese. Lord knows why because the small provincial town I was living in had a Chinese population of precisely zero and couldn't even boast a Chinese restaurant. In fact, Chinese food, like every other foreign cuisine, was regarded with distaste by the bumpkins who considered garlic a vile French affectation, mushy peas a delicacy and where anyone speaking a foreign language was looked at with suspicion. Never mind the Ententes Cordial, Frenchies were limp-wristed onion sellers, Italians were only interested in one thing and as for the Germans, well, the less said about them the better.

But I persevered for about a week and acquired a single phrase which as I recall now was something like “Boo jeer dow” which I think translated as “I'd like a cup of tea,” but given the vocal peculiarities of the Chinese language quite likely meant “My tracksuit has rabies.” Either way it was academic because I was the only Chinese speaker for about 250 miles and the local tea shop owner was singularly unimpressed by a boy ordering a cuppa in Cantonese.

In the end, I hatched a plan to translate “Hang Down Your Head, Tom Dooley” into Latin via a Teach Yourself Latin guide, and you may shortly be able to find “Pendet in capite tuo, Tom Dooley!” on the shelves of the Salt Spring library.

Although, probably not. Vale!

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FireSmart a solid tool for island

BY SS FIRE CHIEF ARJUNA GEORGE

I am writing on behalf of Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue to address some questions and comments cited in the June 26 article titled "Wildfire mitigation pondered" that reported on a recent Trust Council meeting.

There are some myths and misconceptions that FireSmart was developed only for the Interior and that FireSmart may actually leave us with a larger fire risk for fire. FireSmart is a program resulting from international research to develop the best response for the threat of wildfire within urban interface and intermix communities regardless of forest ecology. Since homes are commonly nestled within forests on the Gulf Islands, our communities are particularly threatened.

Bowen Island trustee Sue Ellen Fast is correct to say that reducing vegetation from a forest will also reduce the capacity for that forest to hold soil moisture. But FireSmart isn't about reducing fire potential within larger forests. FireSmart aims to reduce the risk of

fire in the immediate area (especially within a 10 to 30-metre perimeter) around homes. Consequently, FireSmart recommendations do not extend beyond 100 metres from structures.

There is a way to adopt FireSmart principles in a way that makes ecological sense and meets our conservation goals for the forest while reducing the wildfire risk. Fire is a naturally occurring event within all forests. But interface fires that involve forests and homes can be catastrophic. Firefighters are not encouraging people to clear-cut forests. But islanders can modify the immediate landscape between forests and homes by pruning, thinning and selective replanting so that homes are not as susceptible to ignition during wildfires.

We are also concerned about the future risk of wildfire within the Gulf Islands. From what we've seen in the last few years, we can't assume that Gulf Island forests will remain unchanged given forecasts about ongoing climate change. Vast numbers of western red cedars are already unhealthy as result of ongoing drought.

Other local plants such as salal are also suffering all along the coast. The windstorm of December 2018 brought down a huge number of trees that are now potential fire fuel within island forests. If these trends of droughts and winter storms continue, forest health is likely to shift over the next few years so that the coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem on the Gulf Islands becomes much more susceptible to fire.

Firefighters are deeply concerned about the potential for increased wildfire risk as a result of ongoing climate change. The time to respond to this climate crisis is now, and FireSmart is one tool we can use to help us.

FireSmart education and wildfire hazard development permit areas are tools used throughout North America to respond to the threat of wildfire posed by increased climate change.

We would be keen to meet with legislators to discuss wildfire threats, the value of adding wildfire hazard development permit areas to the Islands Trust and other FireSmart education initiatives.

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Fewer ferries better

It would appear that those opposing the reduction in ferry capacity serving Salt Spring are out of step with the zeitgeist of islanders vigorously fighting climate change. They fail to appreciate that Ferries is doing its part to help Salt Spring maintain its leadership role in dealing with Canada's climate emergency.

There are currently some 50 ferry sailings per day serving Salt Spring. Compare (and add) that to the 30 sailings on the two routes serving the Sunshine Coast and about 68 directly connecting Vancouver Island to the mainland. On a per capita basis it would appear no area is more frequently served than Salt Spring Island.

Think of the fossil fuels consumed and the carbon emissions being produced from all these sailings, added to the emissions from the hundreds of vehicles on our roads to and from our three ferry terminals — every day! Consider the disruption to the whales and all other marine life and the erosion of the pristine foreshore resulting from all these sailings.

By reducing the capacity of the ferries serving Salt Spring, BC Ferries is in step with carbon reduction initiatives such as the carbon tax: reduce fossil fuel demand by making it more expensive, or more inconvenient, to drive our carbon-consuming/emitting vehicles.

Next steps will likely include priority loading for electric vehicles and a cap on the number of annual vehicle trips per resident, thus setting up a cap and trade market which has been shown to successfully manage carbon emissions in other jurisdictions. Eventually, fewer sailings will result, less carbon will be consumed and emitted, and disruption to marine life will be reduced.

I'm surprised there is not vigorous and visible support for these BC Ferries initiatives from Salt Spring Island's eco activists. These initiatives will force behavioural changes for the benefit of the planet and future generations, much like stopping the pipeline is intended to do. It will help maintain and perhaps enhance Salt Spring's reputation as a leader in dealing with the climate emergency.

FRANZ SCHERUBL,
SALT SPRING

Pool group's vending machine history clarified by president

BY DARLENE STEELE

Salt Spring Pool Association (SSPLASH) is a not-for-profit charitable organization whose mission is to raise funds for the Rainbow Road pool expansion. We love our job and take it seriously.

SSPLASH has been involved with fundraising for the original pool since 2002 and now for its expansion. In order to make money for the pool we have operated two businesses: SSPLASH Water and SSPLASH Cafe. We have held running marathons, raffles and operated two vending machines. All this has been ongoing in various stages as required since 2002.

The current vending machine (a new purchase by SSPLASH) was put in place approximately two years ago and is located in the foyer of the pool. Apart from the odd glitch with making change it has serviced the pool users well and makes a modest amount of income, all of which goes back into the SSPLASH coffers.

One of our largest expenses over the last 17 years has been insurance. Needless to say, insurance premiums have consistently increased. In 17 years we have never had an incident of damage or injury with our businesses or with the vending machines. It is truly a "low-risk" activity.

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This year the board of SSPLASH decided that rather than give the approximately \$1,000 a year to the insurance industry we would self insure. Please be aware that many government organizations do the same. This decision was made prior to PARC deciding that all groups using their land would need to carry insurance.

SSPLASH requested that PARC cover our insurance since it was more cost-effective and they alone, with the community, were the end benefactors of any extra money in the coffers of SSPLASH. We are the only not for profit whose fundraising will directly benefit the pool expansion. All SSPLASH work is done through volunteer labour.

We have operated a vending machine at Rainbow Road pool more or less since the pool opened, without any incident or claim of injury or drama. For some bureaucratic reason the CRD now finds it necessary to upend the status quo.

All we can do is lament the sadness of expanding control and carry on. We are, after all, the little guy!

SSPLASH is always grateful for donations and new volunteers.

The writer is the president of SSPLASH.



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THEATRE REVIEW

'Comedy' brings laughs to Centennial

Shakespeare show continues July 4 to 7

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

ExitStageLeft Productions has a treat in store for fans of outdoor theatre, with their pirate-themed take on The Comedy of Errors offering a full sensory experience of Shakespeare's "shortest and silliest play."

The company's fourth annual Shakespeare in the Park show has its first-ever staging in Centennial Park, and the move has plenty to recommend it. The built-in grass amphitheatre in front of the gazebo is one obvious advantage. For this particular production, having the harbour as backdrop is

also ideal for setting the scene as the Caribbean pirate stronghold of Port Royale.

Director Jeffrey Renn has made a clever move by transporting the play's setting from the Classical Greek city of Ephesus to its New World shenanigans. The errors on which the comedy rests have to do with two sets of adult male twins who were separated at birth in a shipwreck, sending one Antipholus and his man-servant Dromio to Great Britain and the other set to Cuba. They meet up at last in the latter set's home in Port Royale, where the arriving men are mistaken for the inhabitants — not only as a pair by the people that live there but even at times by each other.

Since the audience has to buy



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Antipholus of Port Royale (Adam Morris, left) looks on while Priestess Pinch (Leslie Corry) attempts to cast out his demons during Saturday's staging of The Comedy of Errors at Centennial Park.

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into the twins' extreme identical nature for the plot to work but still be able to tell the actors apart in order to follow it, extravagant costuming is a great strategy. Thus sisters Christina Penhale and Sarah Grindler, who have similar features but quite different heights, become mirror image Dromios with their pirate dreadlocks and colourful knickers. The pair exhibits a matching gleeful commitment to their characters, as well, being the main drivers of the comedy with their constant beatings and disgust with masters who have been with them since birth.

Antipholus of Great Britain is played by Peter Hoskins, who has been one to watch since his GISPA days but probably finds his best footing in comedic parts. Hoskins' natural antic energy suits his befuddled character, who can't understand why the residents of Port Royale keep treating him as if they know him — even calling him by name and handing over sums of money — and is hilariously unsettled by the roving gang of singing pirates.

As the Port Royale Antipholus, island newcomer Adam Morris is a good match for Hoskins' height and dark hair. More importantly, he also has all the charisma and presence required for the character, as his Antipholus is an established head of household and a ladies' man to boot. He portrays a natural arrogance that arises from his place of privilege, so even when things go wrong he's angry but confident things will turn out.

Other important characters include Adriana, the very fashionable wife of the Port Royale Antipholus. High school student Kahlila Ball is perfectly haughty although sometimes despairing of her husband's affections, and casts an amazing range of expressions across her face. Rowan Algoet is delightful as Adriana's sister Luciana, who accidentally catches the

eye of the other Antipholus and is forced to consider her supposed brother-in-law's intentions. Algoet has lovely articulation and delivery as the saucy but plain-spoken young woman.

Leslie Corry gets a scene-stealing part as Priestess Pinch, a voodoo witch doctor type who attempts to cast out the demons thought to be possessing the twins. She's backed up by a chorus of gospel tent witnesses, complete with choir robes. David Crone makes for a great sea tar as Captain Morgan, the governor, and Derrick Milton does excellent double duty as musician and actor playing Adriana's powerful uncle. Carrina Gordon, so well-cast in last year's Taming of the Shrew, has a short but sweet cameo.

As exitStageLeft is a musical company by mandate, songs play an important part in the storytelling. The play opens with a set of sea chancies sung by different participants in the pirate tavern. This establishes the ribald tone that follows in Shakespeare's script and gets the audience fully immersed in the setting before the action proper begins. Other song and dance numbers follow throughout, with music director Michelle Footz accomplishing some fun and creative arrangements of unlikely pirate material.

The set is minimalist but extremely effective as designed by Renn, with wonderful art design by Claire Robertson. A travelling puppet show cart helps tell the establishing story of the twins' shipwreck; the black on white decor intentionally calls to mind illustrations from classic novels by Arthur Rackham.

The Comedy of Errors returns to Centennial Park for four shows running this Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7 (with the final show a 2 p.m. matinee). Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books or at the gate.

Note: The play is child friendly but there are some suggestive lines and adult language.

FUNDRAISER

Treasure Fair gathers momentum at ArtSpring

Goal of event is to raise \$60,000

Islanders are gearing up for the 19th annual Treasure Fair, with three days of silent auction culminating in a live auction gala with auctioneer Walter Stewart at ArtSpring.

On Thursday, July 18, ArtSpring will open its doors at 10 a.m. to a silent auction extravaganza with 700 (and counting) items valued at over \$100,000. Items are avail-

able for perusal and bidding until 5 p.m. that day, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20.

The live auction runs on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m.

Funds raised at the event will help maintain and improve ArtSpring, with a number of projects envisioned. ArtSpring hopes to renew flooring in the gallery and carpet throughout the building, paint the interior and exterior of the building, and upgrade some of the theatre systems.

The society's fundraising goal for 2019 is \$60,000.

Last year, the community raised approximately \$55,000 from Treasure Fair, which allowed ArtSpring to upgrade theatre equipment with a new projector and curtain system, improve technology systems throughout the building, upgrade dressing room hallway wall-to-wall mirrors, and develop a new website (to be launched in late 2019).

With the efforts of dedicated volunteers and Treasure Fair

coordinator Charlotte Priest, the Treasure Fair team reached donation capacity early this year and is thrilled with the array of exceptional items, services and experiences that will be expertly displayed throughout ArtSpring. During the three-day event, Treasure Fair will see hundreds of people come through its doors.

"We always look forward to going to Treasure Fair and for us, it is the highlight of the year at ArtSpring," said longtime supporters Joan and Larry Blackman of

Vetta Chamber Music.

"We have fun bidding on things — both the silent and not-so-silent auctions. Sometimes we end up with bargains, and sometimes not when we get carried away outbidding our friends, but it is all for a great cause."

"This year we are happy to have a few things we can donate. It is just another way to participate in a great event. ArtSpring is not just a building, it is a community, and getting to know and be a part of it is the real treasure."

RECITALS

Tea à Tempo offers wide musical choices

Peter Prince today; Ben Neufeld and Irving Levin next week

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH

The Tea à Tempo weekly concert series continues today (July 3) with music by popular Salt Spring musician Peter Prince and friends.

Prince has taken his musician's soul and filmmaker's eye from the Haida Gwaii to the Himalayas, but his heart is rooted in the Salish Sea's natural beauty and culture. For over three decades he's been writing the West Coast's soundtrack with his progressive blend of folk/world music.

A self-taught multi-instrumentalist, he accompanies himself on piano, acoustic guitar and harmonica. With a rich resonant voice and artfully wrought lyrics, Peter takes listeners on a journey.

Wednesday, July 10 marks the return of pianist Ben Neufeld and cellist Irving Levin to the Tea à Tempo stage.

Both performers are professionals with long and varied careers in music, education and business.

As a student pianist, Neufeld had the honour of being selected by the music faculty at Western Washington University to perform the Schumann A minor piano concerto with the resident orchestra.

After graduation, he spent five years in Malaysian Borneo, involved in teaching and ethno-musicological research.

This was followed by a lengthy career as a high school teacher in the Central Okanagan, during which time he was much involved in the music scene, but not in piano performance.

Last year's recital marked Neufeld's first return to a concert stage as a pianist.

Levin is an ex-professional cellist who played in the Mexican National Symphony as well as many other ensembles in the past.

For years music took a backseat to the raising of four children and an intense business career as an entrepreneur.

Now both musicians and Salt Spring residents have time again to devote to their instruments.

Their concert at All Saints last summer was very well received by the large and appreciative audience.

Next Wednesday's program will feature music by Mendelssohn, Max Bruch, Astor Piazzolla, John Williams and Henrique Granados.

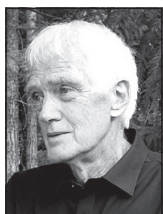
All Tea à Tempo concerts are free or by donation and begin at 2:10 p.m. They are followed by optional tea and treats.



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PAINTERS PARTY: From top: Salt Spring Painters Guild member Delaine Faulkner gives a hug to scholarship recipient Lena Carpenter at the opening of the guild's summer show and sale on Sunday, while Nora Layard looks on; show coordinator Jeannie Paynter is reunited with a sculpture of the Alice in Wonderland caterpillar that she created in 2011. Paynter was too busy to submit any of her recent work to the show so fellow artist Johanna Hoskins brought in the piece as a surprise.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Daniel Lapp and friends take stage at ArtSpring

Part of Treasure Fair weekend

Two powerhouses of Canadian roots music, Daniel Lapp and Stephanie Cadman, will pack the house on Friday, July 19 at ArtSpring.

For the third year, Lapp comes on stage during ArtSpring's annual Treasure Fair fundraising weekend and this year performs with world-renowned dancer Cadman, multi-instrumentalist Corwin Fox and special guest vocalist Cicela Månsson.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Lapp is a world-renowned singer, multi-instrumentalist, composer, teacher, archivist, bandleader, sideman, producer and promoter.

"And Daniel does it all with trademark energy and warmth," said ArtSpring marketing manager Jessica Beck.

As a fiddler, jazz trumpeter and singer/songwriter, Lapp has played on more than 100 albums and performed across Canada, the United States, Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Finland and Germany with some of the world's most renowned folk and jazz musicians.



PHOTO COURTESY ARTSPRING

Fiddler Daniel Lapp teams up with friends Stephanie Cadman, Corwin Fox and Cicela Månsson for a July 19 concert at ArtSpring.

Fox plays banjo, guitar and ukelele, and has toured extensively across Canada, the U.S. and Australia since 1995. More recently his focus has been the Corwin Fox Academy of Perpetual Excellence, with teaching and recording and producing other artists the priority.

Cadman is described as a "quadruple threat" of the performing arts.

"An accomplished actress of stage and screen, a virtuoso musician and a knockout singer, Cadman's talents know no bounds," said Beck.

Special guest for the evening is Cicela Månsson, ArtSpring's executive and artistic director. Månsson is a graduate of the Faculty of Music at McGill and an accomplished coloratura soprano whose tastes range from musical theatre to jazz to classical repertoire. She also has a keen interest in choral music, but will use her talents to treat the audience to an evening of folk music and more.

Tickets are available through the ArtSpring box office in person or online.

YOUTH CREATIVITY

Arts groups offer exhibit and camp opportunities for youth

SSNAP and arts council add components for young artists

Island teens who have always wanted to exhibit their work but have not had an opportunity to do so will have the chance to share their visual arts talents with their community this fall, with the inaugural SSNAP Youth Exhibit.

The Salt Spring Arts Council and the Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) have announced the inaugural program for youth who are aged 13 to 18 during the 2019 calendar year and are residents or attend school in the southern Gulf Islands. The juried exhibit will be shown at the Salt Spring Art Gallery from Oct. 4 to 23 in parallel with the third biennial SSNAP exhibit, which runs Sept. 21 to Oct. 21 at Mahon Hall.

Youth may submit up to three two-dimensional or three-dimensional

works in any medium. Only one piece will be selected. Work must have been completed on or after Jan. 1, 2018 and must be available for the entire duration of the exhibit, with possibility of sale.

Submission forms can be found at <https://ssartscouncil.com/call-youth-art-exhibition/>. Submissions and forms will be accepted at Mahon Hall on Sept. 13 and 14.

To support youth in creating work for the exhibit, SSAC is offering a Teen Summer Art Camp for ages 12 to 16, July 22 to 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The arts council is also offering two summer art camps for ages six to 11. Wild@Art runs July 15 to 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Follow Your Art is from July 29 to Aug. 2, also from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All camps take place in the art tent on the green behind Mahon Hall. Registration is capped at 15 students per camp. Bursary applications are available at www.ssartscouncil.com/youth-summer-bursaries/.



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SALAD BAR: From left, Quinn Donaldson, Julianne Strongman and Meghan Howcroft serve Ronan Gaudet from the kindergarten class during a Salt Spring Elementary School all-school salad bar lunch on June 24, with produce grown at the school's garden.

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS

Conservancy operations dissected at AGM

Better explanation of finances and direction requested

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Conservancy reported a successful year at its annual general meeting on June 21, with the addition of a 60-acre land reserve in 2018 and six new stewardship agreements covering another 102 acres, with more on the way.

Treasurer Lionel Johnson reported that with the decrease to one of the organization's major grants, the conservancy has also made changes over the past several years to become more sustainable. The board has achieved that by balancing out donations and grants, and by shifting the administration structure to include contract consultants when needed in place of some permanent staff positions.

Johnson noted the conservancy is unusual among charitable organizations in that just 20 per cent of its budget goes to administration while 80 per cent goes to fieldwork, which includes land conservation (66 per cent) and outreach (14 per cent).

"We are spending that money back into the community," Johnson said of the \$140,000 received in donations last year.

Not everyone at the meeting agreed the current model is the right approach, however.

Carrina Maslovat, a biologist who did contract work with the conservancy for nine years until resigning around a year ago, raised a series of

questions related to the year-end financial summary.

Maslovat said she disagrees that having a grant-heavy budget is undesirable, and she questioned the loss of staff and contract biologists.

"The amount of work the conservancy is going to be able to do is getting smaller and smaller and smaller," she said, adding she strongly recommended the membership support an in-depth financial audit.

Ren Ferguson did bird surveys for the conservancy on contract for 10 years, plus additional volunteer time. Ferguson resigned from that work last fall after expressing concerns about changes in conservancy operations that she felt were not adequately addressed by the board. They included fiscal questions, organizational structural issues, land management issues and staff-management practices.

Ferguson read out a letter during the AGM outlining the concerns and her frustration with the board.

"Your response was to brush these communications off, with minimal and terse email replies. As far as we can tell, none of these concerns were taken seriously," Ferguson wrote.

Ferguson raised a motion at the meeting, asking the board to commit to an audit of the past two financial years. The original request was for a five-year audit, but some members and directors were reluctant to commit to a process estimated to cost from \$12,000 to \$20,000 per audit year.

Long-time member and volunteer Rowan Percy presented similar concerns and questions during the AGM session, stating she and other peo-

ple involved with the conservancy at different levels had been asking for answers for years without meaningful response.

Conservancy president John Borst believes the board has engaged with those concerns, however, describing a lengthy conversation in correspondence and a previous attempt to set up a meeting, which was then cancelled.

Borst told the Driftwood the conservancy has changed over the years from being entirely volunteer-run to having more staffing positions, and then having to step back from that model after funding cuts. An additional challenge is the former paid volunteer coordinator has retired and there were no funds to replace her.

"The purpose of the organization is to be a land trust. We have done and we want to do more than that, but our purpose is to be a land trust," Borst said.

"I think it's a valued organization. We've done some really good work," he added.

Member Robin Jenkinson supported the audit idea at the AGM, with the opinion that regular reviews are simply best practice for non-profit organizations. Rather than being conducted to find something wrong, she said, they can be very helpful for identifying ways of doing things differently.

The group of concerned members agreed to Borst's suggestion to meet with some executive members soon to discuss their concerns more fully.

"If they're not satisfied we can take it further, and we'll be having meetings to talk further about that," Borst said.

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Wed. July 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Peter Prince and Friends. Music Makers welcome Salt Spring artist Peter Prince and musical friends back to the Tea à Tempo stage at All Saints By-the-Sea. Music starts at 2:10 p.m. Optional tea and treats for purchase after recital.
Chamigos. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose. The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a free drop-in for parents, caregivers and young children from birth to six years old to focus on the pleasure and power of sharing rhymes, songs and stories. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bittancourt House Museum. Open Wednesdays through Sundays at the Farmers' Institute grounds, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through July and August.
Salt Spring Community Theatre Society Social. A social evening to kick off Salt Spring Community Theatre's new season. Play and skit readings, lots of laughs, a membership drive and more. Royal Canadian Legion. 7 to 10 p.m.



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

Thu. July 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Comedy of Errors. The Shakespeare classic with a pirate twist, presented by exitStageLeft Productions. Centennial Park. 7 p.m. Tickets at Salt Spring Books.
The Barley Brothers. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic at Moby's. Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.
Donation Drop-off Day for Giant Book & Jewellery Sales. Bring good-quality book and jewellery donations to the Country Grocer parking lot, north side (around the corner from the liquor store) for Salt Spring Literacy's annual book and jewellery sale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 250-537-9717 or info@saltspringliteracy.org.



Summer Reading Club. A drop-in program for ages five to 12, with crafts, games and fun! SS Public Library. 11 a.m.

Fri. July 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Comedy of Errors. See Wednesday listing.
Early Spirit. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Fri. July 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Buck Dodgers String Band. Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.
Art Show Reception: Jeanne Lyons. Opening event for Jeanne Lyons' exhibition called Elemental - sculpture, prints and works on paper. SS Public Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m.

Sat. July 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Comedy of Errors. See Wednesday listing.
Doug and the Thugs. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Latin Fiesta with La Familia. Live cumba, reggae, salsa and merengue music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.
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.
StoryTime in the Park. Salt Spring Public Library hosts weekly event for ages three to seven in the gazebo in Centennial Park for a peaceful break from the bustle of the Saturday Market. 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Sun. July 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Comedy of Errors. See Wednesday listing, except time is 2 p.m.
Simone & Mike Lamers. Jazz and R&B duo at Moby's Pub. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Mapstone. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.
10th Annual Heritage Day. Interactive experiences, craft demonstrations, great food and music at the Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free!
Salt Spring Forum: Ed Struzik. Author of Firestorm: How Wildfire Will Shape Our Future is the guest speaker. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Mon. July 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Yael Wand. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Simone & Mike Lamers. Jazz and R&B duo at Moby's Pub. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Summer Camp Crafternoon. Summer Library Camp for ages five to nine is full of fun and laughs during a week of crafts. SS Public Library. The camp features a variety of local artists and artisans teaching new skills. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tue. July 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic with Richard Cross. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fit After 50. Gentle exercise program led by Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program instructor Bonnie Milne begins today and runs on Tuesdays until Aug. 27. SS Seniors. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Info: bonmilne@gmail.com



La Leche League Meeting.

The La Leche League meets in the Salt Spring Public Library once a month for breastfeeding support and discussion. 10:30 a.m. For more information contact Ilc. saltspringisland@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Crafternoon.

See Monday listing.
Tuesday Farmers Market.

Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods. Runs June through September at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting.

Public meeting with BC Ferries and Ferry Advisory Committee. Harbour House Hotel. 4:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Tue. July 9

ACTIVITIES

Discussion Group on Spiritual Interests. Facilitated discussion group sees participants explore a variety of topics related to spiritual interests and practices. Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 7 to 8:30 p.m. This week's topic: Spiritual Practice and Climate Disruption.
Trivia Tuesday. At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wed. July 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Ben Neufeld and Irving Levin. Piano and cello recital at All Saints By-the-Sea. Music starts at 2:10 p.m. Optional tea and treats for purchase after recital.
Ivan Boudreau. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Wed. July 10

ACTIVITIES

Youth Film Making. Kids aged 10 to 13 can learn about film making from Deanna Milligan and make a short film to enter in the Salt Spring Youth Film Festival. SS Public Library. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Summer Camp Crafternoon. See Monday listing.
Mother Goose. See last Wednesday's listing.
Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.

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EXHIBITIONS

• **Salt Spring Painters Guild's annual Summer Show and Sale** is on at ArtSpring until July 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.
 • **Jeanne Lyons holds an exhibition called Elemental — sculpture, prints and works on paper** — in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through July. Opening reception is on Friday, July 5 from 4 to 6 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Tranquility, a show of new paintings by Susan Haigh**, runs at Salt Spring Gallery until July 10.
 • **Duthie Gallery shows Houses, new paintings by Josephine Fletcher**, until July 21. Gallery hours are Fridays through Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 • **The ArtCraft Showcase exhibition** features abstracted studies of nature in paint and basketry by Barbra Edwards and Carol Dodd on the Mahon Hall stage through July 24.
 • **Nicola Wheston** shows the oil paintings that illustrated the new Mother Tongue Publishing book Love of the Salish Sea Islands in an exhibition running until July 8 in Unit 5, Merchant Mews.
 • **Photography by Connie Kuhns and Jen Holmes** shows at Pod Contemporary.

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COMMUNITY

Infant and elder part of unique community

Nonagenarian and newborn both live at Heritage Place

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The newest resident at Heritage Place for Seniors is younger than the oldest resident by almost a century.

On June 7, Sadie Millar was born to live-in care-aid Alisa Yule. Yule's job requires that she live on site at the facility in case of emergencies, and since the facility is home to Yule, it was only natural that she continue living there after her daughter was born.

"She'll have a good sense of family, community and [she'll feel that] all of Heritage Place is home," Yule said.

Though a seniors centre is not the first place one would expect to find a newborn baby, Yule has a history of living at Heritage Place. Her mother, current care coordinator Sandi Muller, lived at the



From left, 99-year-old Harold Blanes, who is the oldest resident of Heritage Place; the youngest resident, Sadie Millar, and her mother Alisa Yule.

facility and raised Yule through childhood.

"In 2005, Heritage Place opened its doors. The first hire was myself and my 10-year-old daughter. We moved in, we did our thing, we cooked and cleaned and the community here raised that little girl," Muller said. "[Alisa] would fall asleep on the seniors' lap. They raised

her. They were my support . . . We've done a full circle."

"I grew up with my mom working with seniors, so I have fond memories of going to work with her and having loads of grandparents," Yule added. "I think it's pretty neat to be able to have her here and to be able to raise her here in the same sort of experi-



PHOTOS BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

ence that I was brought up in."

Just downstairs from Yule's apartment is one belonging to Harold Blanes. Blanes, a 99-year-old veteran of the Second World War, is the oldest resident of the facility. Blanes has only been living at the centre for around six months. He is still an active member of the community

and even gets to travel and visit family.

"He's great, he's out walking every day," Muller said about Blanes. "Harold is special because he's 99 and we're hoping that he's our first 100-year-old . . . He flew to Alberta to visit his 105-year-old sister. How can you even wrap your head around that?"

Though he has not met

the baby yet because she's too young to be taken out of her home, Blanes has seen pictures and cannot wait to meet the youngest resident.

"She's getting rather big isn't she?" he asked Muller as she showed Blanes the newest photo of the baby. "She's got quite the head of hair, more than I've got!" he added, taking off his ball cap and showing his smooth bald head.

All of the residents at Heritage Place are excited to get to know the new arrival. Yule said that one of the benefits of raising a child in a place like this is that she'll always be able to find a babysitter.

After her experience in raising a child at a seniors' facility, Muller is excited to enjoy the process again, this time as a grandmother.

"It's a bonus for me because I get to be really close to my granddaughter, and I've been very close to Alisa," Muller said. "To be able to watch Alisa as a mom doing what I used to do, it warms this momma-bear's heart."

CONNECTIONS

Groups benefit from small grants

Salt Spring Foundation program continues

The Salt Spring Island Foundation, in partnership with Salt Spring Island Community Services, is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2019 Neighbourhood Small Grants. The Neighbourhood Small Grants program offers grants of \$50 to \$500 to support projects that bring people together, share skills and knowledge, build a sense of community belonging and responsibility, and respect and celebrate diversity.

Bard on the Ridge

This Eagle Ridge event brings neighbours of all ages together to perform a shortened version of one of Shakespeare's plays through a staged reading with music. A dessert potluck follows the family event.

Canvasback Neighbours Barbecue

To be held in August, this event for the Canvasback Place neighbourhood will provide an opportunity for residents to meet, socialize and discuss emergency planning and preparedness.

Creative CoSSI

This creative skill-share series offers locals a chance to facilitate a "play-shop" in their chosen craft to a group of 15 people per session.

Fort Street Fire Safety Awareness Barbecue

The Fort Street neighbourhood will be hosting a barbecue to raise the awareness of fire risk and assist in emergency planning. The event will also boost neighbourhood spirit by helping neighbours get to know each other.

Glitter Queens Summer Workshops

The Glitter Queens workshops are for girls aged 10 to 13 to learn skills, trades and crafts from women in our community.

Gulf Island Lakes Publication

This publication will be a compilation of five recent reports on freshwater quality data and lake ecology of the Southern Gulf Islands and will be made available to island residents at the Salt Spring Island Library.

Non-Binary Family Picnic

To be held at Drummond Park, this picnic for families with gender non-conforming children will provide an opportunity to connect through fun and common ground, celebrating diversity while increasing the sense of belonging and connections between these families.

Salty Skippers

The Salty Skippers will be holding weekly double-dutch skipping sessions for fun and fitness at Salt Spring Elementary School. All community members are welcome to attend.

Sweat Lodge Dressmaking Workshop

This two-day sewing workshop led by experienced instructors will teach participants how to make a sweat lodge dress, a traditional costume worn by participants in a sweat lodge ceremony.

Park-Kanaka Block Watch Party

Residents of the Park-Kanaka neighbourhood will be holding a block party to bring neighbours together for food and information-sharing, featuring a specific focus on ways to ensure neighbourhood safety.

Notice to the Public

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

4:15 pm to 6:45 pm

Harbour House Hotel

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SPEAKERS

Wildfire evolution explored

Firestorm author at Salt Spring Forum

BY GEORGE SIPOS

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

June has come and gone without the distressingly extreme wildfires we experienced in B.C. over the last two summers. So far so good.

But a glance at the international headlines shows a much bleaker picture elsewhere. Higher temperatures, stronger winds and drier lands across the globe are igniting wildfires like we've rarely seen before.

We have to ask how long our own luck can hold.

Edward Struzik, a journalist, environmentalist and Fellow at the Institute of Energy and Environmental Policy at Queens University, has been at the forefront of thinking about climate change, forest fires and the best technical, social and political responses to these growing challenges.

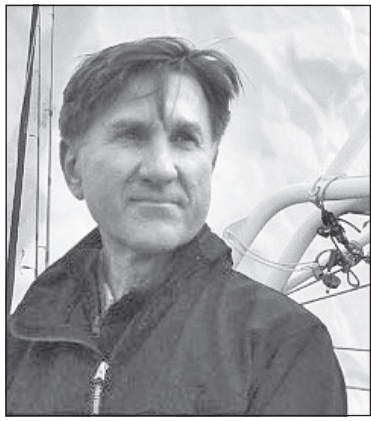


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Edward Struzik, author of *Firestorm: How Wildfire Will Shape Our Future*, is the July 7 Salt Spring Forum speaker at ArtSpring.

He will join the Salt Spring Forum in discussion on Sunday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpring.

This special event will be moderated by Tom Bremner, the former chief of the Salt Spring Fire Department, whose extensive knowledge of local

conditions, forest fire prevention measures, and firefighting resources will make the discussion all the more relevant.

Wildfire is of course a natural and in many ways essential part of the ecosystem. But human activity has exacerbated the magnitude of its harmful effects, and so requires new ways of living with — and being prepared for — extreme fires in the future.

This is the key point of Struzik's recent important book *Firestorm: How Wildfire Will Shape Our Future*. He urges a wide range of action, everything from rethinking urban planning, adopting more fire resistant building materials, rethinking firefighting strategies and increasing research into the science of extreme fires.

Tickets are available from Salt Spring Books, from the ArtSpring Box Office, and online at: artspring.ca/boxoffice/

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rural islands get forum

Fall conference event aims to build partnerships

British Columbia's rural islands have launched an initiative to cultivate economic partnerships through the first ever Rural Islands Economic Forum, a two-day event coming to Pender Island Nov. 7 and 8, 2019.

Spearheaded by the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, the forum will bring together leaders from rural island communities to focus on advancing local and regional, sustainable, economic capacity building. Press material explains the event will prioritize actions related to economic well-being, the sharing of best practices and how partnerships can be fostered across the islands.

Participating communities from B.C. include Bowen, Cormorant, Cortes, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Hornby, Malcolm, Mayne, Pender, Quadra, Salt Spring, Saturna, Texada and Thetis islands. Washington state's San Juan Island will also be participating.

CEDC chair Francine Carlin says there is already enthusiastic support for the program.

"There's considerable interest in creating a conference that focuses on the economic need and challenges facing rural island communities," Carlin states in the press release. "With 16 islands actively engaged in this endeavour, it provides an opportunity to address our common challenges and seek solutions to advance entrepreneurial sustainable strategies, protect rural island cultures, collaborate with First Nations and envision a sustainable future through a rural island lens."

Cortes Island regional director Noba Anderson agrees the forum is timely.

"In our present era of active climate change, it is time for rural islands to build deep resiliency and adaptation through sharing our experiences and outlining our common interests. In so doing, we will help make our islands places that can both sustain what is coming, as well as be centres of learning," Anderson explained. "We envision this as the first gathering of an on-going rural island network where we will share knowledge and advocate together for what we need to sustain our islands' well being in the face of immanent and unprecedented change."

The organizers promise the forum will be educational, informational and action-oriented and bring together a diverse representation of rural island economic development, business and community builders from across B.C.'s populated rural islands.

Remember

WHEN

Five years ago

• A bureaucratic curve ball that prohibited the sale and consumption of alcohol on a pathway next to the Tree House Cafe jeopardized the future of Ganges' funkier gathering place. Mark LeCorre received a letter from the Salt Spring Island Harbour Authority that ordered him to cease serving alcohol to customers at tables along the walkway. According to Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Harbour Authority Manual, which outlines regulations for lands controlled by regional harbour authorities across the country, "consumption of alcoholic beverages is only permitted on private vessels."

Ten years ago

• Green Party leader Elizabeth May was debating whether or not she would be moving to the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding with the hopes of winning a seat in the House of Commons. May held a book signing on Pender Island, and was a guest speaker at the Green Party's AGM in Saanich — appearances that continued to fuel speculation on her candidacy in the riding. May had been holding off on making an announcement because of the possibility of a summer by-election.

Twenty years ago

* The B.C. Supreme Court ordered Petro-Canada to end its two-week occupation of the Gasoline Alley Gas Station, as well as ordered owner Spencehill Holdings Ltd. to remove the "Save-On-Gas" signs. Pumps opened on Canada Day after the signs were replaced by "Support your island company" signs. However, the signs did not specify which company. A dramatic standoff occurred the week before when Petro-Canada tankers drove into the gas station and sucked out the Save-On-Gas fuel from the underground tanks. A bailiff and several Petro-Canada hired hands were camping out in the gas station office. When a 19-year-old employee showed up to work, he was met by six men who told him he needed to leave. The men showed the employee a letter from their lawyer, and proceeded to take over the office and lock the door. Spencehill Holdings was involved in legal action against Petro-Canada over gas prices, claiming that the supplier charged the island gas station too much for the fuel it delivered.

Thirty years ago

• For many years, dogs had plagued island sheep farmers, particularly during lambing season. However, smaller critters were adding to complaints lodged at the Capital Regional District. Complaints about rabbits in particular had increased dramatically, with 17 being impounded on Salt Spring during the first quarter of 1989. Cats were still the largest group of offenders on Salt Spring, with 40 impounded. Thirty-four complaints were lodged about dogs, with 32 impounded. In all, Salt Spring had the highest increase in the district of animal complaints.

Forty years ago

• Sports fisherman were blocking ferry traffic in Active Pass, prompting ferry captains to radio to police informing them of the navigation hindrance. Police from Sidney went to the scene and laid charges. Ganges RCMP reported that the season brought a plague of complaints from the ferries as small boats had refused to give way to the bigger ships. Offenders would be charged under the Canada Shipping Act, and the problem resurfaced every year. Small boats fished yearly in the mouth of Active Pass to catch salmon, and were often more concerned with the fish than the ferries.

Fifty years ago

• Planning was looming closer for the islands. The Capital Regional District Board gave unanimous approval to the call for a survey of planning needs for the Gulf Islands. The decision to support a planning survey was prompted by the idea that the islands were facing major development, and without planning the attractions of the area would be lost. Unplanned development that had already happened put a strain on natural and man-made resources, as well as basic scenic and environmental qualities of the islands. "The beauty of the islands is too well known to permit them to be ruined," suggested a Victoria alderman.



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A master gardener and "plant lady"; she was passionate about creating incredible gardens and orchestrated years of community garden tours. As an accomplished outdoors woman; she hiked solo and with friends throughout the west and spent many years kayaking the wild coasts of B.C. She was avid about protecting wilderness and was a committed letter writer and contributor to many environmental organizations.

A loving and loyal friend, she cultivated beloved relationships and had many friendships lasting over 45 years. Many of her close connections were made through her appreciation of the process of creativity and design. She was known for going out of her way to show kindness and thoughtfulness to others by seeking out a special plant or sending a heartfelt card. She was an incredible mother, immensely dedicated and nurturing to her son and daughter, always going out of her way to provide. Her two cherished granddaughters had the very best of times with their "TuTu"; spending hours giggling and cuddling in bed with books, after a day spent at the beach.

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IDEAS

Book reminds why we live here

Concept of home region important

BY BOB WEEDEN

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Mona Fertig of Mother Tongue Press launched her new book, *Love of the Salish Sea Islands*, on June 23. The event brought writers and friends together to celebrate the individual pieces and their combined impact. It triggered some new/old thoughts about homelands.

Just over three years ago, then Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson talked to Salt Springers about how developing a deep feeling of belonging could help fulfill our nation's and our own individual promise.

She marshalled good arguments. I couldn't accept them all, though. If I'm going to make the commitment called "belonging" I want it to be to something more worthy than I am, and far more enduring. The farm wife in Frost's "The Hired Man" caught part of that when she said, "Home, rather, is something you haven't to deserve."

The other part is that nations have political boundaries, and politics change. I remember the pink, blue, yellow and green countries in my fifth grade atlas of Africa, drawn to 1930s politics. Any resemblance to 1950s realities, today's boundaries, or to things-as-they'll-be a decade from now, is purely coincidental.

The obvious alternative is to belong to something founded on geographic realities, a place that is different from others nearby in ways that demand an adjustive human response. It doesn't take much. A community north of Parksville hasn't got the summer drought issues the Gulf Islands do, but they do fret more about snowy streets.

And so I've imagined entities called home regions, defined primarily by natural characteristics, that don't replace politically

bounded nations or provinces but slowly become our right-off-the-bat identity and consistent focus of our social interactions. "I'm a prairie gal and I'm ticked at the way that trade agreement is screwing up places I loved as a kid."

With world climates changing I've got to be careful about playing the stability card. However, I'll wager that before Prince Rupert is a world centre for redwood lumber and prickly pear cactus is a garden pest in Ganges, the Scots, French Canadians and Americans of the Deep South will have found the political moment to achieve their hearts' desires. The map of Europe, Africa, and South America will have changed several times more.

Home regions have more than longevity in their favour. A home region reflects the essence of what it is to be human. It honours our mortal body, that fragile, limiting, enabling, tough, vulnerable, momentary integration of physical form and energized process. It offers room for the human mind that somehow merges brain and body into something powerfully more — and frees the spirit to emerge from the interplay of mind and body, individual and society. Nature is full of examples of new capacities born when more limited form combine: when cells form organs, organs form bodies, cooperating bodies form families and societies, and merging societies form humanity.

But why stop? What will emerge from the collective human spirit? Maybe some ultimate meaning of Life as Earth's defining characteristic, still mysterious though we contribute to it every day. "Ultimate," did I say? That's quite a while. Maybe that emerging Life spirit would be but a stepping-stone to a future phenomenon emerging on our ever-new Earth.

Meanwhile I'll pay taxes so Canada and B.C. can do things we can't do individually. My deepest allegiance, though, will be to the very natural, very human region I call home.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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As the first official month of summer gains momentum, it does so with a list of important added factors. The Solar Eclipse on July 2 is principal among them and it revealed some added features making this one extra potent. Specifically, while the Sun and Moon were aligned with the Lunar North Node, Saturn was exactly conjunct the South Node. This presents an added tone of serious, weighted and sobering moods and attitudes to the plot. Positively, it can be harnessed to get things done. The eclipse at 10 Cancer contains a strong dose of Scorpio energy as well. This signifies powerful, hidden ambitions at play. Jupiter and Neptune zealously squaring off are keeping the moral, ethical debate piping hot. Mars in Leo conjunct Mercury meanwhile suggests that some of these will prove to be quite dramatized and attention seeking too. Mercury turns retrograde in Leo on July 7th adding its own special sauce to the mix and in this metaphor, the spice is red hot chili peppers.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

A dramatic and playful mood prevails. The focus remains on the home front as questions about where home and heart can happily meet represent center stage. As Mercury turns retrograde and re-enters Cancer later this month, the emotional barometer will escalate. In the forefront, your sights will be set to have some fun in the sun.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

A powerful activation of your public and professional life will become apparent over the next couple of weeks. This could manifest as a new job or promotion. However, it could also manifest as the ending of a line of work. If it is the latter, trust the flow. Either way, the time has come to get serious about breaking through and free.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Your energy levels are running high and you are in an animated mod. Yet, you also want to get to the bottom of things. Further, Mercury retrograde will deepen and sharpen your focus. This could be applied well to projects. Yet, be careful not to be too casual with your words and deeds regarding others as the sharp edges will cut.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

This eclipse will serve to broaden your vision. Yet, the result of doing so will manifest as a deepening of your desires and ambitions. This again is where the test comes in. You more than any other sign are tested repeatedly whether to take the higher, the middle or the lower road. Deciphering what these are is part of the task. This requires stepping back to truly see.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

The focus now is upon security. It probably includes new perspectives and approaches regarding your diet and nutrition intake. Financial questions and concerns are also featured. Sometimes you are more cavalier in your spending, but not this time. Now you are keen to stretch your money as much as you can. Where you will invest is linked to why cupid aims arrows, in love.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The Solar Eclipse will have the effect of plunging you back into the deep waters. This episode of your destiny is to support you to clear the old to make way for the new...power. It is an important completion of a process that has already been underway for many months, or is that years? If this is not apparent, you may have some real work to do.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

The Solar Eclipse in your sign is activating your sense of individuality. With it comes a rebellious attitude wherever blocks and delays or control from others plays a role. You may surprise yourself and others, as you decline offers that you might have previously accepted. If ever it was a time to be true to your feelings and convictions, it is now.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Life is all about relationships and you are about to get yet another reminder of their importance in your life. Positively, you will feel empowered by the interactions. Yet, there remains some deep end work to do and this will be made especially evident while Mercury is retrograde, later this month and into August. Dive deep to stretch your emotional body.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A busy time behind the scenes is taking a lot of your focus. Yet, you also want to get out, have fun and explore new territory. You are wise to yield to the latter now and for the next couple of weeks as much as you can. Then, with your happy tanks filled, you will be able to address those important background projects more willingly.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Hopefully you are ready and willing to give more of yourself this week and for the next few because that is what is in store. The less you expect to receive, the better, so what you do receive will come as a perk rather than a disappointment. Giving could include contributing to a playful mood and seeing the humor in events and circumstances. Keep any criticisms constructive.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

If originality is important to you, it will be especially so now and over the coming weeks. Yet, your focus will likely be directed to your lab, study, and studio more than on any stage. This is the time to do the work. Decisiveness is the key. Yet, it requires clarity. With so many distractions, this may be your first most important task.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Creative projects usually imply effort. Creative dreaming is great too, but the results are less tangible. Either way, your mind will be sharp and pointed at the finer details. Frivolous fun will not hold as much appeal or bring the same level of satisfaction as industrious play and creative activity. Focus to create something magnificent!

Recognize this pile of wood? Send your answer to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com or answer on Facebook.

Last Week's Answer: **Meron Moroz** was the first person to identify one of the carved trees in the Hart Memorial Disc Golf Course in Mouat Park.

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

Marv Coulthard

Marv Coulthard is the man behind the Canada Day cannons that have become such a popular tradition at Salt Spring's annual July 1st celebrations. Marv was also an instigator of the whole Canada Day Show & Shine and the local car club that sponsors it. Until retiring last year, Marv had been ArtSpring's technical director since day one, and had a 30-year career in the technical side of the CBC before that.

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WEDNESDAY

SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP is on hiatus for the summer. Info: Email cloudie48@gmail.com
STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD is on hiatus for the summer.
SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harbour House Hotel.
SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

5RHYTHMS MOVEMENT & DANCE CLASS led by Shauna Devlin at All Saints By-the-Sea (downstairs). 9 to 10 a.m.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC at SS Seniors Centre board room. 10 to 11 a.m. Confidential, accurate, easy and convenient.
BOOMERFIT at Fulford Hall. 9 to 10 a.m. Exercise classes for the boomer gen. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.
BRIDGE CLUB at the SS Library program room from 12:30 to 4 p.m.
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.
COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone issues at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start).
FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY offers free access to premium genealogy websites at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.
GAMES AFTERNOON at Salt Spring Seniors. 1 to 3 p.m.
HATHA FLOW YOGA with Dorothy Price at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
KIRTAN at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.
MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333.
MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
SSI PAINTERS GUILD meets at ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. For activities see website sspaintersguild.ca.
SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel Crofton Room from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SWING DANCE at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TECH TUTORING with Peter Freeman at Salt Spring Public Library. Times available at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Free training and assistance with tech issues, including Windows, Mac, iPads, eReaders, tablets, using OverDrive, and more. Call or drop by the information desk to sign up.
YOGA - Mixed levels with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. PLUS Chair Yoga (Seniors) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
YOGA with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: info@santoshayoga-retreats.com, 250-537-7675
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome.
ZUMBA TONING with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Beginner/Level I with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716

EVERY FRIDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - All Levels with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Call 250-538-1716 or check YogaInSaltSpring.com for details.
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

AL-ANON - Do you have problems with someone's drinking? Meet at 135 Drake Road (Catholic church) rear portable from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome.
ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE. All are welcome to join the tango group, Por el Amor del Tango, at weekly practicas. All Saints By-the-Sea. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: ssi.tango@gmail.com
ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
CHOIR at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
FIT AFTER 50 - a gentle exercise program focusing on increasing the range of motion in our joints. Led by Bonnie Milne, an Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program instructor. SS Seniors Centre. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to Aug. 27. bonmilne@gmail.com.
FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.
LIFE DRAWING GROUP meets at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir meets at SS Seniors at 10:30 a.m.
NIA — On hiatus for the summer. See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church upper hall. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.
MEN'S GROUP - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, reinless@mender.ca or meetup.com/reinless/
PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
SQUASH - Have Fun Learning Squash introductory sessions at the squash court at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Bring clean non-marking shoes. First time is free. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
SS SEARCH & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
STAY & PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6 at Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Level I/II with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716
YOGA with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

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

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RUNNING

Islanders hit the streets

Runners enter Lower Mainland and Whistler races

Salt Spring Islanders have been running far afield this spring.

On May 5, Salt Springers were in Vancouver running in the BMO 8K and half-marathon races. In their fourth annual BMO 8K, Ryan Madro finished in 49:39 to claim 45th of 522 in his 25-29 age group, a top 10 per cent finish, while Walt Madro finished in 50:02 for an eighth place of 143 in his 60-64 age group, a top five per cent finish.

In the half marathon, John Shepherd finished in 1:52:48 for 10th place of 90 in his 65-69 age group, a top 10 per cent finish. Anne Millerd finished in 2:31:48 to claim 53rd of 119 in her 60-64 age group.

On May 26, two Salt Springers were represented in the Envision Financial Run for Water 5K in Abbotsford for the benefit of clean water access in Ethiopia. Michele Severn finished in 40:07, earning her a 13th place of 46 in her 50-54 age group. Jade Greenwood finished in 44:29 for a 30th place of 50 in her 25-29 age group.

On Father's Day, Eric Ellis ran the Athletics Canada National Half-Marathon Championships in Winnipeg, finishing in 1:48:24.8 for first place of 20 in his 70-74 age group, 332nd of 1,399 men and 414th of 2583 runners overall.

On June 23, Duncan Eley completed the Scotiabank Half-Marathon in Vancouver in a personal best time of 1:46:44, which earned him a 41st place of 139 in his



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Duncan Eley at the finish line of the Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon on June 23.

50-54 age group, 605th of 1,717 men and 792nd of all 3,345 finishers.

Marcia Jansen and Marion Young have just returned from Whistler where they did on-course training and attended workshops in preparation for the Whistler full Ironman triathlon competition on July 28.

GOLF

June golf action excites

Choices and Legion fundraising tourneys

BY MARCIA HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Final results are in for the June tournaments at Salt Spring Golf Club.

The foursome of Chad Little, Eric Taylor, Doug Ryan and Corbin Scott won the Choices event. Scott also won the men's long drive competition.

The magical moment of the day was when Jason Newport, a member of the Choices program, drilled his tee shot six inches wide of the cup on #2. His shot won the KP competition and he sank the putt for his own legitimate birdie. The crowd went wild!

The Annual Legion Fundraiser Tournament was held on June 8 and it was a fun time for all, especially the winners: Peter Huser, Steven Hardy, and Rob and Charlie Holmes. Equally happy was the "most honest" team of Franki Johnston, June Vergalen, Nora Wright and Johane Sinclair.

On June 16, Ian Shopland and Gary Tremblay played their tie breaker, 18-hole round to determine the winner of the Morris Low Net Cup. Shopland won by two strokes, capturing both the Mouat and Morris cups this year. Matson Cup match play continues.

The 18-hole ladies played for the Brooks Cup on June 25. Jane Hickie breezed back onto the island the night before and swept the title for the net tournament with a 65. Jill Thompson shared the score but secured second place, based on the countback tie breaker.

Jenny Pickering hoisted the Rose Bowl after defeating Dora Reynolds in the final round of the ladies gross match play tournament.

The Lady Minto Hospital Tournament is 10 days away, teeing off on Saturday, July 13. Penny's Pantry will be serving drinks and dinner at approximately 5 p.m. Many of the introductory lessons graduates will be joining in the fun of this scramble event. Register online at <https://ladymintofoundation.com/golf> and support our hospital fundraiser.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

July 2019

An Update from BC Ferries

Report Card on the *Quinitsa*

Dear Crofton-Vesuvius Bay customers,

After 27 years of serving customers travelling the Crofton – Vesuvius Bay route, the 55-year old *Howe Sound Queen* retired from the fleet on June 4. The following day, the *Quinitsa* began service on the route.

It has been about one month since we made the transition. We are closely monitoring the performance of the *Quinitsa*, and we can report that in the vessel's first full week of service, June 9-15, the *Quinitsa* carried more vehicles, sailed without weight limiting empty deck space and had better on-time performance than the *Howe Sound Queen* in comparable weeks.

Although the *Quinitsa* can carry about five fewer vehicles, it has a significantly greater weight capacity. For commercial carriers travelling between Crofton and Salt Spring Island, we are able to fill the entire deck space when loading large, heavy vehicles.

On April 1, BC Ferries added sailings and adjusted some sailing times to the route. We implemented further adjustments on May 1 to move Dangerous Goods sailings to less popular times, freeing up higher demand sailings for regular customers. We will continue to look at ways to minimize wait times for our customers.

	June 9-15, 2019	June 10-16, 2018	June 11-17, 2017
<i>Quinitsa</i>	<i>Howe Sound Queen</i>	<i>Howe Sound Queen</i>	
On-time performance	92.9%*	40.4%	80.6%
Average load on a full ferry (AEQ**)	46.9*	51.8	52.1
% of sailings full	41.8%*	18.5%	7.2%
Vehicles carried during the week	6221*	6125	5875

* Preliminary data. May be subject to change.

**AEQ - Automobile Equivalent (AEQ) is used to determine vessel capacity based on a standard vehicle measure of 6.1 x 2.6 meters, roughly equal to a full size family vehicle.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and comments. Our next Ferry Advisory Committee meeting is Tuesday, July 9, 4:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at Harbour House Hotel. The meeting is open to the public. Our Customer Service team can take your comments and suggestions, too. Emails can be sent to customerservice@bcferries.com.

Thank you to everyone who provided valuable feedback, so far.

Sincerely,

Mark Wilson

Vice President, Strategic Planning & Community Engagement

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