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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

## Housing project officially launched



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Shovels hit the dirt at the Salt Spring Commons site on Bishops Walk Road near Ganges following a celebratory event on July 16. From left are CRD director Gary Holman, Salt Spring Island Community Services executive director Rob Grant, B.C. Housing Minister Selina Robinson, SSICS board chair Jody Hawley, MLA Adam Olsen and Islands Trust trustee Peter Grove.

### Construction of 24 units expected to start in the fall

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Community Services, along with the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Capital Regional District, broke ground on the Salt Spring Commons project last Tuesday.

The project, which has been in the works since 1994, will be built on a two-hectare parcel of land on Bishops Walk Road that is owned by SSICS, and will provide 24 affordable rental homes to people on Salt Spring.

"As we all know, developing anything on Salt Spring is an epic voyage. To actually get close to completion is amazing," said SSICS executive director Rob Grant. "It's not easy and it's going to take a lot of diligence and patience to get ahead of the game with housing on this island."

SSICS received provincial funds to the tune of \$2.4 million for the project, which was announced by Housing Minister Selina Robinson at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Eight triplex buildings will be constructed on the site, which will include two- and three-bedroom units.

"We're not just building housing, but we're building a neighbourhood," Grant said. "There's lots of space there and the design of the whole thing is to be family-friendly... Although it's a bit of a roundabout drive to get there, it's only a 10-minute walk into town."

Thirty per cent of the homes will be for middle-income families, with annual incomes of up to \$60,000. Half of the units will be available to lower-income residents, and the remaining 20 per cent will be for low-income families and residents. According to a news release from the ministry, rental rates are projected to be between \$570 per month for two-bedroom units and \$1,475 for three-bedroom units.

"These are often people who are working, they're doing their best to raise their families or they're on a fixed income," Robinson said. "They're a part of the community, but need secure and safe housing so they can eliminate their stress and put their energy into their work, volunteering and into their families. We want to make sure they can do that."

Announced in its 2018 budget, the NDP

government plans to build 114,000 homes for British Columbians by 2028. Salt Spring Commons is part of the first round of projects to benefit from the Community Housing Fund.

The Community Housing Fund is used to provide housing for families with incomes up to \$107,000. The Salt Spring Commons project is for the lower end of that income bracket, with a maximum income of \$60,000 per family.

"We have a 10-year plan because it is going to take 10 years to really deliver on the housing that people need. We know that people are desperate and we know that people need it. We are moving as fast as we can, but it does take time, especially here on the island," Robinson said.

Robinson explained that the ministry asked local governments and agencies across the province to prepare ideas for a future call for projects. The recipients will be announced in the spring of 2020. Additional funds and support for Salt Spring Commons were provided by SSICS, the CRD and the Islands Trust.

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TH	1546	2.1	6.9	MO	1658	3.1	10.2
JE	2240	3.1	10.2	LU	2035	2.9	9.5
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**ON THE JOB:** A giant barge and crane appeared in Ganges Harbour on Monday, as construction has begun on the Salt Spring Marina dock reconstruction after final government approvals were recently received. Dredging began on Tuesday morning and is expected to be completed within a week, says Island Marine Construction, which is handling the project.

**SSI FIRE DISTRICT**

# Fire trustees dissect water flow

Equipment needs also discussed by board

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Increasing firefighting capacity and water flow in the Ganges village area will continue to be a priority for the Salt Spring Fire Protection District this year, as the department explores saltwater drafting and infrastructure options.

The potential for collaborating with the Capital Regional District to install pumps and piping along the Ganges harbourwalk was discussed more fully at the board of trustees' meeting on Monday, July 15. Board chair Ron Lindstrom had already sent a letter of invitation to CRD director Gary Holman to explore the idea, which was well received.

The board voted to support the CRD and local bodies that are attempting to complete the boardwalk project, and asked them to consider the district's public safety needs in an eventual construction project. The board also voted to have their facilities and physical plant committee report on firefighting deficiencies in the village core along with potential solutions. Flow requirements were flagged as an issue in the most recent Fire Underwriters Survey assessment.

The board held back from cost-sharing on the \$10,000 needed for harbourwalk concept drawings, as suggested by trustee Rollie Cook.

"If we invested \$5,000, which is a nominal sum for us, we could assist the CRD in moving this forward. And it would grant our chief and our staff the right to review the preliminary drawings to ensure our needs are reflected," Cook argued.

Holman, who was in attendance, reported the CRD was committed to providing the drawings anyway as part of a community right-of-way application for foreshore access that is now being considered by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural

Development. The intention now is to include saltwater pumps and piping in the design concept.

Trustee Per Svendsen expressed some reservations about the harbourwalk idea, including the fact the board as a whole did not discuss it before Lindstrom's first letter to the CRD went out. Svendsen further noted the pumps have 20-foot maximum draft, so the harbourwalk design would have to meet those specifications. He also questioned why the district would invest so much to satisfy FUS, since that organization has not been able to say how much local insurance rates might improve with better water resources.

Other board members observed that piggybacking onto the boardwalk is just one option for increasing water resources, and is by no means an assured solution — especially since the project might never be completed.

**"It would be an excellent use of that truck. As it stands now it's pretty well useless."**

PER SVENDSEN  
SSI Fire Protection  
District trustee

"I also agree a boardwalk would be awesome for the community," said trustee Andreas Gideon. "But as we've discussed in committee with the chief, there are multiple other options on how potentially to do this, from water tanks to other avenues to meet that saltwater pumping from."

Trustee Howard Holzapfel argued the district should investigate a saltwater pump with high capacity flow that BC Ferries installed at Long Harbour but apparently doesn't use.

**Mini pumper overhaul**

Fire board members have approved a recommendation from Fire Chief Arjuna George that will transform a mini pumper purchased in 2012 into a rescue vehicle.

A staff report notes the vehicle was overweight for adequate emergency performance and therefore under-utilized. The fire department investigated selling the unit but learned it was valued at only a third of the original purchase price.

Removing the pump will decrease the unit weight by over 900 kg (2,000 lbs), plus an additional 900 kg for water carried. The modification will allow the department to stock the apparatus with equipment currently stored in fire halls and reduce some of the equipment load on the frontline engines.

"It would be an excellent use of that truck. As it stands now it's pretty well useless," Svendsen commented.

The pump will likely be used for training at the Fulford fire hall but could also be mounted on a trailer for wildfire campaigns.

**Smoke control regulations coming**

In other business at the July 15 meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Jamie Holmes reported the province has created new regulations on open burning smoke control that will go into effect on Sept. 15. The fire department is still reviewing the legislation, but Holmes said it appears likely changes will have to be made to Salt Spring's burning bylaw to reflect the new rules.

The legislation includes new mapping of sensitivity areas. Salt Spring has been identified as having high sensitivity to smoke and fine particulate matter pollution (PM2.5). According to a staff report, open burning produces as much PM2.5 as transportation, wood heating and the wood-processing industry combined.

The fire officers will report back to the board with recommendations.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## St. Mary Lake 'Blow Up' on Sunday

Islanders, lakeside resort guests and water-lovers of all kinds are invited to St. Mary Lake this Sunday, July 28 for the first annual inflatable vehicle "blow up."

The community gathering will launch from various points starting at noon and converge somewhere in the middle of the lake, thanks to an idea launched by Racheal Doucette.

"I think we don't have a lot of stuff that is straight up for fun," Doucette observed about Salt Spring Island. "This will be lots of colour, lots of different people, and just a good time."

Doucette said the idea for the meet-up started from her own purchase of an inflatable kayak. She was so thrilled about the purchase and told so many people about it at her 19B Barbershop, it caused Amazon sales to shut down. Then she and her husband Todd Mitchell decided they should form an inflatable group.

Since coming up with the blow-up idea, Doucette's clients have been assembling their own flotation devices. One person has a giant turtle, for example. Doucette has handed out leaflets inviting people who live around the lake and the resort communities to join in. Everyone who wants to come is welcome.

"Anything that floats, people should just bring it down and have fun. It's the first annual blow up because we're going to do this every year," Doucette added.

## Land donation essential

### SS COMMONS

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Grant explained that the project was possible largely due to the site being transferred to SSICS in 2012. The lands once belonged to the Catholic Diocese of Victoria.

"If there is anyone else out there in the community that wants to flat-out donate land to a non-profit for housing, then it'll be in the starting blocks," he said. "There are other people who are developing housing as well. If this sort of inspires other people, then great."

### BC FERRIES

# BC Ferries' outlines contingency plans



PHOTO BY GRANT GRAYSON

MV Quinitsa in dock at Vesuvius Bay. If the 44-car Quinitsa needs to be pulled from service for more than three days, a just-published BC Ferries contingency plan would see the 26-car Quadra Queen II put on the Vesuvius-Crofton route.

## Document made public for the first time

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries released a copy of its contingency plan to the public last week, which outlines how and why replacements are planned to fill potential gaps in service caused by issues with vessels.

"We always hope that breakdowns or events don't occur across the fleet, but sometimes they do," said BC Ferries' vice president of strategy and community engagement Mark Wilson last week. "We want to make sure as a very efficient service provider that we have a plan that we can fall back to if things occur, to hopefully minimize the impact."

In the summer of 2018, the Quinitsa was held as a reserve ferry for any possible outages in the Gulf Islands. The 44-car vessel proved useful after a training incident on the Queen of Cumberland caused damage that saw the vessel pulled out of service. The Quinitsa covered sailings on the dangerous cargo route to the Southern Gulf Islands for a month until the Queen of Cumberland was brought back into service.

This year, those replacement duties fall to the 26-car Quadra Queen II. The smaller vessel will serve as a replacement boat for the Northern and Southern Gulf Islands routes if the regular vessels are expected to be out of service for an extended period of time. Shorter times will involve using alternate routes to reach the islands.

The plan shows that if the Skeena Queen is out of service from one to three days, drivers will be asked to divert to Crofton to cross over to Salt Spring. If the Quinitsa is out of service, drivers will be similarly sent to Swartz Bay to cross. In that case, foot passenger traffic will be handled by water taxis to the Vesuvius terminal.

Service on the Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands routes are covered by the two interchangeable Salish-class vessels. Usually working in tandem with one full- and one part-time vessel, in the case of an incident the remaining ship will take on the full-time sailings. The Bowen Queen will be brought over after the seventh day of outage, with the Quadra Queen II being placed on the Bowen Queen's regular route.

"Remember this is an emergency back-up," Wilson said. "The system is very asset-intensive. Between terminals and ships, they're costly assets and there's not a high level of redundancy when you're running flat-out. If something does occur... we want a plan. It's not business as usual, but it makes use of the assets that we do have and makes sure that we have a plan to react and recover as quickly and efficiently as we can."

In previous years, the company has had contingency plans for individual routes. This year is the first time that one overarching document was created and made available to the public.

"This is a chance for us to pull that all together and put a bit more of a formal structure around it," Wilson said.

"We're always interested in feedback," Wilson said. "It has been run through the ferry advisory committees and we just want to make sure that we're an open and transparent service provider in regards to that. These things from our perspective are public information and we want people to see it and understand it."

**"When something does happen, we need to recognize how important this service is across the board."**

MARK WILSON  
*Vice president of strategy and community engagement, BC Ferries*

The company's communication policy is also outlined in the plan. In the event of a service interruption, various channels will be accessed depending on the area and severity of the outages.

"When something does happen, we need to recognize how important this service is across the board," Wilson said.

Though the plan's primary focus is the summer months, it will be applicable during the off-season as well. BC Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall explained that in the winter it is easier to replace vessels, since the company does have some in reserve during the slower season.

"If we have a service interruption [in the winter] we can put in another vessel so that it seems seamless to the customer," she said. "It might be a different name on the side of the hull, but the seven o'clock sailing is still going to go at seven o'clock."

BC Ferries plans on standardizing its fleet over the next 10 years. As more ships become standardized, the redundancy will increase and travellers should see fewer issues with vessels.

The contingency plan is available on the BC Ferries website.

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# Stumped

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Private logging upset on the islands illuminates provincial blindspot



**Salt Spring Islanders joined people from 20 other communities throughout British Columbia on April 6 to rally in support of reforming forestry practices.**

Forest March BC participants demanded changes to provincial legislation to ensure logging plans include ecosystem restoration, sustainable forestry and meaningful community consultation about forests. March organizer Jennifer Houghton had produced a documentary film and founded the Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society after Grand Forks was hit by historic flooding in 2017

and 2018, which has been linked to clear-cuts in the local watershed.

"Our little group is just one of hundreds across B.C. working to make significant changes to forestry legislation and practices. Many groups are having the same experience: making very little progress when attempting to make changes to the forestry practices that are negatively impacting their communities," Houghton said.

Individually, every community involved in the march had a local crisis needing to be addressed. Citizens were outraged to learn 109 hectares of

Vancouver Island old-growth forest near Port Renfrew were about to be auctioned. In the Kootenays, community members were embroiled in a campaign to prevent the logging of 600 privately owned acres located on the steep hills above a prized lake. And the tiny village of Ymir (population 230) had pitched a massive campaign to stop logging in the watershed that provides that community's only water source.

Given the cry for change coming from all across the province, a complete shift in the forest's role is required to give local governments much-needed authority over lands in their jurisdiction.

## CASCADING LIMITATIONS

Forestry regulation limitations in B.C. are stacked like the proverbial house that Jack built. The owners of fee simple private lots are not required to file stewardship plans or commit to replanting, whether they are logging 10 acres or 1,000. Regulations established by local government bodies that would restrict tree clearing — or even hamper forestry indirectly — can be completely overridden by the Private Managed Forest Land Act. Critics are asking that landowners registered with the PMFL program follow the same rules as Crown land timber lease holders, at the very least. Meanwhile, the Forest Practices Board, B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, has found these rules are also insufficient.

"For more than 20 years, the board has called for improved planning and objectives at the landscape and watershed scales," said Kevin Kriese, Forest Practices Board chair. "Recent board work has confirmed that forest stewardship plans, despite considerable energy and effort to develop and approve, do not address the need for planning for multiple forest values across the landscape."

Frustrated efforts to reduce forestry impacts start at the community level. Islands Trust Council, the group of 26 trustees elected to represent 13 Salish Sea island communities, voted to prioritize Coastal Douglas-fir protection at their March 2019 session.

Denman Island author Des Kennedy, who is a former chair of the Denman Conservancy Association, said he thinks it's wonderful the Trust is willing to view land-use applications with CDF protection in mind. However, he believes there is an underlying flaw in the entire system: even if the work is put in, it's questionable how far local committees can get. Most remaining forests on Denman have been protected through purchase by the conservancy, an unreasonable solution to export as Gulf Islands land values continue to rise and development pressures increase.

"Most troubling is that a succession of provincial governments has refused to fully enable the Trust with the legislation that would allow it to carry out its mandate," Kennedy said. "To me it is obscene and embarrassing that we should have an Islands Trust that is not empowered to have any control over

the destiny of forests in one of the most endangered ecosystems in the country."

## PRIVATE MANAGED FOREST LAND REVIEW

The NDP government implemented reviews of B.C.'s two main forestry laws this year, with public comment on both the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Private Managed Forest Land Act capped earlier this month. During the spring legislature session, Green MLA Adam Olsen asked Forests Minister Doug Donaldson to put a moratorium on PMFL logging until the review was complete and decisions made on how to proceed. Donaldson replied that many provincial and federal acts ensure forestry practices meet water sustainability and environmental regulations, and investigations are made on complaints. While he acknowledged the importance of maintaining forests for climate regulation and biodiversity, he also raised the spectre of forestry job loss. No moratorium would be ordered.

Managed Forest is a BC Assessment property classification established in 1988 to encourage private landowners to manage their lands for long-term forest production on lots of 25 or more hectares. Stewardship plans for these lots are supposed to guarantee protection of key public environmental values, including soil conservation, water quality, fish habitat, critical wildlife habitat and reforestation. In return, landowners get property values assessed at a lower taxation rate, and they are assured the right to harvest trees unrestricted by local government bylaws. There is nothing to require landowners to be in the program, though, or to stay in it if they wish to withdraw.

According to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, there are 5,125 hectares in 190 parcels of private land registered in the Private Managed Forest

Land Program within the Islands Trust area. On Salt Spring, there are 32 parcels totalling approximately 997 hectares of PMFL. The program may pose the biggest challenge to planning on Galiano Island, where roughly half the island or 3,100 hectares was once owned by MacMillan Bloedel. Today, around 1,350 hectares are registered as PMFL.

Islands Trust Council unanimously passed a resolution in June to ask for an amendment to the PMFL Act that would require those landowners to uphold the same standards Crown land loggers are held to, and to give local governments the power to regulate activity on privately managed forest lands. Similar motions were endorsed by the Union of B.C. Municipalities last September. The UBCM has endorsed nine such previous resolutions dating back to 1991.

"Trust Council and other municipalities have approached the provincial government to amend the PMFLA numerous times as there are significant concerns with the legislation," said Galiano trustee Tahira Rockafella. "These include the lack of public consultation on stewardship plans, the submitting of management plans only after harvesting and road building has taken place, and the general self-regulating guidelines that do not ensure sustainable forestry and the protection of key environmental values."

Minister Donaldson declined to be interviewed for this series. A response from the ministry said stakeholder groups were encouraged to provide a formal submission to the PMFL Act review process.

"The provincial government is committed to discussing how provincial legislation and local government jurisdictions can work together more effectively for all British Columbians," the ministry stated in an email.

## PARADIGM SHIFT NEEDED

Olsen says his Saanich North and the Islands constituency office has received email representing 22,000 individual concerned citizens regarding B.C.'s forestry practices. People have called for help to stop old-growth logging on

public lands and private land clear-cuts, including the 18 hectares on Beddis Road that first galvanized Salt Spring's community last winter.

Olsen believes the B.C. government has critically failed to move beyond the resource exploitation-based economy of early colonial days. As a result, forest values such as carbon sink use, water purification and oxygen production are not being calculated.

"Forests are viewed as being only for our benefit, and only for their cash value — an asset that only has value if it's liquidated," Olsen said.

"The only calculation is for cash value and if the province is generating even a few dollars from that, that's what we've always done as a province, and that's what we're going to continue to do."

Olsen conceded the NDP government has made some recent amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act. One bill opens up transparency around what is being cut and where logging roads are going to be on Crown land. Another bill makes it more possible to track forestry company tenure sales and transfers of cutting rights. But he categorizes these shifts as mere "window dressing."

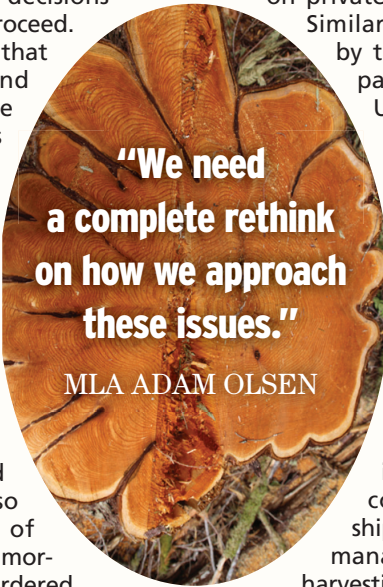
"What's really disappointing for me is to hear the minister of the government that was so critical of the BC Liberals now basically rolling out the same rhetoric that every forestry minister has rolled out, at a time in which we don't have the benefit of time that maybe past forestry ministers thought they had," Olsen said. "We are now being told by scientists and the science community that we've got 11 years [before irreversible climate change] . . . We need a complete rethink on how we approach these issues."

Local naturalist and author Briony Penn also argues the paradigm must shift on how forests are valued. To start with, the forestry industry's real impact in terms of emissions and the loss of carbon sinks should be determined. Penn further suggests people should be rewarded for protecting forest cover, instead of profiting by cutting it down, only to cause problems whose impact has yet to be tallied.

"It's world view: we haven't got it in our heads that trees are important to humanity," Penn said. "If we have trees, we have water; if we have trees, we have air; if we have trees, we are cooling the climate. And I think we're slowly getting there, but not fast enough."

"We need a complete rethink on how we approach these issues."

MLA ADAM OLSEN



EDUCATION

# Host families urgently needed

International education program

BY MARCIA JANSEN  
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Every year around 70 international students come to Salt Spring Island to study at the Gulf Islands Secondary School for a school term, either a semester or a full year. With the new school year approaching fast, School District 64 is urgently looking for host families.

Chantal Staines, homestay coordinator for the Gulf Islands, needs to find several more host families for the start of the new school year in September. She and her family have been hosting students themselves for 20 years now.

"We have hosted students from Germany, Japan and Spain so far and for us, it is all about making connections abroad and experiencing new cultures. We've stayed in touch with a lot of our students and some even came back to visit us with their parents. I know lots of stories about students that came back for weddings or other special occasions. And the other way around too. Homestay families or their kids travelled to Europe, Asia or South America to visit their students. Lifelong friendships are built."

An international student can enrich your life for a few months or a full school year, but they bring a lot to the community as well. Staines: "International students enhance the classroom and community experience. They volun-



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From left, homestay program coordinator and parent Chantal Staines, student Elena from Germany, Chantal's daughter Ema and pups at Mount Erskine.

teer, join local programs and sports teams, and they are a thriving force for our high school. International student study and travel attract yearly thousands of dollars to Salt Spring's community."

School District 64 is looking for welcoming families that want to host an international student in the upcoming school year (for 10, five or three months). Students need a separate bedroom in the house and families have to provide three meals a day. Host families are receiving \$850 a month to offset costs.

"But the families provide so much more than room and board," said

Staines. "They become the student's Canadian family. The host families are expected to parent the students, care for them and introduce them to the Canadian culture. It will be an experience that both student and family will never forget."

People who are interested can apply online at [www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca](http://www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca) or contact Chantal Staines for more information at [sd64@canadahomestaynetwork.ca](mailto:sd64@canadahomestaynetwork.ca) or (toll free) 877-441-4443 (extension 2035), or Sheri Wakefield (managing director of the Gulf Islands International Program) at [swakefield@sd64.org](mailto:swakefield@sd64.org).

COMMUNITY

# Woodpile program needs helps

Event this Saturday

The Copper Kettle Community Woodpile program received a ton of donations following last December's windstorm, but now needs help to get the wood chopped and stacked.

"Our woodpile volunteers are getting too old and rickety to do it all themselves," explained Copper Kettle's Cherie Geauvreau with a smile on Monday.

A few extra hands with splitting mauls and some muscle to get the rounds into transportable and usable pieces will go a long way to easing the existing volunteers' burden.

A community chop and stack session has been set for this Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Per Svendsen's property at 180 Leisure Lane.

BBQ food will be provided.

The Copper Kettle Community Woodpile program provides free firewood to families in need.



**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT**

## Public Open House at the New St. Mary Lake Water Treatment Plant

The new water treatment plant on St. Mary Lake is now operating. The plant is a major accomplishment for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

**Please join us at the public open house to meet key staff, walk through the plant and learn how it works.**

**WHEN: Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**WHERE: 381 Tripp Road**

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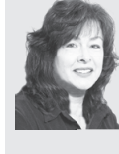


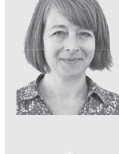
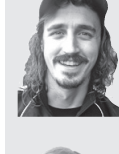

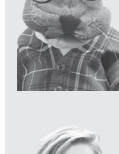
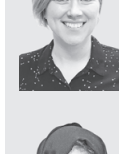



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**EDITORIAL**

## A place to call home

**T**he symbolic ground breaking at the Salt Spring Commons site is a reason to feel optimistic about housing on the island.

A provincial government contribution of \$2.4 million from its Community Housing Fund ensured the 24-unit complex, on land owned by Salt Spring Island Community Services, could finally proceed. Salt Spring Commons has had a lower profile than some other prospective affordable housing projects on our island. But building housing on that property was envisioned since the mid-1990s, so it's not as if it sprung into being without facing some obstacles over the years.

While Salt Spring Island ultimately needs far more than 24 affordable rental units for families, the Commons is a good start. The Ministry of Housing estimates rents will run between \$570 and \$1,475 for the two and three-bedroom units, and that the complex will serve families with a maximum income of \$60,000 per year, as well as low-income families.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Affordable housing

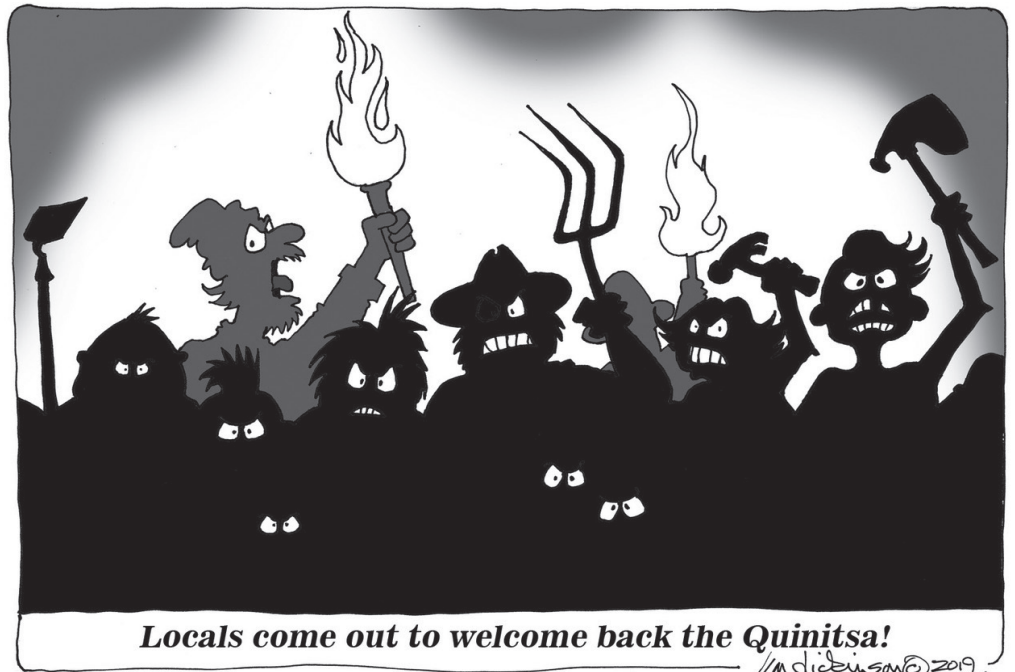
**WE SAY:**  
Purpose-built projects make most sense

Also on the affordable housing front is the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's suggestion through proposed Bylaw 512 that seasonal cottages be allowed for year-round use on some island properties. The list of eligible properties is fairly restrictive, and does not include any within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, for example, where density increases are not currently allowed.

The Trust is encouraging people to weigh in on the topic and this Friday, July 26 is the deadline to complete the online Affordable Rental Housing Cottages Survey.

While Bylaw 512 might result in a few additional rental units being constructed or existing seasonal cottages opened for year-round rental, it seems unlikely that many property owners with means will jump at the opportunity to provide affordable housing if it becomes legal to do so. Island Health has also now raised a red flag with the Trust about how property owners will meet Drinking Water Protection Act requirements if the bylaw is passed.

More than anything, Salt Spring needs to have the new Croftonbrook complex completed, and for other in-the-works public and private developments to progress with the help of cooperative government bodies and community support in general.



## Housing groups do lobby

**By FRANTS ATTORP**  
 Anyone doubting the ambitions of local housing advocates need only read Jason Mogus' "Affordable housing is not coming for your STVR" article in the July 10 Driftwood. Here are the words that jumped out at me: "... so many thousands of fellow islanders who are affected by this crisis ... fighting for a right to a safe and stable home ..."

Given that there are only about 11,000 permanent residents on the island, I question Jason's numbers. However, most disturbing is the revelation that his group, and others, are pursuing such an aggressive housing agenda. My previous assertions that Salt Spring is poised for sweeping changes are proving all too accurate.

As I've pointed out in my past articles, housing advocates are, among other things, pushing for deals with private landowners, particularly those who have acreages. The idea is to swap higher densities for affordable housing, green space and other amenities.

A key proposal is something called "eco-zoning." This would allow multiple dwelling units under one roof and "create a legal pathway for clusters of small, low-impact homes."

**VIEWPOINT**

Jason insists that "those pushing for housing solutions are not a lobby but a movement," but then contradicts himself a few paragraphs later by stating that one of his group's recommendations is to "lobby the Islands Trust." Pressuring elected representatives for a new zoning category that allows higher densities is indeed the action of a lobby group, and using sleep-inducing words such as "eco," "sustainable" and "low-impact" does little to hide the reality of what is going down.

Additionally, it is offensive to suggest that those who object to the housing agenda "love to generate conflict." This implies we are dim-witted contrarians whose concerns are unfounded.

No one can deny there is a normalcy to support affordable housing for everyone, but I can't in this case for one simple reason: the Gulf Islands are a protected area. They are not ours to develop and, unfortunately, that means population growth must be curtailed.

There are already numerous spontaneous communes

on the island, and they represent but a fraction of all illegal dwellings in the community. It's a huge problem that needs to be addressed (over time and without evictions) if the island's "unique amenities and environment" are going to survive into the future. Logistically, unregulated development is entirely incompatible with protected areas.

Today's dilemma stems partly from the fact that many of the terms in the Islands Trust documents remain undefined. Words such as "unique amenities," "rural" and "limits to growth" are wide open to interpretation, so it is essential that some type of measurable criteria be established. We cannot find our way forward with a broken compass.

There are pros and cons to having a Local Trust Committee. We get local representation, but have to accept that trustees will be pressured by various lobby groups, most of whom want to advance a human cause.

If the Islands Trust can't protect these islands, then perhaps it's time to turn the administration of the islands over to BC Parks or another such agency that is less vulnerable to public pressure and more focused on environmental protection.

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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**“As we all know, developing anything on Salt Spring is an epic voyage.”**

ROB GRANT, SSICS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## SALT SPRING SAYS

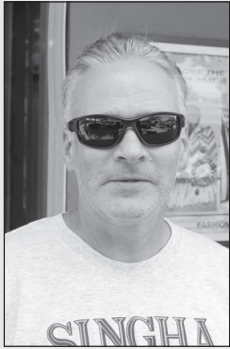
**WE ASKED:** *What do you think of the cooler weather we've been having?*

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“It's horrible! It's not summer.”

**RON SANDERSON**



It seems pretty nice now, but it was refreshing for a while.

**DALE KITCHER**



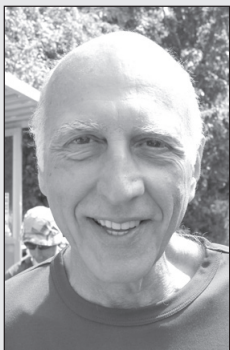
It's been nice since we've been here.

**PENNY POOLE**



I love it. I'm about to do the West Coast Trail so this is great. People can be more active. It's refreshing.

**CAESAR LIBERATO**



I love it. I'm from New York City, so anything above 22 degrees is too warm for me.

## LETTERS to the editor

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### Creating beauty

There is something about the beauty of this island and the quality of the light that encourages each of us to externalize our talents and to create beauty ourselves.

Happy summer, everyone, and to our visitors!

**ELLEN FJETLAND,**  
STARK'S ROAD

Vesuvius-Crofton run based on improved scheduling . . . 'Certainly, if it doesn't work, we'll do something else. We're not in the habit of floating proposals that don't work,' Collins said."

**KEN LEE,**  
SALT SPRING

### CEO's words worth repeating

Further to the report on the July 9 meeting of the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee meeting and BC Ferries published in last week's paper, I would like to remind Driftwood readers of what BC Ferries CEO Mark Collins stated at a May 11, 2017 SSFAC meeting on Salt Spring Island.

As reported in the May 17, 2017 Driftwood, "Collins said the ferry corporation would like to bring the Quinitsa back for a trial period on the

### SOLID help

There is a little shop in Ganges that many on Salt Spring don't know about. It may be small but it contains the world. This is the SOLID store in Ganges Alley.

It is a global village with items of all kinds, from Tibetan blankets to African bracelets and so much more.

SOLID stands for Saltspring Organization for Life Improvement and Development and the money raised certainly does these things, helping destitute, HIV-impacted families become self sufficient.

I had the chance to go to Kenya for a month five years ago with a group from SOLID. We all paid all our own way. There were just four of us led by Lynda Turner, who has lived in Kenya so knows the language, customs and people there.

This is incredibly important in getting things done at affordable prices. I can't emphasize enough how important this personal on-the-ground work is.

We took with us a child's wheelchair for a crippled nine-year-old girl whose mother carried her everywhere on her back, including to work. This child is now able to go to school, and her mother is better able to earn and provide for her other children. I could never have imagined such poverty as one woman cared for her 14 orphaned grandchildren in a one-room dwelling with a leaky roof and dirt floor. She got money for food by gathering up animal manure to sell for fertilizer at the market.

The poverty and hardship caused by HIV/AIDS is devastating, so how could we help? We provided young, healthy pregnant goats, and chickens, acquired for us by a very trustworthy man there, to women's cooperative groups, thus providing both good food and income. We also brought as much as our suitcases could carry of items from here, knit-

ted dollies and teddy bears, and many useful items hard to get there. We provided layettes for moms with newborns who had nothing, and school uniforms without which children can't go to school. We got the uniforms made there, which also provided employment. We also provided hygiene kits for girls, and solar lights. We purchased and saw installed a rainwater collection system and tank for a school with over 1,000 children and we provided food for an orphanage, and job training for young single moms.

Many of us wonder when we donate to charities how much of the money actually accomplishes what we intended, or how much is taken up by administration, etc. With SOLID, every cent raised or donated goes to meet the needs of real people, nothing is wasted.

But we are a very small group in need of volunteers to mind the shop in four-hour shifts. If anyone would like to join us please call Shirley McIntyre at 250-537-4785, or 250-537-6040. Thank you.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
SALT SPRING

## Island contributes to Canada's Green New Deal

BY RUTH WALDICK AND DARLENE GAGE

On June 17, more than 100 people met on Salt Spring Island to talk about Canada's Green New Deal.

The deal is an inclusive and far-reaching transition to slash emissions, protect critical biodiversity, meet the demands of the multiple crises we face and create over a million jobs in the process.

It calls for a cut to Canada's carbon emissions at least in half in the next 11 years, while also protecting cultural and biological diversity. It also insists that no one is left behind as we build a better present and future for all of us. At the heart of the Green New Deal is the idea that we can't tackle the climate crisis in isolation — we need a vision that also addresses growing inequality, rising racism and other critical issues. We need a vision that lifts up Indigenous rights.

All of the input gathered from Salt Spring participants was shared with the Pact for a Green New Deal Coalition, and has fed into the input gathered from town hall meetings across the country.

Here is what Salt Springers contributed to this national movement:

Canada needs to establish limits to human growth and reduce our environmental impacts. We need to reduce our reliance on oil and gas (including plastics and combustion engines), create more free public transit and generate alternative energy sources.

The connection between a healthy environment and food sovereignty was seen as crucial to our own survival and for the entire planet. Grow local food, buy local food.

Most of the changes required are going to take a substantial investment from government to encourage innovation and to support individuals to make better

### GUEST COLUMN

choices like electric transportation, efficient homes and sustainable building practices. Subsidies and public investments need to come quickly if these changes are going to take place in the time frame available to us, which is about 10 years.

What must stop immediately is the expansion of any fossil-fuel-based industries. Exploration, expansion, pipelines, tankers, exports, subsidies for industry, fracking and the tar sands topped the list.

We must also halt resource-related activities with harmful impacts on wildlife and natural systems, most notably the logging of old-growth trees and industrial-scale forestry, intensive agriculture and fishery operations. These activities are having catastrophic impacts on biodiversity and the health of local and planetary ecosystems. We won't survive the climate crisis unless we strengthen the ability of the planet to withstand these onslaughts.

And just as important as these large changes to energy, food and ecosystem health are the social changes that need to change quickly too. The rights of First Nations and the need to address historical injustices needs to go hand in hand with creating a more sustainable planet. And workers must be protected and supported to earn a good living in this new economy. No one should be left behind.

Here on Salt Spring, several initiatives were identified as having the potential for big impact. Increasing our capacity to produce more food on the island, stopping clear cut logging, increasing green building capacity and higher density eco-village and

other affordable housing zoning, increasing our ability to catch and recycle water, electrifying all local transport options and creating bike and pedestrian-friendly routes, banning single-use plastics in our stores, increasing our ability to compost and recycle everything, reducing our food wastes, creating small and local sources of renewable energy, shopping locally, and pushing local government to take bold and fast action.

It's a long list! Some say it's too much, too fast.

For the 100 people who showed up for this town hall meeting, these are actions that are required of all of us, of our country and of the global community, if we are to survive the threat of the climate and biodiversity crises.

Next step: Join the global climate strike on Friday, Sept. 20! Greta Thunberg and the youth of the world are calling on all of us to join them for a massive climate strike. Let's get busy organizing here on Salt Spring. Contact Darlene Gage at [miss-darlenegage@gmail.com](mailto:miss-darlenegage@gmail.com) or Ruth Waldick at [ruth.waldick@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.waldick@gmail.com).

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To find out more about the Pact for a Green New Deal: <https://greennewdeal-canada.ca/>

To find out what other town hall meetings across Canada are saying: <http://bit.ly/2XYlPw>

To get connected to the global climate strike day of action: <https://globalclimaticstrike.net/greta-thunbergs-invitation-stand-with-us-on-september-20-and-beyond/>



# AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

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## VEHICLE CARE

# Create your own vehicle maintenance schedule

Learn as much as possible about your wheels

The oft-sudden expense of vehicle repairs can throw monthly budgets into disarray. Maintaining a routine service

schedule is one way for drivers to keep repair costs down.

The online automotive resources Edmunds.com says many car owners do not adequately prepare for scheduled maintenance, and may not give maintenance a thought until it's too late. The

first step drivers take upon purchasing a new or preowned vehicle should be to familiarize themselves with the vehicle's owner's manual, which is filled with valuable information and likely includes maintenance interval recommendations.

Next, drivers should learn about their vehicle, which is particularly relevant when buying a preowned vehicle. Getting to know how the car or truck rides, as well as any sounds it may make, can provide drivers with a solid foundation they can then use to keep their cars running strong.

Routine service typically includes tire rotation, oil changes and topping off of fluids. So just how long between service appointments can a car go? Here are some generalized estimates.

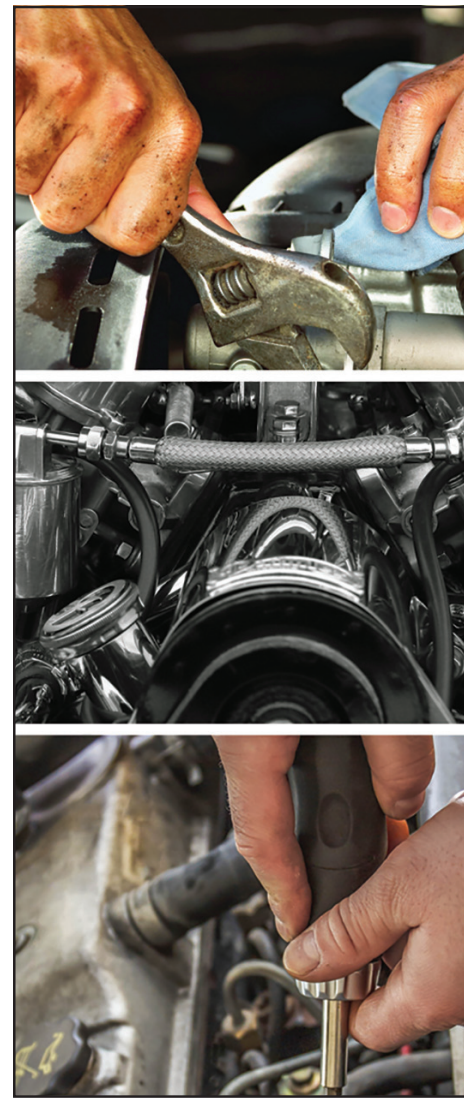
- Oil change: Oil chemistry and engine technology have improved so much that most cars can go well beyond the once-recommended 5,000 kilometre interval between oil changes. Now many vehicle manufacturers recommend between 8,000 and 16,000 kms between changes, advises Edmunds. Drivers should err on the side of caution if they do a lot of stop-and-go driving and short trips. Other drivers may want to invest in vehicles that have oil change maintenance minders built in. A light or countdown will come on the dashboard, indicating when the oil has reached the end of its usefulness.

- Tire rotation: Rotating tires helps prolong the life of the tires and alleviates uneven tread and wear. During the rotation, each tire is removed and relocated to a different position to ensure that all the tires will wear evenly. Michelin Tires states that tires should be rotated around every six months, or between 9,500 and 13,000 kms.

- Vehicle fluids: Your best bet is to see what the manufacturer recommends in regard to fluids such as transmission fluid, differential oil, brake fluids, coolant, etc. Some transmissions need regular maintenance, while others can go 240,000 kms between changes, accord-

ing to the vehicle information site The Drive. Coolant typically can last 160,000 kms. For these types of changes, it may be best to go to a mechanic or service centre familiar with your make and model rather than a quick-lube centre, as knowing when to drain and refill can be more complicated.

Service schedules can be designed to adhere to manufacturers' recommendations and drivers' personal preferences.



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## TECHNOLOGY

# Self-driving cars not far away

Years of research behind current status

Self-driving cars might once have seemed like a futuristic concept that may never come to fruition, but the future is now.

In 2018, Waymo, once known as the Google self-driving car project, launched its commercial self-driving car service in Phoenix. While it's not widely available and safety protocols, including the presence of

human safety operators behind the wheel, are in place, Waymo has made it possible for people to pay for self-driving car rides. Tech industry insiders note that Google's fellow tech giants, including Apple and IBM, also are working on self-driving car services. And much like many things in the tech industry, the self-driving car market figures to evolve rapidly, making it seem as though the availability of self-driving cars became widespread overnight.

However, today's self-driving vehicles are

the byproduct of years of research and sizable financial investments. For example, a little more than a decade ago, Darpa, the experimental laboratory of the Pentagon, hosted the Urban Challenge at an Air Force base in Southern California. At that event, which was one of a handful sponsored by the United States military, several driverless vehicles traversed real traffic conditions. That showcase was an integral component of the foundation of the modern self-driving car industry.

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## THEFT PREVENTION

# Tips for staying safe with keyless fob systems

## Signal-blocking pouch one option

Auto manufacturers have long embraced technology that can streamline the automotive experience for drivers. For example, several years ago keyless entry and ignition systems were introduced, initially on high-end vehicles before they became standard on many other models.

Keyless entry systems require a fob, which sends a signal to the

receiver inside the vehicle. The fob transmits a low-frequency code to the car's internal computer system, which engages the locks and will allow the driver to push a button on the dashboard or console to start the vehicles. The fob can be stashed away in a pocket or purse and still send the signal, which makes it convenient for drivers. Drivers with arthritis or hand injuries also may find keyless systems an asset.

Because fobs work on wireless systems, hackers potentially can intercept the fob-to-car signal.

That enables a thief to not only open the vehicle's doors, but also to potentially drive away as well. Even though the fob/car security pairing is unique and can create billions of codes, researchers at Radboud University in the Netherlands and the University of Birmingham found that, by intercepting the wireless signal just twice, they could narrow down the possible combinations from billions to just 200,000. After that, a computer can figure out the code in just half an hour and unlock the car. Potentially, a

thief can gather car codes as drivers enter their vehicles during the day, then return later to steal a number of cars.

Thieves who purchase signal amplifiers also pose a threat. These amplifiers magnify the reach of the fob signal so that a vehicle owner can be in his or her house with the fob, but the thief can walk up to the car and open it — even if the fob is far enough away that it should not engage. One way to circumvent this is to buy a signal-blocking pouch that can hold the

key fob. Also, an old-school steering wheel or gear shift lock is an effective way to provide another layer of protection.

Drivers also should be aware of their surroundings as they approach their vehicles. Thieves may count on keyless entry systems to be able to hop into a vehicle once the owner gets within range and drive away.

Vehicle technology thrives to make driving as convenient as possible, but some features also may make things more convenient for prospective thieves.

## ELECTRIC CARS

## Air quality is a critical issue

### Electric vehicles take a pass on poisonous gas emissions

When discussing electric cars I often hear statements like "my car is pretty new" and "it gets great gas mileage" or "there is all the embodied energy in it (like your coffee pot)."

I appreciate the sentiment and logic of those opinions, but I think an important point is being missed. It is a difficult topic and I have thought long and hard about an appropriate response. Here are some facts I discovered.

The first was in our EV 101 class in April when our facilitator Dennis Fortin revealed just how heavy those invisible gases are. I was shocked to learn that every litre of gasoline, when burned, produces 2.3 kilograms of greenhouse gases. But a litre of gas only weighs .75 of a kilogram, so how could that possibly work? The answer lies in pretty complicated (for me) chemistry and is explained in great detail in a Natural Resources Canada's Autosmart Fact Sheet #6.

**A two-litre engine idling at 1,000 RPM produces 2,000 litres of poisonous exhaust per minute. It would fill up an average garage in about 30 minutes.**

From a study the EV Group conducted, the average EV driver drives about 9,600 km/year. Assuming their previous car was a pretty fuel-efficient Honda Civic Sedan (combined fuel economy rating is 7.1L per 100 km), they now avoid the use of about 682 litres of gasoline. That fuel would weigh about 512 kg, but would create 1,570 kg of GHGs (exceeding the weight of the Honda — every year). Yikes!

The second was reported in The Guardian and was related to how long the damaging gases stay in the air. It explained that the four principle greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) and the halocarbons or CFCs (gases containing fluorine, chlorine and bromine). These gases can remain in the atmosphere for different



Jim Standen  
EV  
OLUTION

amounts of time, from months to thousands of years, and affect the climate on very different timescales.

For example, between 65 and 80 per cent of CO<sub>2</sub> released into the air dissolves into the ocean over a period of 20 to 200 years. In other words, your car's emissions could be contributing to the acidification of the ocean in your grandchildren's time. But consider the connection between automotive gases, lung disease (especially youth asthma) and early onset dementia. This topic was covered in detail on an episode of The Nature of Things on CBC TV. Really, car exhaust is not good stuff for anybody, and especially for our kids.

The third was pointed out by my friend, John Holmes. It is about the astonishing volume of poisonous gases that are produced. A two-litre engine idling at 1,000 RPM produces 2,000 litres of poisonous exhaust per minute. It would fill up an average garage in about 30 minutes. (How many minutes do you spend driving in a year?)

On June 18, the House of Commons passed a non-binding motion to declare a national climate emergency in Canada, also declared by the Islands Trust and CRD. They did that because we simply do not have the luxury to wait for the ideal time for our existing cars to drive down that last mile. We have to stop creating GHG emissions today.

Bottom line: Using your vehicle till it naturally dies, while admirable and appearing to be pretty well thought out on the surface, unfortunately causes a disproportionate amount of damage. A choice to switch to EV (or plug-in hybrid) immediately reduces your personal emissions and contributes to the reduction of those from the oil industry. Your action has wide-ranging ramifications.

I encourage your respectful comments about this column. I can be reached at jstanden@ucalgary.ca.

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# what's on this week


**Wed. July 24**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Tea à Tempo: Julie Hampton.**  
Singer-songwriter Julie Hampton performs at Tea à Tempo at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m.

**Sarah Osborne.**  
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Mother Goose.**  
Free drop-in for parents, caregivers and young children from 0-6. SS library. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**New Parkinson Support Group.**

Fourth Wednesday of each month at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
Open Wednesdays through Sundays at the Farmers' Institute grounds, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

**Thur. July 25**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Open Mic & Jam.**  
Every Thursday at the Legion. 7 p.m.

**Julia Beattie.**  
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**PitchFork Social: Sam Lewis.** PitchFork Social presents successful Nashville-based country artist, with opening act Sweden's Dimpker Brothers. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Thur. July 25**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

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

**ACTIVITIES**

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

**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 26**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Quest for the Queen.**  
Journey to the centre of the Hive to help three lost honeybees on a quest to find their queen. The quest also includes much singing, dancing and sweet nectarous refreshments at the Pollinator Tea Party. At Stonewell Farm (1852 Fulford-Ganges Rd.) Gate opens at 2:30 p.m.

**Billie Woods.**  
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival: Young Artists' Concert.**  
Musicians attending the Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival perform at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Entangadas.**  
Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**Fri. July 26**
**ACTIVITIES**

**Family Movie Matinee.**  
Today's movie is The Lego Movie. 2:30 p.m. Families welcome, unattended children under 10 years old must be signed in and out. Limited spaces available. Popcorn is included!

**Meat Draw.**  
At the Legion. 5 to 7 p.m. And Kat's fabulous kitchen open until 8 p.m.

**Art Show Opening: Josephine Fletcher.**  
Opening reception for Showcase Gallery exhibit at Artcraft. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Sat. July 27**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Quest for the Queen.**  
See Friday listing.

**DonkeyFest 7.**  
Multi-band music festival at Moby's Pub. 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Brent Shindell.**  
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival: Faculty Concert.**  
Faculty members of the Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival perform at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Sean Ashby 2019 World Tour.**  
Famous guitarist from Sarah McLachlan's band performs at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Sat. July 27**
**ACTIVITIES**

**Bringing the Heart Home: Dr. Joe Dispenza Livestreaming Event.**  
Demystifying The Formula is described as a true life-time opportunity. SS Public Library and elsewhere. Get info from Judith Gane at judithgane@sympatico.ca or 250-537-5322.

**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.

**Car Boot Sale.**  
Multi-family yard sale of collectables and new, vintage and techno, hot dogs, baking, refreshments and more. United Church Meadow. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No early birds! Proceeds benefit the work of the Salt Spring Island United Church.

**The Language of the Heart.** Explore the spiritual path through writing with facilitator Lorraine Gane. Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice. St. Mary's Church. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration required at staroftheseas-si@gmail.com.

**Copper Kettle Community Wood Pile Work Bee.** A wood chopping and stacking session for the community wood pile runs at Per Svendsen's home at 180 Leisure Lane. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. BBQ provided for all helpers. Bring your splitting maul/axe.

**Sat. July 27**
**ACTIVITIES**

**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.

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

**Sun. July 28**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sean Ashby.** Live 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**

**Salt Spring Eco Living and Home Tour.** Self-guided tour that allows visitors to explore various locations with innovative examples of off-grid living, tiny homes, container homes, eco building and architecture, renewable technologies, sustainable garden design and other planet-friendly ways of living. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**First Annual St. Mary Lake Blow Up.**  
People are invited to bring inflatables to any part of St. Mary Lake beginning at 12 noon with a plan to converge in the middle.

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

**Pool.** Free pool games every Sunday at the Legion from 12 to 8 p.m.

**Mon. July 29**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Gene Grooms.**  
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Darts.** Darts played at the Legion every Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Salt Spring Toastmasters.**  
Club meets at the Salt Spring Public Library at 7 p.m. Visitors welcome!

**Tue. July 30**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Outdoor Concert Series: West My Friend.**  
Canadian Folk Music Award nominees perform at Centennial Park in the Salt Spring Arts Council's series of free outdoor concerts. With opener Marta Jaciubek-McKeever. 6 to 8 p.m.

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

**PitchFork Social: Steve Poltz.**  
PitchFork Social presents a master of improvisational songwriting with a legendary live show. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday Farmers Market.** Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods. Runs June through September at Centennial park. 2 to 6 p.m.

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

**Wed. July 31**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Tea à Tempo: Patricia Flannagan.**  
Songstress Patricia Flannagan presents a program on the theme of "courage" at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats.

**Ben Sures.**  
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Queer Writing Circle Reading: What is a Queer Story?**

Listen to work by queer writers and pay tribute to Taryn Muldoon, the celebrated poet, spoken word performer and community activist who is moving to Nova Scotia this fall to attend university. SS Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Mother Goose.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.

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

**Music Bingo.**  
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  - **Rocketman** shows Mon., July 29 to Thurs., Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.
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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Josephine Fletcher** shows Landscapes and Colour Spaces as the latest Showcase Gallery exhibition at Artcraft at Mahon Hall, beginning Friday, July 26. A reception runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Shiny Steel**, New Works by Peter McFarlane, runs at Steffich Fine Art through Aug. 4.
- **Sophie Burke** shows This is How I Know You, a photographic installation about immigration, and the story of her Guatemalan grandmother. At The Point Gallery, South Ridge Drive. PLUS Margaret Day presents The Last Hurrah at the gallery as well.
- Wednesday, July 24 is the last day to see abstracted studies of nature in paint by Barbara Edwards and in basketry by Carol Dodd on the Mahon Hall stage at Artcraft.
- Salt Spring Gallery hosts an exhibition called Momentum featuring paintings by Melanie Morris and limited-edition bronzes by Simon Morris until July 31.
- Iris McBride shows oil paintings and Louise Goodman has paper poems at Kizmit Galeria and cafe through July. Hours are Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Jeanne Lyons** holds an exhibition called Elemental — sculpture, prints and works on paper — in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through July.
- Photography by **Connie Kuhns** and **Jen Holmes** shows at Pod Contemporary.

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# Let's start looking at forests for their trees

Ever heard the saying "can't see the forest for the trees?"

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You can use this saying as an analogy for literally any situation, so it's deeply ironic that it arises in the recent announcement by the BC NDP provincial government that they are going to protect 54 individual old-growth trees plus the hectare immediately in their vicinity, or their "friends."

I won't complain about the 54 trees they are protecting. It's a big victory that the province is not allowing the entire forest to be logged right up to the ancient creatures' stem, like we see with "Big Lonely Doug."



**Adam Olsen**  
MLA'S  
**REPORT**

However, it's disturbing that there is so little willingness to step up and do what actually needs to be done. Chiefly, we need to protect the integrity and function of ecosystems, not trees.

As we heard consistently throughout the spring legislative session, the Minister of Forests and his government see only the value of the fibre. The value of a standing old-growth

forest seems to be only in its economic potential for it to become a clear-cut. That's it. The government's message box is an attempt to have it both ways, maintain the status quo and change. The direct quote from Minister Doug Donaldson from Question Period is: "We're committed to protecting old-growth forests as well as continuing with a vibrant forestry sector — the 24,000 jobs that rely on old-growth forests in this province. And we're undertaking an old-growth management plan, and we'll be conducting public engagement soon on that plan."

It appears this is the first step in the development of the management plan. The public consultation is coming soon.

Unfortunately, forestry "management plans" are actually a euphemism for tree-cutting plans.

It's simply not good enough to protect

individual trees. What we need is watershed management plans or ecosystem management plans. As our world changes around the last remaining old-growth forests, they are quickly becoming far more valuable than just the amount we can make by turning them into two by fours. It's the oxygen we breathe and the water supply of our communities. One ministry logs and another has to swoop in and fix the mess with a \$150-million engineered solution; there is seemingly no connection between the two — except for the future of your community and your tax dollars.

What hasn't changed is the government's message box. Even with a change in minister and a change in government, the message box does not change. Perhaps it's time to step back and take a look at the forest for the trees.

## Travelling without electric assistance still the preferred way to go

BY GARY GAGNE

I really appreciated Jim Standen's July 10 comments and feedback on my Viewpoint discussion of electric cars on July 3.

It's great that we agree on many aspects of this issue, as I was somewhat anxious writing that piece

since I have so many friends now driving EVs and feared alienating some of them. Plus as an avid cyclist it would be a hell of a lot more pleasant to ride without having to suck up such toxic fumes from cars and trucks.

In my view, in our current climate

emergency, we need to dream/envision a world we can actually and sustainably achieve. Back in the early 1970s when I first became aware of our predicament regarding carbon emissions I heard it said that cars, cattle and chainsaws were largely responsible for getting us into this pickle and needed to be rethought. Obviously humans have ignored those warnings.

My primary point is that we very much need to be reconnecting with our natural environment and feel her viscerally. Gardening and walks in nature are a great place to start. Personally, I find that cycling is much more conducive to connection with people and place than being encased in a steel box. And for folks not able or willing to pedal themselves around I see a huge employment potential for rickshaw-type taxis ferrying folks and goods around. At the Active Transportation Conference there was a rickshaw type bicycle on display with a canopied couch that our B.C. Minister of Transportation, Claire Trevena, found useful during

her press conference. As another example of this concept there is a large food warehouse company in Eugene, Ore. that delivers all of its products via electrified cargo bikes.

I'm sorry to hear of Jim's friend's accident dumping his bike. At least he survived while tens of thousands die in automobile accidents every year. The fact that speed kills is indisputable. My vision includes us all slowing down to a life-affirming 25 km/hr average on properly designed and built bicycle highways. The millions of birds and four-legged creatures saved would love us for that transition!

Concerning affordability, I can buy 10 or more new bikes for the cost of one EV and thereby enable 10 single commuters to and from work, school or shop.

In my opinion, we really need to get focused on making cycling as safe and comfortable as possible. If we could fund bicycle paths instead of subsidizing the purchase of EVs, that would be a promising step in the right direction. We need to tax motor vehicles for the true costs of

transportation. Electric vehicles currently don't even pay gas or high-way taxes and therefore do not contribute to the solution.

I agree that transportation should be linked to alternative energy sources. But in my experience of living 100 per cent off grid with a very robust system, it's challenging enough heating hot water throughout the winter, so I can't imagine keeping an electric car charged with its minimum of 120 batteries.

It's critical that we stop spending money on pipelines and put our resources into renewable energy. It's critical that we stop spending money on highways and redirect funds to building bicycle highways or converting existing roads to safe cycling roads. It's critical we stop building fleets of cars, even electric, and start building fleets of creatively designed bikes to suit our diverse needs. We will not be solving our crisis by digging the hole deeper.

I understand this is a tough sell. I still can't convince my wife to not want an electric car!

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# ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT



## ART REVIEW

# Obsolete objects find new life in Shiny Steel

Peter McFarlane exhibit at Steffich Fine Art

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local artist Peter McFarlane has a unique talent for creating works based on the creative treatment of found materials, with a strong message about human waste and destruction often at the root of his work.

### Artcraft Showcase Gallery Presents



### Landscapes and Colour Spaces

Josephine Fletcher

July 26 – August 21

Opening reception - Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

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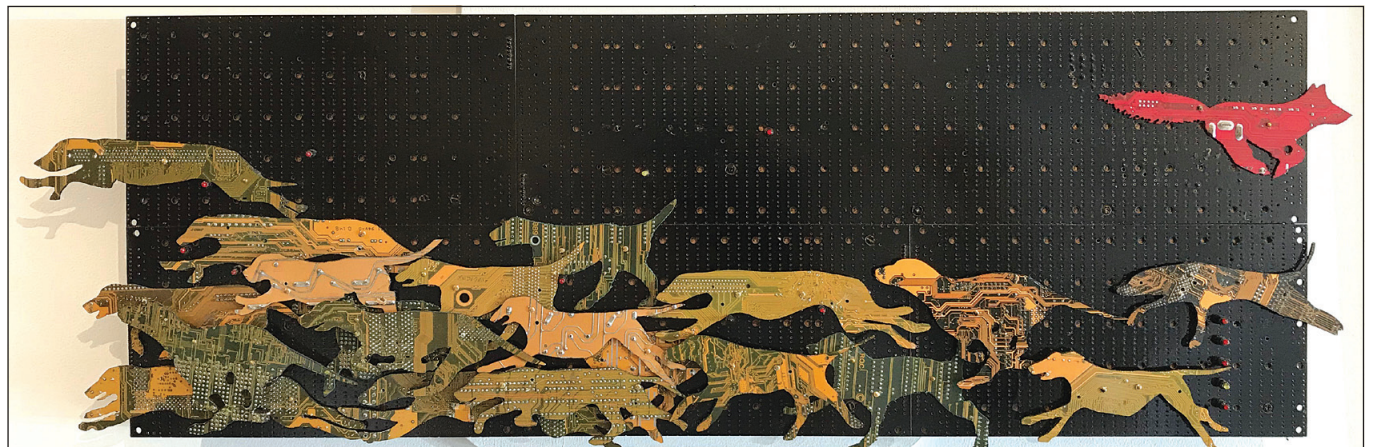


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Peter McFarlane's Out Foxed piece uses circuit boards in its construction.

McFarlane was a People's Choice Award winner at the last Salt Spring National Art Prize for his piece Reclaim Saw, in which he sculpted a chainsaw's blade to become the forest the tool was destined to harvest. In his new series, now showing at Steffich Fine Art as Shiny Steel, McFarlane deepens the investigation into our use of objects by contrasting refurbished, found metal objects and with hand-carved steel human figures and animals. Working with reference to the readymade's role in modern art history, he has selected items that have an archetypal Canadian significance and/or industrial use as the base for each piece. The intention of these arrangements is to elevate the viewer's personal experience with the found objects.

"My hope is the audience will reconsider that 'mundane' obsolete object, which fills our landscape and landfill, and realize that garbage is just a lack of the imagination," McFarlane says in his artist's statement.

As he explained during Friday night's opening reception, McFarlane has in fact been engaged with this idea ever since university, since he's always had "an innate distaste for waste." As with

Reclaim Saw, the new pieces don't just work esthetically (although they do this as well), they make a comment on our ongoing impact to the natural world with a particularly Canadian lens.

Sections of steel rail reclaimed from the railway are buffed to a brilliant silver sheen in Bull Elk and Rail. The majestic animal is poised to traverse the narrow rail as if it were a balance beam, suggesting the dangerous interface of industry and animal life in wilderness areas, the extirpation of animals that were once common in this landscape, and escalating global species loss.

A variation on the theme comes in Edges, in which an upturned ice skate blade becomes a razor-thin path on which a small speed skater embarks. Bolted onto a buffed but cracked wooden "boot," this piece shows McFarlane's excellent eye for the human form, extended in athletic motion, and his ability to create dynamic motion from a static piece. Stepping Off continues the balance theme. This time the human figure is leaving the narrow road, which is upended and therefore not providing the stability that's longed for.

McFarlane's keen eye for form finds delightful expression in Out Foxed, a collaged piece where the layers are cut from old circuit boards rather than paper. A large fleet of yellow hunting dogs races toward the left side of the scene. Meanwhile, the crafty red fox is headed in the opposite direction and just about to leave the right side of the frame. Aside from the satisfaction of seeing the victim outwit the pack, this piece shows off McFarlane's line and form to beautiful account: each dog is unique but carries the through-line of the racing body in action.

It's rather remarkable to learn that McFarlane has only recently taken up steel carving to create the figures in the show, giving himself a new and difficult task.

"Metal is a very slow process. It's just days of carving," he said.

The time that's required to create each small sculpture, though, has allowed him to forge a deeper connection with those figures. Shiny Steel may be just the beginning of a long and fruitful artistic inquiry.

"I'm excited to explore this further in my next show," he said.

## SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

### West My Friend

Marta Jaciubek - McKeever

Tues, July 30, 6pm  
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## Out + ABOUT

Out + About is a compilation of items about upcoming events on Salt Spring Island.

### West My Friend visits

• Tuesday, July 30 sees the third event in the Outdoor Concert Series put on by the Salt Spring Arts Council this summer. Acclaimed acoustic band West My Friend will play in the bandshell in Centennial Park from 6 to 8 p.m., with opener Marta Jaciubek-McKeever.

### Chamber Music Festival

• Salt Spring audiences can take in two concerts as part of the 17th annual Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival at ArtSpring.

On Friday, July 26, gifted students at the week-long event where they study with distinguished faculty will perform. The following evening, faculty members Sarah Hagen (piano), David Stewart (violin), Hiroko

Kagawa (violin), Simon MacDonald (violin), David Visentin (viola), Paula Kiffner (cello) and special guest Cicela Månsson will take the stage.

Both concerts are at 7:30 p.m.

### Patricia Flannagan

• On Wednesday, July 31, Tea a Tempo presents songstress Patricia Flannagan singing popular and folk songs showing "All Kinds of Courage," such as The Scarborough Settler's Lament, Sigmund Romberg's Stout-hearted Men from Nelson Eddy's movie New Moon, the Wyrld sisters' Warrior Woman, Babe What Would You Say, and Ewan MacColl's Manchester Rambler.

Music begins at 2:10 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea church.

### Queer Writing Circle Reading

• Also on Wednesday, July 31, Salt Spring Island's Queer Writing Circle gives a reading and celebration at the library from 7 to 9 p.m. Excerpts of circle members' writing will be read during the evening.

Special guest is Taryn Muldoon, celebrated poet, spoken word performer and community activist, who will receive the first annual Queer Youth Award of Excellence. Muldoon is moving to Nova Scotia this fall to attend university.



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## EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

# Horse camp teaches skills

Youth learn to ride a horse in five days

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Kids on Salt Spring have a chance to learn to ride a horse in five days this summer, with camps being offered by the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association.

The first of three camps finished



PHOTO COURTESY SSTR

From left, horse camp instructor Jacky Cooper helps Wresten Cutshall learn to ride with help from Becky Mason.

on July 19. Open to kids aged six to 16, camps cover everything from stable management to riding skills, as well as arts and crafts and games.

"They learned stable management, from cleaning tack to tying knots to cleaning poo . . . they did it all," said SSTR coordinator Erika Ponsford after the first camp had concluded. "They learned all the parts of the saddle, the horse, the bridle, all of it. They came where they didn't know anything and they left when they could ride a horse in five days."

Ponsford saw the need for the riding camps after the one-on-one lessons offered by Therapeutic Riding were filling up over the previous summer. Lessons were offered to kids who did not have a chance to participate in the society's regular sessions during the school year.

"There's such a huge need for it," Ponsford said. "There are so many grandparents on this island with young girls, and there's nothing for them to do. There's no riding whatsoever. It also gives my horses a break

from therapy. They get to hang out with the girls, get brushed and pampered."

The camp included students from as far away as Toronto, along with local boys and girls. Camps are limited to 12 kids. The group is broken into three, which gives them equal time in the riding ring, as well as time to participate in the other activities.

Through the winter months, SSTR gives people the chance to learn how to ride a horse in a way that aids physical rehabilitation, helps with personal development and has therapeutic benefits. The program is open to participants of all ages and abilities.

"They can be on the autism spectrum or could be just suffering from anxiety," Ponsford said.

Instructors are all volunteer, and the group is always looking for more people to help with programming.

Space is still available in the remaining camps. The next session takes place from July 29 to Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to around 3:30 p.m. The last camp is from Aug. 12 to 16.

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## CREATIVITY

# Poetry workshop set

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On Saturday, July 27, Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice is offering a day-long workshop with a Language of the Heart theme, facilitated by poet Lorraine Gane, who has provided several opportunities at Star of the Sea to explore the spiritual path through writing.

"This retreat is an invitation to open to the sacredness within and without and express it through poetry, the language of the heart," explains press material about the event. "Participants will use meditative practices to relax their bodies, still their minds,

and allow a flow of writing on the page. There will be opportunities to engage in free verse and experiment with some easy-to-write forms such as haiku, with an excursion outside to the grounds of St. Mary's peaceful cemetery."

Gane is a poet, writer, teacher, editor and mentor. Over the past 30 years, she has discovered ways to help writers at all levels open to their truest expression and she enjoys offering holistic ways to cultivate this through workshops, as well as in online courses, consultations and mentoring.

The retreat runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Preregistration is required at staroftheseas@gmail.com.

# Remember

## WHEN

### Five years ago

• Firefighters assisted two boaters and a dog after a sailboat capsized on St. Mary Lake. SSIFR members were launched in the fire-rescue boat, but neither of the boaters required medical attention. "Even though the boat flipped in the middle of the lake, both boaters and the dog swam to shore on their own. In fact, one of the boaters pushed the sailboat most of the way to shore," said Salt Spring Fire Rescue Lt. Mitchell Sherrin. The boat owner reported that the mishap was caused by a buoyancy problem with the pontoons.

### Ten years ago

• What started as an ordinary Tuesday morning for Fritz Fernandez suddenly changed. According to Fernandez, a deer stopped, turned and charged at him while he was riding his scooter to work. The scooter, which was still moving at 40 km/hr, collided head-on with a large mature buck. "I barely noticed a buck that had leapt out from the left side of the road and jumped in front of me," said Fernandez, who was used to seeing plenty of deer without consequence along his morning drives and slowed to let the deer pass by. "This one was different. He was full speed galloping toward me . . . I was no match for his speed and his prowess," Fernandez said. "It was like hitting a wall." Fernandez suffered a compound fracture and was air-lifted to Duncan for emergency surgery.

### Twenty years ago

• Jack and Leslie Hughes had a big task ahead of them, as their Gulf Islands Water Taxi company was tasked with moving more than 10,000 people from a U.S. aircraft carrier to shore in Victoria over four days. The company performed the feat once or twice a year when the large carriers visited Victoria. Jack Hughes said that the trip took around 20 minutes from ship to shore. The taxi company would use nine boats, the largest of which carried 300 passengers, and the smallest at just 40. Hughes spent most of his time coordinating the operation, rather than actually piloting the boats.

### Thirty years ago

• Ganges RCMP laid charges of theft against a former Ganges bank employee, after the woman allegedly took more than \$60,000 from various customer accounts. Ganges RCMP Sgt. Larry Wendel said that a total of \$62,040 was taken initially from a number of accounts at the bank. He added that all victims had been reimbursed by the institution. The alleged withdrawals occurred between September 1987 and May 1989.

### Forty years ago

• After many years of preparation, island homes would be numbered for the first time in a push to make it easier for emergency vehicles to locate an address. The Salt Spring Fire Protection District approved the bylaw, which needed ministerial approval before becoming law. Property owners were required to number their own homes in accordance with the numbers allocated under the bylaw. They were informed how to find out their home addresses after the bylaw was put into effect.

### Fifty years ago

• The Crofton ferry wharf was condemned by the department of transport for vehicles exceeding 10 tons gross weight. The wharf had not been designed for a greater weight when it was rebuilt in 1958. However, at the time it was being used by the ferry under an agreement with the provincial government and no effort was made to bring it up to a standard whereby it could handle all ferry traffic. The wharf was not supervised, and it was only within a few weeks of the 1969 Driftwood article that the department was notified that vehicles of unlimited weight were routinely passing over the wharf. Heavy traffic would have to use other means of reaching Salt Spring. The Crofton wharf was restricted, and ferry traffic only used one side after reports of the wharf sinking up to eight inches.

COMMUNITY

# Centre holds retreat



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Photo from Salt Spring Centre in 1981 with the centre's teacher Baba Hari Dass in the centre. Next week's Community Yoga Retreat will be the centre's first since Dass died in September of 2018.

## 45th anniversary of celebrated event

The Salt Spring Centre of Yoga celebrates a milestone next week when it holds its 45th annual Community Yoga Retreat from Aug. 1 to 5.

The Salt Spring event is the longest-running family-friendly yoga retreat in Western Canada, which was begun in 1975 in White Rock, B.C. by the Dharma Sara Satsang Society. Dharma Sara purchased the property at 355 Blackburn Rd. on Salt Spring in 1981, and the retreat moved onto the land the following year.

"This year's retreat also holds very special significance," said retreat coordinator Anuradha Hannah, "as it is the first year it has been held since the centre's teacher and inspiration, Baba Hari Dass, passed away in September 2018 at the age of 95."

Hannah notes that the direction from Babaji, as he is affectionately known by all, was to "create a place where people will find peace through the study and practices of yoga."

Islanders are invited to attend the following public retreat events free of charge:

- Sunday, Aug. 4 at 12:30 p.m.:

Satsang (singing and readings) at the Pond Dome;

- Monday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.: Yajna Vedic (devotional ceremony) at the Pond Dome.

Anyone wishing to stay afterward for delicious by-donation vegetarian meals are asked to inform the team ahead of time by contacting Hannah at acyr@saltspringcentre.com.

Locals are also welcome for a special commuter rate to join for a full day of regular retreat events. These include asana classes, breathwork, meditation and yoga theory classes, as well as evening programs. More information is available on the www.saltspringcentre.com website.

"A special aspect of this retreat is its multi-generational nature, in a time where our busy lives don't always afford us the opportunity to celebrate life and play together," observed Hannah. "Many people continue to come year after year, and a real joy is the number of families who take part. Many have grown up attending the retreat with their parents, and are now returning with their own children."

"As Babaji famously wrote, 'Work honestly, meditate every day, meet people without fear, and play.'"

## Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on **Monday, August 5 - BC Day** and will re-open for usual business hours on Tuesday, August 6.

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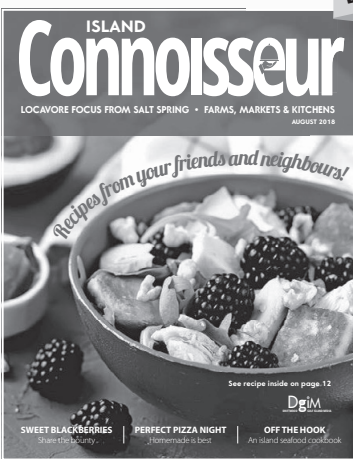
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## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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

This marks the last week of the lunar cycle that began with the Total Solar Eclipse on July 2. By now, whatever influences it was destined to have will likely be operative in your life. Occasionally, the influence is delayed. Also, perhaps the influences or synchronicities are there but are not recognized for what they are and may be idly dismissed as coincidence. Using the penetrating lens of Astrology, the deeper implications and purpose of any such event and cycle can be consciously understood. Doing so can prove illuminating, liberating and empowering. As it is, the destined influences are underway. That they are occurring in the context of Mercury Retrograde is the surprise jalapeno in the mix. For some, it produces a satisfying extra while to others it throws them out of their comfort zone. The Sun enters Leo on July 23 and Venus on the 28th both joining forces with Mars; another hot combination, true to the season. Leo New Moon is on July 31st at 8 Leo 31, less than an hour prior to Mercury turning direct.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)** If you have been waiting to get some play time in this summer, this is your window. Dealing with the impact of the eclipses may have been keeping you busy, especially in terms of your sense of power and influence. Major shifts close to home and family may still be underway, but this is your invitation to be here and now and kiss the sun.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)** You could be experiencing extra lucid insights especially into the emotional nature of significant others. As if suddenly awake to levels of perception previously unavailable, you may now be seeing with more than just your sight. The emphasis is already on balancing between family and work but the scales are about to shift decidedly to family.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** The Sun in Leo is serving to boost your energies up a notch, or two. Quality time shared with family is especially important and probably satisfying now. Spending as much time with them as you can is likely. Meanwhile, contending with unexpected news is featured. It could swing either way, but it will arrive this week and will make you be even closer yet.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)** Synchronicities of late have activated new experiences and perhaps expressions too. The expressions may not yet be fully activated, however, and it could take until September before they are. The biggest current challenge is faith in the flow. You may be dealing with low lying worry or unexpressed anger or frustration. Focus to let go of control.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)** The Sun in your sign is activating yet another layer of enthusiasm. Mars has been there for several weeks already supporting your sense of courage and strength. The Sun there not only adds fuel but brings inspiration and confidence to step into your power. Jupiter in Sagittarius is supporting this and it represents a big creative boost. Capitalize!

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)** The time has come to step back for a while. This can manifest as doing 'inner work'. This is where you clear inner fears, hurts, resentments or regrets. Alternately, your focus can turn to exercise gratitude to build confidence or to specifically focus on getting clear about what you want or what inspires you. Successful inner work is outer magic.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** Laying claim to a fuller scope of your sense of individuality is an important theme now and it will continue for a few weeks. Some of the focus could be on your career and whether you feel like it is really doing for you anymore or not. While having a job at all sometimes is what matters, making sure it feeds your heart is also very important.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** If you have been waiting for your moment to get more attention or pitch for a job, a raise, or a loan... the time is now. The future beckons and your sights are set on making it better than today. Changes on relationship fronts, both personal and professional are likely and look positive too. You have entered a time of breakthrough.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** You have entered one of those 'go big or go home' cycles. Although that deep dive you took continues to reverberate through you, the Sun in Leo indicates opportunities to climb the mount to get a broader perspective. The questions to ask include: what does big mean and where is home, really? Regarding your will, well you probably have plenty of it right now.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** It is said that the first and most important relationship we need to cultivate is the one with our own self. This is especially true now for you. It includes deciphering what aspects of your belief system were socially conditioned but are not what you want. Identifying and clearing these is ever ideal but some time windows are better than others, like now.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** A whole new phase of relationships is rapidly emerging. This New Moon will serve to take it to the next level - a new beginning. The backdrop of this cycle includes bringing your dreams down to earth. The suggestion is that the time has come to tap a whole new level of expression of your skills and talents. Generating more new and more streams of income is featured.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** The summons to lay fuller claim to your creative passions and potentials has been sounded. What is required is to acknowledge yourself regarding what interests you and makes you feel special. This is generally an expensive time for you yet you may be contending with caution, resistance and subconscious fears blocking you. Get decisive!



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Last Week's Answer: David Piperno correctly identified the basketball hoop at Portlock Park.



## SALT SPRING Star of the WEEK

Damian Inwood



Damian Inwood is the president of the Gulf Islands Community Radio Society and is passionate about seeing a local radio station brought back to the island, this time as a non-profit entity.

He is also involved with Salt Spring Community Theatre and directed last year's production of A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller.

Damian was a daily newspaper journalist in his former life.

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*Margaret Lynne Leier*  
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Margaret passed away on July 8th at the age of 69 years. She was predeceased by her parents, Elizabeth and Henry Mierow, and husband Henry Leier.

Margaret leaves to mourn her, children: David, Elizabeth (Julian), Christopher (Riley), and Jonathan (Stephanie), and grandchildren: Cohen, Jovin, Ella, Margaret and Hadley.

Margaret (Peggy) grew up in the Rayburn area and attained several degrees at the U of S in Saskatoon. She taught at the University, had a book on TC Douglas published, and created a Grade 8 Social Studies curriculum that was used across Canada.

Margaret and Henry moved their family to Salt Spring Island, BC where they raised their family. They designed and built beautiful show homes on the island. Unfortunately, Margaret developed Dementia shortly after her husband died and she moved to Regina to live with her cousin Barrie Probe and his family. She loved the constant activity with many little people playing around her and chatting with her. She always loved a good glass of wine and fine dining.

Margaret touched many hearts and the kindness and understanding people showed her was truly overwhelming. Letting our Lord choose her time to go allowed many people the chance to receive many blessings. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held on July 13, 2019 in Regina, SK. Family and friends are invited to sign the online obituary and tributes page at: [www.reginafuneralhome.ca](http://www.reginafuneralhome.ca).

The Salt Spring Service will be held at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church on August 24th at 2:30pm. All are Welcome.



Please join the family of the inimitable **MICHAEL MURRAY**, who died on June 15, 2019, in giving Michael a memorable send-off on Sunday, Aug. 4 at Meaden Hall (120 Blain Rd. in the Legion building) at 2 p.m.

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Comments will be received by FLNRORD up to **August 5, 2019**. FLNRORD may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Wenzel on gold team

Team BC battles in Halifax

BY GAI SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A Salt Spring Islander is part of a national gold-medal-winning volleyball team.

Logan Wenzel, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School last month, was the setter for Team BC, which won the Men's U18 Volleyball Canada Cup tournament held in Halifax from July 17 to 21.

According to Wenzel, a heat wave in Halifax caused sauna-like playing conditions at the Dalhousie University tournament site, forcing some games to be moved to other venues.

Team BC did not take an easy road to victory. The squad was down 2-1 in games and two points away from losing to the Atlantic team in the opening match. It took extra points in game five to beat Ontario 18-16, and in the semi-final against Alberta, B.C. went down several match points before winning 19-17 in extra points in game five.

"It was the craziest match I ever played," said Wenzel about game five of the semi-final.

In the final against Quebec, Team BC needed a spirited comeback to win the gold medal in five games.

Wenzel was GISS Athlete of the Year in 2018-19 and the Team BC setter for the past three years.

Wenzel will be studying biomedical engineering and playing for the varsity volleyball team at the University of Waterloo beginning in September.



PHOTO BY MARKUS WENZEL  
Salt Spring's Logan Wenzel, 18, with Canadian championship banner in Halifax, N.S.

## GOLF

# Golfers get out in all weather

Youth gets longest drive

BY MARCIA HOGAN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

July at the Salt Spring Golf Club is the month filled with member events, a fund-raising tournament, and cup competitions for the men's and ladies clubs.

Members competed for the Shipley Cup on July 6. The couple most versatile in hitting from each other's last shot were new members Cindy Garvin and Eric Scott. Mary Lou Bompas and Chad Little collaborated for second place.

Member and guest trivia nights are very popular. The next one is at 6 p.m. on July 26 at Penny's Pantry.

The Lady Minto Hospital Tournament had the course buzzing with activity from early morning to late evening on July 13. Over 100 players, including recent graduates of the introductory lessons, turned out for a good time scramble at this fundraising event.

This year the tournament saw the advent of a junior golf team: Rowan Johnston, Beau Morgan, Andrew Anderson and Elliot Anderson. To the delight of all participants, 13-year-old Rowan Johnston won the men's long drive contest! The juniors will be back.

Topping the tournament leaderboard

was the Kapa Kai Glass powerhouse of Troy Kaye, Martin Harper, Chad Little and Kerry Marshall. Sara Gogo, Dean Stewart, Victoria Schukel and Leanne Drumheller, a Lady Minto team, earned the Most Honest Golfers trophy. The Sandbaggers Corporate Team trophy from Country Grocer went to the foursome of Charlie Holmes, Keith Barclay, Steven Hardy and Travis Greenhough. Franki Johnstone, June Vergalen, Glynis Finer and Nora Wright were recognized for their ladies-only team entry.

In ladies club play, Jill Thompson won the Marg Johnson Cup on a rainy July 3. Jenny Pickering and Linda Tremblay tied for second. There were eight chip-ins and four birdies that day, despite the rain.

The Tom Butt Cup for men's club low net medal play ended in a first-place tie between Doug Fraser and Keith Kruger with scores of 66. The playoff happened a week later and Kruger emerged as champion. Rick MacKinnon's 68 put him in third place.

The men were also playing for the Buzz Brown Low Gross Cup. Randy Miron led the others with his 78. Doug Fraser turned in an 80 and Chris Baker was third with an 81.

The annual Salt Spring Open is scheduled for Aug. 9 through 11, with the highly anticipated horserace on the Friday night.

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July 2019

## An Update from BC Ferries

Dear Crofton-Vesuvius Bay customers,

We have been hearing questions from the community about the transition to the *Quinitsa*, which recently replaced the *Howe Sound Queen* on the Crofton – Vesuvius route. We know the transition has not been seamless, and we want to address the questions we have been hearing most often.

On July 9, approximately 40 community members attended our Ferry Advisory Committee meeting. We appreciate everyone's time to attend the meeting, and value the feedback. We hope the answers below provide some clarity on this vessel and its assignment on the route.

Question/Comment	Explanation
Why did BC Ferries assign <i>Quinitsa</i> to this route?	The <i>Quinitsa</i> provides the same daily capacity as the <i>Howe Sound Queen</i> , it is a newer vessel, it makes the crossing quicker and it's easier to load. Also, it has greater propulsion redundancy than the <i>Howe Sound Queen</i> , which is good for reliability.
Why can't you shuttle the ferry back and forth like you have done on the crossings between Hornby and Denman Islands?	The current schedule is essentially a shuttle because there are no significant service gaps during the day. We have maximized the number of sailings during the day. Almost all of the early morning and evening sailings have unused space available. We encourage customers with flexibility to consider travelling on these less busy sailings.
Why can't you put the <i>Bowen Queen</i> on the route?	The <i>Bowen Queen</i> is currently serving the Port McNeill – Alert Bay – Sointula route. It also has limited over-height capacity and cannot carry as much commercial traffic as the <i>Quinitsa</i> .

Generally, over the past month, the sailings with space available are outlined in the following table:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CROFTON</b>		before 12:55 pm after 6:05 pm			before 12:55 pm after 6:05 pm	before 12:55 pm after 7:20 pm	before 8:55 am after 3:35 pm
<b>VESUVIUS</b>	before 8:20 am	before 8:20 am after 4:15 pm	before 8:20 am after 4:15 pm	before 8:20 am after 5:30 pm	before 8:20 am after 6:45 pm	before 8:20 am after 5:30 pm	

**Crofton:** Congestion is highest on Fri afternoons and Saturday mornings - refer to times shown. On Monday & Thursdays recommend travel before 12:55 pm.  
**Vesuvius:** Recommend travel before 8:20 am and in the evenings after the times shown.

Can you put two ferries on in the summer?	No, we don't have another vessel available at this time.	What about reservations or assured loading for customers with medical appointments and other priority needs?	We have heard that a reservation system or priority loading is something customers might like on this route. We will explore this with the Ferry Advisory Committee.
Why can't other commercial vehicles go on Dangerous Cargo sailings, freeing up space on regular sailings?	The three Dangerous Cargo sailings per week carry hazardous goods, such as fuel. Regulations restrict carriage of non-Dangerous Cargo on these sailings.  We have adjusted some of the Dangerous Cargo sailings to less busy times. However, some Dangerous Cargo sailings will continue during regular business hours to accommodate island businesses.	Ferry traffic often backs up on the road leading to the terminal. This can be dangerous when drivers try to pass in the oncoming lane. How can you help?	Our terminal staff are trained to safely manage traffic on the road leading to the ferry terminal, and can assist when the queue goes beyond our property.
Some passengers have reported being left behind in Lane 7 at Vesuvius terminal when there are no terminal staff on duty, because the cars from the road have filled in the first few lanes and are loaded on the ferry first.	BC Ferries staff at Vesuvius, load any overload from Lane 7 first on the next sailing. Our staff member does not allow cars to go down Lane 1 until those in Lane 7 have been repositioned into Lane 1-6 to be boarded next.  To prevent unfair loading when the terminal is unstaffed, Lane 7 is now blocked off when no BC Ferries personnel are on site. We have unstaffed periods at the terminal during off-peak times as this helps keep operating costs down.	Can you put up signs or webcams so people can see if the traffic is busy?	Great suggestion from our Ferry Advisory Committee. On the roadway leading to the terminal we will install signs to help indicate approximately where overloads will start. We will also consider installing webcams.
Why is the <i>Quinitsa</i> able to stay on schedule more often than the <i>Howe Sound Queen</i> ?	As predicted, the <i>Quinitsa's</i> speed, short in-dock times and clear deck area allows the ship to stay on schedule. In the first three weeks of service, the <i>Quinitsa's</i> on-time performance was 90 per cent. (The <i>Howe Sound Queen</i> was 55 per cent same time last year).		

As always, we welcome your thoughts and comments. Emails can be sent to [customerservice@bcferries.com](mailto:customerservice@bcferries.com). We continue to closely monitor the performance of the *Quinitsa* on the Crofton – Vesuvius route and appreciate your valuable feedback.

Sincerely,

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