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CRYSTAL CLEAR: Luke Sturdy, team lead at the Ganges sewer plant, shows a sample of clear treated effluent, left, and one before it receives treatment in the membrane bioreactor system at a public open house event held by the CRD on Aug. 29. See story on page 2.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC sends Vortex plan to APC

Heated discourse at public Islands Trust meeting

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Even though the proponent of a development on the former Fulford Inn site did not get what he asked for at last Tuesday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, trustees urged him to stick with the process to see the property revitalized.

South-end resident David Fullbrook, who is the developer behind The Vortex concept, was clearly frustrated with his Trust experience so far when his development variance permit application was being discussed at the public meeting at the Harbour House Hotel.

He was critical of a 111-page staff report that he did not have an opportunity to see and discuss with staff before it was submitted to trustees for consideration.

"Fundamentally about this report and the flaw of this report is that any developer who is in this business awhile is going to try to seek some kind of cooperative understanding with the planning authority and try to find a way to bridge gaps and compromise and mitigate and find agreement, and this report is not a reflection of that process," he said.

Report-writer Shelley Miller recommended against issuing the DVP for several reasons, ranging from septic system location to the proposed number of signs to the size of the accommodation units.

Fullbrook said he felt "sandbagged" by the report and maintains that most of the issues could have been resolved before the report came to the meeting, but he was not given a chance to do that. He also said Trust staff want him to rezone the property, which would be a much lengthier process than the variance to the existing Commercial Accommodation 2 and Rural zoning he is seeking.

The Vortex envisions construction of 17 commercial guest accommodation units, a restaurant, three units for retail sales and a public gathering space for concerts, events or markets on the high-profile property that once housed the Fulford Inn at the head of Fulford Harbour.

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Ganges sewer upgrades shared

Open house celebrates upgrades and effluent quality

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

About a dozen people on Salt Spring can now say they've got the poop on Ganges poop.

They're the ones who attended the Capital Regional District's Ganges sewer plant open house on Thursday. The event was an opportunity for CRD staff to share details about the system's recently completed \$3.9-million upgrade and for people to ask questions about how the service operates.

Malcolm Cowley, manager of CRD engineering design services, led the proceedings, beginning with the innocuous-looking influent pump station, where all flushed waste arrives via the system's sewer pipes about 25 feet below ground level.

"The pumps and the pipes and the valves were really old," said Cowley. "They were all corroded and weren't working very well anymore. It all needed to be replaced."

Waste is then pumped into a tank for screening, with the solids put into a bin for hauling to either the Burgoyne Bay septic site for transfer to the Capital Regional District Hartland Road facility or direct hauling to Hartland.

Wastewater then goes into an "equalization tank," which allows for variations in the flow of incoming waste. It can store extra water arising from rainy days and control the amount of water going into the treatment system.

"From there it goes to a concrete tank divided into two," explained Cowley. "The first half is what's called the anoxic tank and then it goes to the aeration tank, and then the membranes that do all the biological treatment and filtering are located in another tank."

And what comes out at the end of the process?

According to sewer plant lead Luke Sturdy, who at participants' insistence brought out samples of pre- and post-treatment effluent at the open house, the final product is water with a fecal coliform count of two or three units per 100 millilitres of water, so virtually negligible. Swimming beaches are not closed to the public in B.C. unless the fecal coliform level exceeds 200 units.

Tom Toynbee was chair of the Ganges Sewer Local Services Commission when the membrane bioreactor (MBR) technology was chosen in 1996 to replace the rotary biological contactor system originally used at the plant when it opened in 1985.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Malcolm Cowley, the CRD's manager of engineering design services, points out the spot where filtering and disinfection of wastewater takes place in the Ganges sewer plant during an open house event on Thursday morning.

"At that time [the MBR] was leading-edge technology," Toynbee said. "It continues to be extraordinarily good compared to any others."

"It was a new technology back then and it has proven itself to be a very effective technology."

MALCOLM COWLEY
CRD manager of engineering design service

"It is considered tertiary treatment," Cowley confirmed. "It was kind of piloted here in Ganges," he added. "It was a new technology back then and it has proven itself to be a very effective technology... [The effluent] has a negligible impact on the environment."

Some people at the open house were

surprised to learn that the outfall pipe extends 4.8 kilometres from the harbour into Swanson Channel. Cowley said the less effective original sewage treatment process would have determined the outfall length in the 1980s.

The recent upgrade also saw improvements made to the infrastructure throughout the Ganges plant, and to the beautifully painted pump stations located on the corner by the Ganges Visitors Centre and by the Harbour House Hotel.

All sewer pipes were also cleaned, inspected and repaired, if necessary, as part of the scope of work. A new standby generator to ensure the plant can keep running during power outages was also installed.

The CRD was even able to get a few additional items not originally planned for with the \$3.9 million in funds authorized for borrowing by Ganges sewer area ratepayers in 2015. About 420 residential, commercial and institutional properties are served by the sewer and their owners pay annual parcel taxes and user fees for the service.



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NEWS BRIEFS

LTC nixes coffee truck

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee has declined to issue a temporary use permit for a proposed coffee truck on a property next to the Vesuvius ferry terminal parking lot.

At their Aug. 27 meeting, Trust staff and trustees cited a temporary use guideline about competition with other businesses in making their decision. The guideline states "permits should not be issued for uses in excess of 60 days unless it is a new venture that does not directly compete with an existing business in a legal zone and there is a demonstrated need or market for the proposed use."

Applicant Rene Van Hullebush maintained the outlet's limited offerings meant it would not interfere with the nearby Seaside Kitchen and Vesuvius Cafe, but trustees disagreed.

Also at the meeting, the LTC gave final reading to Bylaws 507 and 513 to rezone part of the Croftonbrook property for 34 affordable housing units.

"IWAV is an organization that is committed to providing affordable housing, including for people with severe housing needs as part of our mandate, and we are grateful today to receive this important completion of our Phase 3 rezoning project," said IWAV board chair Susan Dann.

STVRs

Trust takes court route for STVRs

Claims launched on Salt Spring and Galiano

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The Salt Spring and Galiano local trust committees are showing they are serious about shutting down short-term vacation rental operations by taking the owners of two properties on their respective islands to court.

In a Notice of Civil Claim filed in the Vancouver registry of the Supreme Court of B.C., the Salt Spring LTC alleges that Stacey Nadean Clarahan is using or allowing the property at 480 Upper Ganges Rd. to be used as a short-term vacation rental by contracting with property manager Laurel Wesnoski to rent the property on a nightly rate basis and while she does not live on the property.

The LTC seeks a court order requiring the defendant to cease using the property for STVR purposes.

According to a news release from the Islands Trust issued Wednesday, the property has been the subject of numerous complaints from the public and its bylaw compliance and enforcement staff have notified the owner of the property, along with their agent, on multiple occasions.

"Despite repeated requests to the operator of the STVR to cease operations, the STVR continues to be active," the Trust states.

"There's also evidence that the property is operating unlawfully as a vacation rental and is often occupied by vacationers," said David Marlor, director of Local Planning Services for the Islands Trust. "Bed and breakfasts and other lawful, home-based businesses are required to comply with the Salt Spring Island Land

Use Bylaw, and it is a reasonable expectation that competing temporary tourist accommodations should also comply with those bylaws and other regulations."

The island's Land Use Bylaw only permits temporary tourist accommodation in single family dwellings in some zones, if it is provided as home-based bed and breakfast accommodation that is accessory to a residential use and operated by a person permanently residing on the property.

The five-acre Upper Ganges Road property is valued by BC Assessment at \$843,000 and is on a 5-acre parcel of land.

The Galiano property is on Warbler Road and according to a Trust news release advertises eight bedrooms for short-term vacation rental use. The Galiano LTC seeks a court order prohibiting that activity as well as use of the property for yoga retreats.

According to Warren Dingman, the Trust's bylaw compliance and enforcement manager, "It is the largest short-term vacation rental operation on the island and there is no full-time resident on the property. In addition, there is evidence that the property is operating unlawfully as a resort and a yoga retreat. Bed and breakfast and short-term vacation rental operations are permitted on Galiano Island, but with a limit of three bedrooms. An operation advertising and utilizing more than twice that number is beyond what was anticipated as a home occupation."

"Islands Trust has heard from the public about growing concerns over the impacts of STVRs on their lives and the community at large," said Peter Luckham, chair of the Salt Spring Island LTC, in the Aug. 28 release. "In addition to the very real concerns that these unlawful STVRs are

affecting the amount of long-term rental housing available for island residents, we've also heard about increased noise, problems with traffic and parking, and water issues from these operations. This is why the LTC has requested that bylaw officers take a proactive approach when dealing with STVRs."

Since the fall of 2017, Trust bylaw enforcement staff have been directed to proactively enforce the Salt Spring Land Use Bylaw's no-STVR provisions.

As of last December, when the last bylaw enforcement statistical report was released, Trust staff had opened 29 files related to use of a property for STVR purposes on Salt Spring, out of a total of 102 bylaw violation files on the island.

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Safety service proposed for Salt Spring

Counter-petition process required to approve new tax

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After multiple incidents of vandalism and issues relating to community security on the island, Salt Spring's Capital Regional District electoral area director Gary Holman will be seeking voter approval for a small tax requisition to fund a security service for the island.

"Basically it is to assist, administer, promote, organize, implement and monitor community safety initiatives and programs on Salt Spring," Holman said. "It can range from security-type measures to community outreach supportive measures. There's a pretty broad range of things that you could spend the money on."

"The initiation was the vandalism and to some degree there seemed to be a civil disorder issue in the village. The Chamber [of Commerce] kind of took the issue and ran with it. They've been initiating a number of meetings over time to try to get the community together to resolve these issues," Holman added. "There's a gap in our services here, and I think it justifies establishing a separate service."

The CRD Electoral Area Services Committee will give its recommendation on the bylaw to the CRD Board on Sept. 11. On the same day, the board will pass three readings of the bylaw, starting the approval process. The bylaw will also need to be approved by the provincial government, which will determine if it is within the scope of the CRD.

Since the new service would depend on a tax requisition, it needs to go to voters for approval. Holman explained that an alternative approval process will be

used, which requires those who are against the establishment of the service to fill out a petition form. If 10 per cent of the electorate votes against the proposal, it will not pass. The process, formerly known as a counter-petition, is typically used when proposals already have community support and for smaller amounts of money. The petition will be available for 30 days after two public notices are presented.

"If you oppose the service, you sign a petition," Holman explained. "The petitions will be located at a public venue so people, if they didn't want the service to be established, they would come to that location and sign the petition against establishing the service."

The maximum requisition for the service will be \$68,000, and Holman explained that the initial tax will be much lower until the CRD has more experience with the service.

"Then over time as we become clearer about what our priorities are, then we could gradually increase the requisition," he said.

Holman said a new commission would not be formed. Instead, an advisory group of stakeholders already set up by the Chamber of Commerce would inform how the money is spent. Stakeholders include the RCMP, Community Services, the Chamber of Commerce, businesses and Island Women Against Violence.

"If voters approve the service, then we would work with the stakeholder group, which would include the RCMP and organizations like Community Services, to determine how to start spending the money next year," Holman said.

Though the funding could be used in theory for various different things, Holman said it would most likely fund something like a citizens' patrol or increased resources for Community Services groups.

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FOOD SECURITY

Youngsters donate to The Root



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India, Renée, Emerson and Pasley Hayden donate funds from their lemonade stand to Patricia Reichert, right, and Amber Billard, left, of the Farmland Trust to be used for The Root food sustainability building.

Hayden kids choose charity to donate to each year

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust's new food security facility is nearing completion, and it has gotten a bit of help from a group of young donors.

India, Emerson, Renée and Pasley Hayden made a donation to The Root of \$224.35, which they raised in their annual lemonade stand fundraiser. Each year for the last 10 years, the kids raised money through the stand to donate to various island charities and causes. This year, the siblings saw an importance in food as a community builder and as an agent for environmental sustainability, and felt The Root was a worthy cause.

"We thought it was really cool," said India Hayden. "It's cool that you can come here and process your produce."

"You don't have to buy all of the equipment yourself, you can just come here and do it," Emerson Hayden added.

The family opens their lemonade stand every year on the July long weekend. They began with the "Kids Making Change" campaign started by Lady Minto in 1999. Their venture started as a simple lemonade stand with just India and Emerson.

"Our stand has evolved," said Janine Fernandes-Hayden, the kids' mom. "It used to be a little wagon with a cardboard backdrop, and now we've built a little brace around the wagon. We've got little flags on it. It's become a bit more gourmet too."

"We also have cookies and cupcakes that are decorated," India Hayden added.

Other causes the Hayden clan has donated to have been Greenwoods, Copper Kettle, the SPCA, the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre and to Dawn Terrabain, to help with her struggles with ALS.

"Each year the kids do a bit of research, we talk about it and then decide who we want to donate to. It's always been important for us to do it locally," Fernandes-Hayden said.

The Root itself is nearing completion, and as a thank you for their donation, the family was able to get a special sneak

peak of the facility. Trust president Patricia Reichert led the kids through the facility, starting with the main floor of the building. That floor will contain the building's kitchen, as well as a preparation area, walk-in refrigerator and packaging area.

Once complete, The Root will be a state-of-the-art food production facility and completely carbon-neutral. Reichert explained that no sources of emitting energy will be incorporated in the construction. This includes induction cooktops and other high-efficiency appliances.

"[The oven] is going to be able to roast, dry, sterilize and process jars and bake," Reichert said. "It's going to be really energy efficient as well as really helpful for the community for all kinds of things."

It will also function as a teaching kitchen, with lessons for anyone from people wanting to learn basic food processing skills like knife work to future food industry professionals.

"We'll have chefs and people with different expertise coming and going. Lots of teaching, learning, processing, preserving, just everything you can imagine about food, we'll be able to help do it here," Reichert explained.

Upstairs at The Root is a two-bedroom apartment that was included to provide housing for any potential staff who needs it at the facility. The property was rezoned to allow for a residence, Reichert explained, and though modest, having a residence in the facility will ensure that another community need is met.

"When possible, a building like this should include housing in our community," Reichert said. "Even though it's small and seems like one little thing, those things add up until they're actually addressing the bigger problem."

Storage will be the primary use of the basement level of the building. It was built into a hillside, which keeps the room naturally cool. Other features of the property will be a food landscape that will be part of the yard around the building. Onsite too is a seed sanctuary, maintained by Salt Spring Seeds and the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society.

Next steps for the facility include delivery and installation of the appliances.

The Farmland Trust continues to look for donations to help with the operation of the facility.

Trust chair asks Vortex applicant not to bail

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Fullbrook, who is an experienced developer as the principal and founder of Merchant House Capital, said he wants to create a heart for the south-end community again and a place that tells Salt Spring's various stories but has lost faith in the Islands Trust and its process.

"How do you expect us to continue investing in this process when we've been through three planners, and we've been upset all the

way along and then when the final report is issued it is so inaccurate?" he asked LTC chair Peter Luckham, who was encouraging the applicant to work with staff to resolve outstanding issues during a heated exchange.

Both trustees Peter Grove and Laura Patrick said they want to see the site developed, but need more information and assurances on topics such as First Nations consultation and sea-level rise adaptation, and details about both the accommodation uses and definition of accessory

uses before proceeding.

"I only see opportunity here, not failure," said Patrick.

"This is a big project," said Luckham. "It is not going to be easy and straightforward."

The LTC moved to refer the question of accessory uses and the proposed accommodation unit sizes to its Advisory Planning Commission for advice as a next step.

Fullbrook announced plans for the property in March of 2018. The Fulford Inn was demolished on the site in June of 2015.

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INNOVATIONS

Drone makes special deliveries

Salt Spring company pilots prescription delivery service

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The near future could be one where drones deliver crucial items to people in need, after the successful test of a pharmaceutical delivery flight.

A drone piloted by Salt Spring-based InDro Robotics, in conjunction with Canada Post, made three flights from the Duncan London Drugs location to Salt Spring, carrying epinephrine, an epi pen and a naloxone kit. The company is one of three in the country permitted by Transport Canada to conduct beyond visual line of sight flights, and has been working with first responders to develop ways that drones can help in the event of emergencies.

The flights, conducted on Aug. 29, lasted for about 11 minutes and covered between 11 and 17 kilometres from Duncan to various places on Salt Spring. InDro Robotics president Philip Reece said the demonstration was the first look at what this technology can do in a real-world emergency situation.

"Imagine you're out hiking, and get stung by a bee and you need an epi pen. You could go to an app — which isn't developed yet — and you'll tell it what you need and the GPS from your phone would then report in, find you the nearest drone . . . and then the pharmacist would load up whatever is needed and it would be dispatched to you wherever you are," he said. "That ability means that you're not getting it at home, you're not getting it at the pharmacist. You're getting it where you need it."

The pharmaceutical delivery model is viable for emergency situations already, and Reece said he expects non-emergency prescription delivery to be ready by sometime in 2020. Other plans include expanding the service to other high-importance items like passports and emergency repair parts.

Attached to the drone were small custom-made "saddle bags," which require a four-digit code to open. With this model, the code is known by the pharmacist and the recipient, and it prevents interference with the payload.

"The big thing with pharmaceuticals is that they need to be secure and not tampered with," Reece said. "It's not that it's inaccessible to people, but it's the fact that if it gets into the wrong hands, you'll know if it was tampered with by the time you as a customer receive it."

InDro has been working with emergency responders to



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InDro Robotics drone takes a test flight carrying medication from London Drugs' Duncan location to Salt Spring.

develop drone protocols. The delivery of pharmaceuticals is an example of how drones can be used in an emergency situation where people can be trapped in their homes for up to weeks at a time.

"If we had this on Christmas Eve last year it would have certainly made a difference," Reece said. "If you were in need of prescriptions then, then they could have been dispatched directly from the pharmacies straight to your backyard."

Emergency situations that occur during the night are no trouble for the service. Reece explained that drone flying is actually safer on Salt Spring during the nighttime hours. The airspace is not full of sea planes, or planes from nearby training facilities that can hamper drone activity. Infrared cameras on the drones allow them to see as well during the night as they can during the day. Also, there is less activity on the ground at night, which makes flying a drone over occupied areas safer.

"We have a safety matrix on all of our flights, and the safety score for a night flight is safer than a daytime flight," he said. "We would rather fly at night than during the day, and unfortunately I think more emergencies happen during the night than during the day."

The application is also useful for prescriptions that have a relatively short shelf life. Since they were able to deliver the prescriptions within a half hour to anywhere on Salt Spring, the distribution centre on Vancouver Island would be able to stock more items and distribute them as needed to customers.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC finalizes term's strategic priorities

Incremental changes to OCP to help with priority implementation

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members laid out their top priorities for the term at their meeting last Tuesday, which include updating the island's official community plan through a series of incremental steps to ensure the priorities get addressed.

Priorities identified by staff and approved by the LTC include implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, ensuring fresh water sustainability, protecting the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem, increasing the availability of affordable housing on the island, protecting agriculture and increasing consultation with the public and outside groups.

Trustee Laura Patrick suggested that incrementally updating the OCP, rather than doing a major review and update, would be the most effective way to ensure these priorities are met within a reasonable timeframe.

"I have come around and struggled with this, especially how every action

comes back to how the OCP has to be amended. I am in favour of saying, 'Let's assign updating the OCP.' That is what we need to get to," Patrick said during the meeting. "We need to update it with incremental steps so that it allows us to deal with things from a priority standpoint."

An OCP update, it was pointed out by trustee Peter Grove, can be a large undertaking. Grove suggested adding the update as one of the strategic priorities, not merely the tool with which the priorities are addressed.

"I am happy to add it to the list which already has six spots on it . . . it's all part of the OCP. We want to be helpful to staff rather than putting up hurdles," he said.

Patrick explained the reason for including the OCP amendments in her motion was to send a message to the Trust Council about how important the priorities are to the island.

"To me this gives a message strongly to Trust Council that Salt Spring wants to open this door, and needs resources to do it. That's why I think there's value in saying it. We need funding and resources to get this done. We've made over 300 amendments to the OCP as it is, so it just gives us direction," Patrick said.

"By saying 'OCP' we are acknowl-

edging the complexity of these issues and that they are a series of steps and things that need to happen," she added.

Patrick's original motion singled out climate change and the housing situation as the top two priorities, being crises that are having a drastic effect on the island.

Grove suggested the motion focused too much on two of the six priorities outlined in the staff report, and that it be amended to address all of the strategic priorities through incremental changes to the official community plan. Grove also moved the LTC include village planning as a priority, which would allow them to work on bringing all three villages into the future.

Other concerns were the lack of resources available to the LTC for implementation of the priorities. Patrick suggested that the LTC move to secure additional resources including grant funding.

"I know that resources are tremendously frustrating. We don't have enough resources. I am prepared to make a motion that would allow us to get additional funds, so we make sure we're preparing things and pursuing grants to support our strategic priorities," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Clean stream

When it comes to how a community deals with its sewage, the adage “if it’s out of sight, it’s out of mind” seems to apply.

Less than a dozen members of the public came to an open house at the Ganges Wastewater Treatment Plant last week to see the results of a \$3.9-million upgrade. Perhaps people imagined the event would include a down-and-dirty tour of the physical plant and that is what kept them away. Instead, those attending got an in-depth but not graphic explanation of how the system works and what parts were upgraded and improved.

The lack of interest is surprising, though, because proper treatment and disposal of human waste is critically important to public health and that of the environment. And if you are a property owner in the sewered area, you paid the bill for upgrades that benefit everyone who flushes a toilet in Ganges.

THE ISSUE:

Ganges sewer plant upgrades

WE SAY:

CRD system to be lauded

Capital Regional District and Ganges Sewer Commission fully implemented a cutting-edge “membrane bioreactor” (MBR) disinfection system being piloted by a company called Zenon Environmental, which it is still using. The result is effluent containing a microscopic amount of fecal coliform — about two or three units per 100 millilitres of water. (Swimming beaches in B.C. are closed to the public when the ratio exceeds 200 units; Kits Beach in Vancouver reported 65 units last week.) Combining crystal-clear effluent with the Ganges sewer outfall pipe being 4.8 kilometres long means that the CRD really couldn’t do a better job of dealing with our waste.

Something that came up through the open house event, though, is that people still throw plastic items into toilets — feminine hygiene products, baby-wipes, etc. — and that creates a huge problem for treating our waste. Without that kind of contamination, the end product might actually have other practical uses.

As one open house attendee suggested, it’s time for a public education campaign about what not to flush down the toilet. “Out of sight, out of mind” should not be a guiding principle when we’re talking about septic waste.



Parks belong to all of us

BY GREGG DOW
 SSPARC CHAIR

VIEWPOINT

It’s been an exciting year for the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) with the completion of Phase One upgrades to Centennial Park, the opening of the Lions Commemorative Family Bike Park, transition of the pool operations, an updated strategic plan and expansion of our partnerships with local contractors to provide a variety of new PARC recreation programs.

Salt Spring’s community parks belong to all of us. They provide a place for recreation, socializing and contribute to our healthy community. Unfortunately not all park users are respecting these community gems, by leaving behind garbage, cigarette butts, empty cans and in some cases, vandalizing park structures. Please help us keep these community spaces clean and attractive for other users by practicing in a “pack it in-pack it out” approach. Not only will this practice increase the overall appearance of our parks, it will assist in reducing the maintenance time PARC staff must expend to clean up the mess, which detracts from other maintenance

and park upgrades like trail expansions. Dog owners can also contribute by picking up after their pets and obeying signage for being “leash smart” by nature. Remember, our off-leash parks still require that you have ongoing control of your dog, and pick up after them.

In response to an increase in complaints about issues in our parks, we increased funding to our bylaw enforcement patrols this year. These increased patrols were focused on educating park users, both local and visitors, on by-laws surrounding dogs, camping, smoking, alcohol consumption, and littering. Our goal is to ensure our park spaces are being respected and are welcoming to all users. While these increased patrols have raised awareness, more work needs to be done. To this end, PARC is considering an additional budget increase in 2020 to support additional patrols. While we recognize this funding could be better used to support other parks and recreation services in the short term, we believe that

the long-term reduction in behaviours which damage our park infrastructure will pay off.

As a number of our park facilities are at or near the end of their useful and safe lifespan, we are working to revitalize and/or replace aging infrastructure in consultation with the community. We commit to ongoing consultation prior to park improvements, to ensure we have heard from everyone. As a recent example, an addendum to the Centennial Park Master Plan was made by PARC that will ensure that we retain as many trees as possible during park upgrades and we will be incorporating the berm into the new playground design, scheduled for replacement later this fall. Again, our parks belong to all of us, and your input is both valued and heard.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to ensure our community parks and recreation spaces are welcome and open to all, and for your ongoing participation in future community consultation initiatives. If necessary inappropriate park activity should be reported to CRD bylaw enforcement by calling 1-800-665-7899.

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THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Does St. Mary Lake water taste better with the new treatment plant in operation?
 Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should a compost receptacle be put in Centennial Park for Saturday market days?

NO	43
YES	95

OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

“The world is so beautiful and 99 per cent of the population of the world is kind and good.”

KATHY O'NEIL, AFTER ROUND-THE-WORLD BIKE TRIP

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED:

Why should people celebrate Pride?

BILL TURNER



Not only is it great fun, but we need to be aware of ongoing issues in a world where homophobia is alive and well.

SHELLYSE SZAKACS



Until every member of the community is free to express themselves and love who they love, we're at risk.

LARKIN SCHMIEDL



People should celebrate pride because the dominant system is heteronormative and we need more space for queer people.

JZ BOWM



Pride is about celebrating the diversity of humanity. It's about everybody realizing what they have to be proud about.

HAMILTON



The other 51 weeks are straight pride without people doing anything. Fifty-one weeks of straight pride is exhausting.

LETTERS to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Cottage bylaw too broad

I received a letter from the Salt Spring Islands Trust notifying me that under Bylaw 512 my property could be rezoned to allow a full-time residential rental unit.

My property is an unceded, covenanted (NAPTEP) seven acres of land situated on a Coast Salish midden and fronting onto Walter Bay. It is zoned Shoreline 8 by the Trust and protected federally and provincially as a bird sanctuary and Crown land map reserve. The upland area is in DPA 6 for unstable slopes and there is only a dug well for potable water.

I am all for more affordable rental cottages, but not at the expense of groundwater, a bird sanctuary and a fragile estuarine ecosystem.

Under seasonal cottages in our official community plan, Section B.2.2.2.16 (section J)

states that “The Local Trust Committee will make zoning changes incrementally and monitor changes in order to have the effect of limiting the overall number of full-time units on the island.”

I hope you will adhere to this section and before even beginning to propose any new sites, a lot more layering of maps for each parcel of land and adjacent lands needs to take place.

I would also suggest that all potable water must be from a catchment system or commercial tanks, not groundwater.

NINA RAGINSKY,
WALTER BAY

Transit is pretty good deal

It is important to understand how public transit is funded on Salt Spring, so I'm responding again to William Steiner (Aug. 28 “Not fair” letter), who feels the tax costs

of our system are unfair, even though two-thirds of these costs are covered by the Province and fares. I'd argue that the roughly \$3 per month per household to support local transit is good value for money, and offer a different perspective on the fairness issue.

The requisition increase Mr. Steiner opposes will finally provide service to Beddis residents, who've paid taxes supporting transit for 10 years without any direct service. There are some other areas on Salt Spring without service, and we've been addressing these gaps by gradually extending the system. Transit is also an important element of a fair society, providing a less costly alternative to cars, particularly for folks who can't afford or are unable to drive cars at all.

Mr. Steiner complains about GHG emissions from buses, and it's true that parts of our transit system, even with the highest ridership of any rural system in B.C., are

still underutilized. But our bus system replaces over 100,000 trips that would otherwise be taken by automobiles, mostly single occupied. And as BC Transit replaces fossil-fuelled with electric buses — hopefully sooner rather than later here — the GHG emissions of our fleet will fall close to zero.

Mr. Steiner argues fares don't completely cover the costs of our transit system unlike a private sector approach. He's correct, but no public transit system in B.C. operates without tax support. Salt Spring's system has the highest cost recovery of its type in B.C. and confers significant environmental and social benefits to our island.

I believe islanders (who had to approve the system in the first place) think for the cost of little more than a cup of coffee per month, public transit on Salt Spring is a pretty good deal.

GARY HOLMAN,
CRD DIRECTOR

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Nothing to do except hunker down in ferry line-ups

I was on the ferry from Crofton recently, which, given the present disorderly conduct inflicted on us by the smug, befuddled and overpaid mandarins of the BC Ferry Corporation, was no small enterprise since I have never much enjoyed car parks and long lines.

I've actually taken to planning my occasional excursions from Salt Spring with all the obsessive attention to detail of a PoW planning an escape from Colditz with a selection of maps and timetables sewn into my underpants, bottles of water, hardtack, pemmican and, as a final resort, sleeping bags. If things don't improve soon, I will also pack an inflatable dinghy and am secretly knitting a replica BC Ferries uniform from cat hairs to pass myself off as a crew member if I have an appointment in Duncan at anytime before midnight.

I had earlier wasted almost four hours of my ever-diminishing life getting to Duncan, a trip I could have done more quickly in a pedalo.

(Here's a thought . . . This may be apocryphal, but my sources tell me that BC Ferries pays its skippers a bonus for going slow and thereby saving fuel. Ditch the bonus, run the ferry 10 per cent faster — and put an extra run on the route. Easy peasy.)

Anyway, as I was saying, I was on the ferry when I was approached by a man who wanted to know if I lived on Salt Spring. It may have been the haunted look in my eye as I looked back wistfully towards civilization while the ferry drew away from the bright lights and properly paved roads of Crofton, forlorn in the knowledge that I likely wouldn't see them again. Or perhaps it was the fact that I had just clipped my ponytail back on to my cap, but he picked on me as someone who obviously had the lowdown on Salt Spring.



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

“What's there to do on the island?” he wanted to know. My first, unspoken, response was “Nothing, unless you enjoy lining up to get OFF the island,” but I didn't want to spoil his vacation, so I pretended to give it some thought.

“Well,” I said. “Well . . .” It was Wednesday, so the market was a non-starter. “Well . . .” Shame about the market, though, because I'm sure he'd have been as entranced by the Saturday bongo recitals as I am.

Look, I used to be a European, so finding things to do was never much of a challenge.

“The Sistine Chapel has an excellent ceiling, but the toilets leave a lot to be desired.” “The Louvre has some nice paintings if you're in any way artistic and don't mind being elbowed sideways by Russian tourists.” “The British Museum is full of interesting odds-and-ends and is good for a wet afternoon if you don't mind being elbowed in the back by Chinese tourists.”

But on that warm summer evening halfway between Vesuvius and Crofton I was lost for words. To be frank, and I'm probably making a wildly unfair assumption here, the guy didn't look much of a rambler to me. The closest he'd likely come to “huntin' and fishin'” was hunting for his smokes and fishing for his lighter. His wife, “who had fancied a few days away,” had yet to get out of the car.

Not that I blame her. The geniuses at BC Ferries have thoughtfully provided one of the most scenic ferry routes on the planet with a boat that has NOWHERE to stand and watch the glories sliding by.

So the auspice for a jolly outing on our little paradise of hirsute hippies and hairy-legged hikers wasn't looking good. The only thing he had going for him as a Salt Spring ingenuous were arms that were so heavily tattooed they looked as if they'd been done out in Victorian flock wallpaper.

“Whale watching,” I said. “No touching, of course, but for a reasonable sum you can go out in a boat and cruise around for a bit in anticipation of spotting an orca. You might even see one or two, but I'm personally not convinced they actually exist.”

(I say this as someone who has yet to see one from the ferry. The entire pod could be shopping in Thrifty's for all I know and I'd wheel my cart right past them.)

“Kayaking? Rent a motor scooter? Cheese tasting? A tour of the art galleries and potteries?”

To judge from his expression, I was beginning to wonder if he hadn't confused Salt Spring with Coney Island.

“Look,” I wanted to say, “the very reason I live on Salt Spring is because, by and large, on the whole, and taking all things into consideration, there IS nothing to do. I have spent the best part of a lifetime with stuff to do and now I don't. Which is how I like it.”

Instead I copped out and directed him to the tourist office.

“It's close to the market. If it was running. Which it isn't.”

“I'm sorry if I've put the damper on your trip, but if you leave now you should be back in Crofton by Christmas.”

New spending proposed for next CRD budget

CRD Provisional Budget

The Capital Regional District Board will approve its 2020 provisional budget on Oct. 30. I've been working with staff, commissions and community groups on the budget, and will hold a public meeting in October to present these proposals. Some key elements of next year's budget, and other issues I'm working on, are outlined below. As explained in a separate article in today's paper, I'm proposing modest funding for a CRD "Community Safety Service," for voter approval this fall.

Transportation and Transit

The transportation commission is urging BC Transit to accelerate transit service to Beddis Road and electrification of our community buses, which is being planned for the entire fleet.

Construction of the Booth Canal to Central pathway and Phase Two of the North Ganges Transportation Plan should both begin this fall.

I've proposed a funding partnership to the Minister of Transportation on upgrades to Drake Road (to support affordable housing projects) and Ganges Hill. The transportation commission will be discussing cycling and pedestrian pathway options for Ganges Hill at its September meeting.

Parks, Rec, Community Arts

PARC is proposing modest increases for bylaw enforcement in local parks; more maintenance staff hours for PARC and transportation commission projects; more staff time for recreation program-



Gary Holman
CRD DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

ming; and incremental funding for a full-time versus part-time project coordinator.

In consultation with ArtSpring and the Salt Spring Arts Council, I'm proposing bylaw amendments to increase and reallocate the requisition supporting these groups. The changes will maintain ArtSpring's funding in real terms and reflect the need to rehabilitate Mahon Hall, our oldest heritage building, now leased by the arts council from the school district.

Library

Our new library has spurred significant growth in patronage. It has always been the most accessible public amenity on Salt Spring, free of charge and largely staffed by volunteers at significant savings to local taxpayers. However, growing use (including by disadvantaged members of our community), technology advances and an aging volunteer base have necessitated gradual replacement of volunteers by professional staff. Last year's library requisition funded an additional part-time staffer, and another position is requested this year.

Inter-Agency Cooperation

I co-chair the Salt Spring Island Water Protection Alliance with trustee Laura Patrick. Our public meetings will resume this fall with the re-appointment of a coordinator. I've been working with the Trust, the Chamber of Commerce and, more recently, the fire district (regarding saltwater firefighting capability) on the proposed harbourwalk project. At the province's request, CRD will assume the Trust's right-of-way application and provide an updated set of boardwalk drawings.

As previously announced, the province has now approved \$50,000 for a joint North Salt Spring Waterworks District/CRD study of possible water management improvements.

The fire district has appointed me to a citizens committee providing advice on an upgraded or new fire hall.

Finally, I'll participate with other elected officials in the Community Alliance ASK project to help answer citizens' questions on governance and other issues.

Climate and Environment

Further to CRD Board and Trust Council declarations of a climate emergency, I'm supporting the update of Salt Spring's climate action (Transition Salt Spring) and area farm plans (Agricultural Alliance) with gas tax funding of \$15,000 each.

I've approved \$75,000 in gas tax funding to assist with energy efficiency measures at The Root, the Farmland Trust's food processing centre on Beddis Road. I'm also supporting gas tax funding to install Level-2 EV chargers at Portlock Park and Rainbow Road pool.

The CRD Board is updating regional GHG emissions and is also hiring (with BC Hydro) a regional energy manager. The CRD will increase capture of methane emitted by the Hartland landfill, either by expanding its existing power-generating facility or selling renewable natural gas to Fortis.

I co-sponsored a successful motion with Saanich councillor Ned Taylor directing CRD staff to examine the feasibility of banning Styrofoam use in the region. The CRD is also continuing to partner with Transport Canada and the Dead Boat Disposal Society to recover and dispose of abandoned boats.

Finally, I've written to the Minister of Environment urging support for a formal funding partnership with the BC Land Trust Alliance to protect ecologically sensitive private lands.

Affordable Housing

The Minister of Housing's announcement of \$2.4 million for Community Services' Salt Spring Commons project, together with Regional Housing First funding for IWAV's Croftonbrook, means that senior governments have provided \$9 million for affordable housing on Salt Spring.

I've approved gas tax funding to complete pump testing on a promising new well at CRD's Drake Road housing site, which the ministry has identified for future funding.

Finally, I met with the Minister of Housing, along with MLA Adam Olsen and Community Services reps, to urge support for a year-round shelter for our homeless population, the highest per capita in B.C., and Salt Spring's most pressing housing need.

MORE LETTERS

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Run thanks

A huge thank you goes to all those who supported this year's annual toy run.

Big thanks to the businesses that supported us and all the individuals who devoted a lot of time and work into making it a great success.

The event benefits underprivileged children at Christmas via the good people at Santa's Workshop, children with special needs, Special Olympics and provides support for families whose children need off-island medical treatment.

I heard comments about the motorcyclists, who are the backbone of this ride, getting special treatment on the ferry, specifically first-on/first-off loading. There are logical reasons for this. By grouping the motorcycles together and loading them first they can be put to the side where cars cannot park, leaving more room for cars. If there are a lot of motorcycles, they can be grouped together and leave more room for cars.

If the bikers came and were loaded in order with the cars, each bike would take up a car space. By grouping them together, five bikes can be loaded in one car space, again, leaving more room for cars.

Unloading the bikes first is for safety reasons. Document-

tation shows that 70 per cent of motorcycle accidents are caused by car drivers, so giving motorcycles a head start accomplishes two things. First, it gives them a head start before turning loose the car drivers who are the major cause of motorcycle accidents, and secondly, it gets them off BC Ferries' property before the accident occurs, thereby reducing BCF's liability.

Once again, I thank all those who made this event a success. It is the 23rd year of this run. We had about 130 bikes show up and did dinner for about 200 people.

Join us and support us next year. I look forward to it.

KERRY (SANTA) BUTLER,
SALT SPRING TOY RUN

Fire news

My partner and I recently attended a wedding where a firefighter from Vancouver Island and his paramedic first responder bride, formerly from Salt Spring, included in their vows a promise "to love, respect and, if necessary, even resuscitate." At the same event I learned from some other guests just how much both careers and family lives are impacted by the unique demands of these two important professions.

Our Salt Spring firefighters, a group too many of us give too little thought to or take for granted, have been busy these last months meet-

ing a variety of community needs and dealing with a number of emergencies. The department's 2018 Christmas gift was the vicious Dec. 20 windstorm that downed so many trees and kept too many of us in the dark for record lengths of time. During the next 10 days the fire service, in addition to meeting its many other responsibilities, did its part in getting the lights back on, dealing with close to 100 Hydro-related calls and concerns.

Since 2019 began, the pattern of call-outs has been more consistent with the past, though an unusually cold and wintery February did make some unique demands. Between Jan. 1 and Aug. 15, the fire service responded to 176 fire-related calls of various types and nearly as many, 154, medically related calls. In addition, the service played a key role in 68 rescues of residents and visitors who badly needed help. And, of course, there were the ongoing tasks of continuous training of both its full time and "on-call" members, the conduct of fire safety inspections, support for community charities, etc.

Interested in more detail? If so, just Google "Salt Spring Fire Rescue." There is also a Facebook page to help keep you up to date on fire service matters.

STAN SHAPIRO,
SSIFPD COMMUNICATIONS
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Road, SSI



Who should attend?
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Bylaw No. 512 Affordable Rental Housing - Cottages

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Bylaw No. 512 about?

Bylaw No. 512 will rezone approximately 400 properties on Salt Spring Island to permit cottages for full-time residential rental, instead of "seasonal cottages" for temporary use. Where full-time rental cottages are established, Bylaw No. 512 would also require registration of a restrictive covenant on title that prohibits strata subdivision. Bylaw No. 512 was developed to increase the supply of affordable rental housing on the island in a way that is consistent with policies in the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan.

What will happen at this Community Information Meeting?

11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
SSI LTC chair's welcome and opening remarks

11:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Staff presentation

11:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Q&A with SSI LTC and Islands Trust staff

- This is your chance to learn more about the development and implementation of Bylaw No. 512

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Town Hall

- This is your chance to share your opinion regarding Bylaw No. 512 with the SSI LTC.

How do I get more information?

For more information on Bylaw No. 512, visit:
www.islandstrust.bc.ca/SSICottages

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

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Rainbow-hued crosswalks herald Pride 2019



The case for a permanent rainbow crosswalk

BY JANE EATON HAMILTON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

For this Pride, Salt Spring Island has its own rainbow crosswalk, thanks to community members Tim O'Connor and John Dolman.

You'd be forgiven for thinking the crosswalk might be something that was going to last. Doesn't every community these days proudly have a rainbow crosswalk, and aren't there reasons that's important?

After all, cities and towns want to keep their LGBTQ2SAI+ members safe, and a rainbow crosswalk isn't just a rainbow crosswalk, it's a potent symbol telling the LGBTQ2SAI+ community that on Salt Spring Island they're welcome. It tells visitors and tourists they're in a queer-friendly community, a community with straight allies — that no harassment or homophobia is welcome here.

It tells a kid in Grade 7 who thinks she might be gay that she is safe to come out. It tells a youth in high school that things are going to be okay. It tells a lonely senior that she's cared for.

Visibility — not just during Pride Week, but all year — matters. Rainbow sidewalks bring hope. Youth can imagine themselves into a possible future.

"I have often regretted our lack of rainbow crosswalks," says Taryn Muldoon. "They are the most visible sign of acceptance a community can show: a permanent statement of its values. To paint the crosswalks rainbow is to literally 'walk the talk' in making communities visibly inclusive. When I was 14 years old and coming out, every rainbow flag mattered. Each one was a message telling me that I could be loved, and that I was not alone."

Salt Spring is no stranger to homophobia. There have been incidents of harassment and hate here in the past. Suicides happen at a higher rate in the queer community because LGBTQ2SAI+ kids have more pressures to deal with than do their heterosexual counterparts. They have to deal with shaming, with bullying, with harassment, with walking around constantly wary and sometimes fearful. Sometimes, they're kicked out of house and home by their families of origin. A permanent crosswalk could save lives.

Let's keep Pride 2019 respectful and fun, with a wish for a permanent rainbow crosswalk in 2020.

"All of our allies love Pride," says O'Connor.

PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Salt Spring Pride committee members and helpers use colourful smoke sticks to bring attention to the freshly painted rainbow-hued crosswalk across Hereford Avenue on Monday. Two other crosswalks were painted in anticipation of Pride events this week. Organizers hope Ganges can have a permanently painted rainbow crosswalk by next year.

salt spring island 2019 - PRIDE

Islander an advocate for inclusive sexuality

Interview with Kim Dalton

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Children expressing non-binary gender identity and their families have had few resources in the past, but more are becoming available at institutional and community levels.

Sexual health educators like Salt Spring's Kim Dalton know that having an inclusive education program is crucial for individual students' well-being and for developing a more accepting culture as a whole.

Dalton is a certified sexual health educator through Opt: Options for Sexual Health. Through her Spice of Life practice, she supports people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, abilities, ethnicities and religions with up-to-date positive education. She completed her training three years ago, but became interested in the topic at an early age.

"It's been kind of a lifelong interest, from being a young person with my own questions about sexuality and having a positive experience with the educators that came into my school," Dalton said.

Her early commitment to advocate for inclusive sexuality has a sadder origin, however, and reveals the deeper consequences of intolerance. When she was in Grade 4, the teacher-librarian at Dalton's Toronto school was killed in a "gay-bashing" incident at Hyde Park.

"My passion is for inclusivity for people who are on the LGBTQ+ spectrum, and I'm especially interested in helping trans and non-binary children, because there seems to be a lot of misunderstanding and misinformation," Dalton said. "It's important to be an advocate for these people, because they're children. I want to create more awareness about what it is to be non-binary, so kids can feel safe in their homes

and at school and in their community."

Some jurisdictions like the province of Ontario unfortunately appear to be moving backward when it comes to sexual health education, but Dalton said she thinks British Columbia is doing a great job on the whole. All 60 B.C. school districts and several independent schools have joined the B.C. SOGI Educator Network. Its goal is to help educators make schools safe and inclusive for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities (SOGI) by including grade level-appropriate information.

Dalton provides sexual health workshops and classes on contract. She mainly works for the Gulf Islands School District but was recently invited to teach in Haida Gwaii. She will be teaching sexual health to youth with cognitive challenges — one of her specialties — on Vancouver Island later this year.

"Sexual health isn't a scary topic. It's a positive and helpful thing to know about," Dalton said. "Knowing is half the battle, and more information is helpful for parents and their kids. And it's mandated by the government. They have a right to know."

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Pride helps unify community



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Kim Dalton at the Non-Binary/Two-Spirit Family Picnic held this summer.

families so they could do more networking. There are other people on the island I know would benefit from being there," Dalton said, though she added some kids may not be "out" or may be too shy to participate.

This week's Pride festival will offer more opportunities for youth and families to connect, find information and resources and celebrate diversity. Dalton feels having such events are important.

"Salt Spring is really inclusive, but Pride keeps people really positive about it," she said. "There are always lots of kids involved in the parade and it's a family event. We're all united as a community, regardless of our sexual orientation or gender."

See <https://daltonkim.wixsite.com/website> or contact Dalton at daltonkim@gmail.com or 250-537-1395 for more information about workshops or other resources.

SEXUAL HEALTH

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Her passion for inclusion prompted Dalton to host a picnic for two-spirited and non-binary children/youth and their families earlier this summer. The Aug. 11 event was supported by the Salt Spring Foundation's Neighbourhood Small Grants program.

Dalton said turn-out was positive though minimal. There were just two non-binary children in attendance but enough supporting family members to bring out 19 people in total. Dalton said some teens may have only heard about the picnic after it happened; another event planned for October will hopefully extend the reach.

"Ideally there would have been more

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Queers Who Care group kicks off with dinner

Fundraising model followed

"Queers Who Care" is the theme for a DAISSI dinner happening on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Lions Hall on Bonnet Avenue.

Members of the LGBTQ2SIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex, asexual and allied) community are

invited to gather at 5:30 p.m. A festive supper (salmon with vegan options plus sweet treats) will be followed by short presentations from three different social justice organizations serving the needs of the LGBTQ2SIA+ community — locally, nationally and internationally. Attendees will have a chance to choose the organization that they want to see supported



PHOTO COURTESY QWC

Queers Who Care organizers, from left, Anne Zeller, Caffyn Kelley and Debbie Louise.

we see this project as continuing in that theme."

The organizers see Queers Who Care as a fun, community-building initiative through which the LGBTQ2SIA+ community on Salt Spring can identify relevant social justice issues and make a meaningful contribution through a very democratic process.

The theme Queers Who Care is inspired by Women Who Care, a North-America-wide initiative with a popular Salt Spring chapter. Women Who Care gathers groups of women who donate \$100 each to one of three charities that give a short presentation to the assembled group.

A new Salt Spring initiative called Men Who Care is also underway. Queers Who Care organizers support both of these organizations and note that many folks attending Queers Who Care will also be involved in one or perhaps both of these groups.

by DAISSI, and cast a ballot to commit their DAISSI dollars. People may also want to make donations privately.

Anne Zeller, Debbie Louise and Caffyn Kelley, the organizers of Queers Who Care, are all past board members of DAISSI and longtime Salt Spring residents who are passionate about social justice issues.

Anne Zeller notes, "In the 20-year history of DAISSI, the organization has swung between being a group that

primarily supports us in the local community, a social group, and a group that is focused on supporting social justice issues. With Queers Who Care, we are making an effort to synthesize these perspectives so that people with different priorities all feel served. The recent name change of the group (from GLOSSI - Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island to DAISSI - Diverse and inclusive Salt Spring Island) was an effort at increased inclusivity, and

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Family and youth focus added to Pride 2019

Support for next generation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Youth and families will have more opportunity to celebrate than ever during the 2019 Pride festival, with the already-inclusive program extended to offer several special events.

Pride 2019 coordinator Miranda Caterer observes that while the parade and after-party in the park are always popular with families, many of the other events tend to be focused around alcohol and/or partying.

"I think there's always been a desire to have more youth events happen, but maybe the attendance was uncertain. I love that this year we're just doing it, and I'm sure there will be lots of support," Caterer said.

One of the main events for youth is a trans and queer music night at the Core Inn this Friday, which is being co-sponsored by Salt Spring Community Services and coordinated by Nedjo Rogers. The drug and alcohol-free evening is



PHOTO COURTESY NEDJO ROGERS

Nedjo Rogers, who is coordinating a trans and queer music night for youth at the Core Inn on Sept. 6.

for youth ages 15 to 24, and will offer a mixture of performances and social time. Rogers' daughter — stage name Sasha Mannequin — is the Vancouver-based trans artist topping the bill along with co-performer Garish. They are also hoping to secure a local drag king for the program.

As with all Pride events, the music night may be aimed at a nontraditional group but it is not exclusive in any way. Youth friends, family and

allies of the LGBTQ+ community are also welcome. The evening is meant to be really fun without substances, so free snacks and mocktails are being planned.

"I'm really excited this is happening. There's not a lot of queer culture here year-round," Caterer observed.

"Part of the idea, I think, is it's good to create informal, fun venues where there can be a little bit of mingling between youth who are starting to state their gender as non-binary, or those who are just questioning, and young adults [who have gone through it]," said Rogers, who belonged to an island group for parents of trans and non-binary kids when his children were younger.

Rogers noted the "Q" could stand for questioning, as many youth are just trying to figure things out. Having casual places where youth can connect with older peers gives them the chance to get information and ask questions without it being a structured meeting — and to see that others have made a transition that worked out for them.

Youth are welcome to other

events, including Thursday's Poetry Open Mic and the Saturday night dance. Sunday's activities are definitely aimed at including the entire family, starting with the annual Pride-themed musical service offered by the Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship.

"Things are shifting in some really positive ways."

NEDJO ROGERS
Pride event co-organizer

People with children will want to follow that up with the Pride brunch at Bullock Lake Farm, which starts at noon and will be attended by drag people sponsored by the BC Ferries and Marine Workers Union. The event includes a special story time at 1 p.m., where drag queens will read two children's books that engage with Pride themes: *The Red Dragon* and *Worm Loves Worm*.

Rogers explained the reading isn't so much aimed at young children who are identifying with a

particular sexual or gender identity but is more about creating an atmosphere of sharing, openness and learning.

Sunday afternoon offers another event for everyone and anyone in the Pride hike up Mount Erskine. Participants will meet at the Trustees Trail entrance to the park at 2:30 p.m. for a self-paced walk up the mountain. Rainbow-gear and costumes are encouraged and a group photo will be taken at the top.

"I think Pride as a whole just offers so much opportunity for conversation in families, and I hope it sparks some really good discussions in various family units," Caterer said, while noting positive change is happening. She looks forward to a day, for example, where the "coming out story" is a thing of the past.

"It's going to be such a different generation now, and I love that," she said.

"There's so much we can learn from kids as well. Things are shifting in some really positive ways," Rogers agreed. "They're a different generation that are really more tuned into things, so it definitely goes both ways."

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Path to LGBTQ rights slow but steady in Canada

GLOSSI launched Salt Spring's first Pride weekend in 2005 and added the parade in 2008. Below is a timeline of some significant events and milestones in the history of LGBTQ rights in Canada.

- The modern gay rights movement started in 1969 after police raided the Stonewall Inn

in New York City. The first gay pride parades took place as simultaneous demonstrations in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago in 1970. Several of Canada's most noted early gay rights groups also launched that year in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver. Canada's first public protest for gay rights

took place on Parliament Hill on Aug. 28, 1971.

- Quebec became the first Canadian province to pass a gay civil rights law in 1977, adding wording to prohibit discrimination against gay men and lesbians in housing, public accommodation and employment to its Human Rights Code. Canada's new Immigration Act of the same year removed "homosexuals" from the list of inadmissible classes.

- Vancouver's earliest Pride celebrations began when the Gay Alliance Toward Equality organized Gay Pride Week '73, with a picnic and art exhibit in Ceperley Park. The city's first Pride parade took place in 1978.

- Canada granted gays and lesbians the ability to serve the military openly in 1992.

- The Supreme Court of Canada decided sexual orientation is a prohibited ground of discrimination under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in a 1995 ruling.

- The path to legalizing gay marriage in Canada started in 2002, when the Ontario Superior Court ruled that prohibiting gay couples from marriage violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The court gave the province two years to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples. Ontario then passed the decision on to the federal government, which enacted the Civil Marriage Act in 2005.

- Transgender rights shifted into focus in the past decade. B.C. passed a bill to add "gender

identity and expression" to its Human Rights Code on July 26, 2016. The province had previously stated special notice wasn't needed as the wording against discrimination on the basis of sex was inclusive.

- Bill C-16, which passed in June 2017, added "gender identity or expression" to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination under the Canadian Human Rights Act.

- As of Aug. 31, 2018, Canadians could indicate that they do not identify as male or female on their passports.

- Canadian jurisdictions made steps to ban conversion therapy, described as the pseudo-scientific practice of trying to change an individual's non-conforming sexual orientation or gender identity using psychological, medical or spiritual interventions. The Liberal government rejected a petition signed by more than 18,000 people calling for a national ban that was delivered in March 2019, but indicated in June there was movement to reform the Criminal Code.

- Ontario banned conversion therapy provincially in 2015, with Nova Scotia following suit in 2018. The B.C. Green Party tabled legislation in May called the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection Act, seeking to ban conversion therapy in British Columbia for anyone under the age of 19. BC Green leader Andrew Weaver renewed calls for provincial action on Aug. 1.

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Musicians wanted for Bandemonium

Concert band rehearsal nights start Monday

Bandemonium is once again looking for musicians who play woodwind, brass or percussion instruments, and who read music to join the Salt Spring Concert Band.

Bandemonium has been providing a place for musical camaraderie through the Salt Spring Concert Band since 1993. Wendy Milton, the band's co-founder with husband/trumpeter Derrick, has once again taken the helm as music director after a 20-year hiatus.

According to a press release from the group, one of Milton's first goals is to recruit more players. The band needs musicians who play woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone), brass (trumpet, French horn, baritone, trombone, tuba) and percussion instruments.

"Almost 1,000 musicians have found a musical home with Bandemonium in its 27-year history. In recent years membership has dwindled, so it is time, once again, to rejuvenate the band's ranks," the press release explains.

Sixty musicians from all walks of life showed up to Bandemonium's first rehearsal in January 1993.

Sixty musicians from all walks of life showed up to Bandemonium's first rehearsal in January 1993. There was a wide range of musical abilities, including a dozen seasoned professional players, some still-capable high school-level players, a few graduates from Milton's adult beginner brass and woodwind class, and every skill level in between.

"Some of those early members are still with the band today. Sadly, others are no longer with us, including animator Dick Williams of Who Framed Roger Rabbit fame, who not only played trumpet with the band for years but also designed the band's logo," the society notes.

Bandemonium has always welcomed high school students, and for many years the band's numbers were augmented by



PHOTO COURTESY WENDY MILTON

Salt Spring Concert Band gives its first Canada Day performance at the Centennial Park gazebo on July 1, 1993. The national holiday concert has become an annual tradition throughout the group's 27-year history.

student musicians from Gulf Islands Secondary School's International Program.

The original, larger membership, with balanced instrumentation, allowed the Miltons to program all styles of music in those early years. Once again Wendy hopes to rehearse and/or program music to meet the needs of all members — some easier selections to allow the inexperienced players to fully participate, and allow the whole group to focus on musicality, and some challenging works to keep the experienced players happy.

Early concert programs included everything from traditional band pieces by Holst, Vaughn Williams and Mendelssohn, to marches, Broadway and film favourites, and comedy pieces. Challenging transcriptions of music by such composers as Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Shostakovich were also performed early in the band's history. The band continued its musical and community traditions under the inspired direction of Dawn Hage (1999-2017), and

Keith Ollerenshaw (2017-2019)

Milton brings decades of musical experience to Bandemonium. She graduated with music degrees from the University of Toronto, but feels that her real education came from playing with dozens of music and theatre groups in the Toronto area. She founded the University of Guelph Concert Winds, and taught music at the elementary, high school and university level. But her first love is for teaching privately, which she continues to do at her home base — Island Winds Music Studio.

Milton is currently the music director for exitStageLeft Productions, who have just completed a sold-out run of Beauty and the Beast at ArtSpring.

Bandemonium rehearses Monday nights from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in the SIMS music room, beginning this Monday Sept. 9.

Anyone interested in joining Bandemonium and having some musical fun is asked to contact Wendy at islandwinds@telus.net or 250-537-4654.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Call out for 60th anniversary art and poetry

Juried exhibition set for 2020

The Salt Spring Public Library will turn 60 next February, and among the celebrations planned are a juried art show and a juried poetry competition.

Islanders should start getting ready for the Nov. 1, 2019 entry deadline by creating artwork or poetry with a library theme. Both events can be entered online with a \$10 entry fee. The prize awards include \$800 for the paintings and \$600 for the poetry.

Salt Spring painters are invited to enter Brushstrokes and

Bookshelves, a juried art show that will be hung in the Community Program Room during February and March, 2020. Paintings must contain a library theme or reference.

Salt Spring Island poets are encouraged to enter Our Library in Poetic Life by creating a poem that uses the Salt Spring Island Public Library as a theme. A short list of 12 poets will be showcased at the Poetry Open Mic for the library's 60th anniversary celebration on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020.

Find more information on the library's website at saltspring.bc.libraries.coop. Entries can be submitted online at https://form.jotform.com/91706856263262.

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what's on this week



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea a Tempo Presents James Yi and Adam Dyjach.
Concert of vocal and piano music by Victoria's James Yi and Adam Dyjach at Tea a Tempo at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats at 3 p.m.

Mike Ohman.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pride - We are God's Own: St. Gregory of Nyssa.

An intimate service of reconciliation and blessing offered out of the Anglican Christian tradition. Participants will reflect on the diversity with which our Creator made us, reject the Church's teaching of oppression, and offer a blessing to the community for the festivities of Pride. Space will be held for reflections and sharing. Ganges Centre (2nd story over the Post Office). 6 to 8 p.m.

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



Thur. Sept. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tyler Bartfair and Shaun Rawlins.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Pride - Poetry Open Mic Night.

Peter Freeman is the featured reader at a special Pride-themed session. Salt Spring Public Library. Reader signup 6:45 p.m., Pride-themed open mic at 7 p.m. and guest reader at 8 p.m.

Open Mic & Jam.
Every Thursday at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

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

ACTIVITIES

Donation Drop-off Day for Giant Book & Jewellery Sales.

Bring good-quality book and jewellery donations to the Country Grocer parking lot, north side (around the corner from the liquor store) for Salt Spring Literacy's annual book and jewellery sale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 250-537-9717 or info@saltspringliteracy.org.

Salt Spring Fire Protection District Fire Hall Advisory Working Group Meeting.
Public welcome to attend meeting at Ganges Fire Hall. 6:30 p.m.

Strange and Familiar - Transforming Fogo Island.

SSNAP/SSAC sponsored film screening of a documentary on the arts-centric transformation of Fogo Island, Newfoundland. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Pride - Trans and Queer Music Showcase.

Alcohol and drug-free event for LGBTQ2SIA+ youth, friends and allies 24 and under. Core Inn. 7 to 11 p.m.

Pride - Drag Karaoke.
Everyone welcome to come sing. Dressing in drag highly encouraged. Featuring a fabulous drag performance, too. The Legion. 7:30 p.m.

Doug & the Thugs.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Ange Hehr Band Celebrates Pride Weekend.
Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Art Show Opening: Ripple Effect 3 - Art for the Orca.
Opening event for a Salt Spring Gallery exhibition benefitting the Georgia Strait Alliance. 5 to 7 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Denys James & Michael Wall.

Reception for a show of ceramics by Denys James and photographs by Michael Wall at KiZmit Galeria/Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

PitchFork Social: Honey Dewdrops.
Concert at Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m. Dinner from 6 p.m.

Ange Hehr Band Celebrates Pride Weekend. Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Pride Dance.

Pride party with DJ Slade and Queer as Funk at Meaden Hall begins at 7:30 p.m. Check for ticket available first!

Sapphire Blue. Featuring Lisa Maxx live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pride - Parade and Party in the Park.
Rally outside the library at 12:30 p.m., parade at 1 p.m. and party at Centennial Park begins at 1:30.

Affordable Rental Housing - Cottages.
Community info meeting about proposed SS Trust Bylaw 512. Harbour House Hotel. 11 a.m.

FireSmart Workshop.
Presented by Lt. Mitchell Sherrin of SSIFR. Part of the Salt Spring Emergency Program series of workshops. Salt Spring Public Library. 5 to 7 p.m.

Farm to Table Dinner: Quarry Farm.
Four-course Indian feast by chef Naomi Singh. At Quarry Farm. Fundraiser for The Root. Tickets through www.plantofarm.org.

Sun. Sept. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The K-Tones.
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

Pride - Unitarian Service with Jill Cooper.

Jill Cooper performs a selection of the best-loved songs associated with Pride with music support from Dick Jackson and Cathy Baker. Everyone is welcome. Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m.

Pride - Brunch and Drag Queens Story Time.

Celebrants invited to gather at Bullock Lake Farm to share brunch and reflect on the week's activities from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Drag Queens will be present to visit with guests and will read two wonderful books to the kids at 1 p.m.



Pride - Queer Group Hike.

Magnificent views and photo ops for the end of a great Pride week at Mount Erskine. Meet at the base of Trustees' Trail at 2:30 p.m.

Pool & Snooker.
Free pool and snooker every Sunday at the Legion from 12 to 7 p.m.

Spanish Conversation Meetup.

A chance to chat with other Spanish speakers or learners in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Most Sundays at the Salt Spring Public Library. 3 to 5 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simone & Mike Lamers.
Jazz and R&B at Moby's Pub. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Dan Smith.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Nia - Free Demo Class.
A fabulous, fun blend of dance, martial arts and yoga. All Saints downstairs. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.

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

Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club Open House.

A complimentary evening of dance with the SSI Scottish Country Dance Club. All Saints upstairs. 6 to 8 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

Artist Meet & Greet: Charles Breth.
Reception for exhibit of art by Charles Breth in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 12 to 1 p.m.

Tuesday Farmers Market.

Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods. Every Tuesday in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Gulf Island Seniors Residence Association AGM.

Annual general meeting in Meadowbrook's main lounge. 2 p.m.

Nia.
First class of a new series runs at All Saints upstairs. 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.

Discussion Group on Spiritual Interests.

Facilitated group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This week's topic is: What's Alive Now in your Spiritual Life? Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 7 to 8:30 pm.

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

Wed. Sept. 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Moberg.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Gulf Islands Board of Education.

First public meeting of school trustees of the year at the school board office. 1 p.m.

SS Historical Society.

Presentation marks the 40th anniversary of Greenwoods, exploring the history, present and future plans of the eldercare facility. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

- National Theatre Live shows **The Madness of George III** by Alan Bennett. Thursday, Sept. 5 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **The Upside** — runs from Friday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. nightly, plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday.
- **Long Shot** shows Monday, Sept. 9 through Thurs., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

For more movie info go to www.thefritz.ca

EXHIBITIONS

- **Salt Spring Gallery** artists present **Ripple Effect 3 - Art for the Orca**, a benefit for the Georgia Strait Alliance, beginning with a reception on Friday, Sept. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. Show continues until Sept. 19.
- **KiZmit Galeria** hosts a show of ceramics by **Denys James** and photographs by **Michael Wall** from Sept. 5 through 29, with an opening event on Friday, Sept. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Avril Kirby** shows photos "With a Twist" at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through Sept. 14.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Charles Breth** shows work in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through September, with an artist meet and greet on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.
- **Gallery 8** presents Juxtaposition, featuring the artwork of **Donna J. Hall, Morley Myers** and **Pieter Molenaar** through Sept. 20.
- **The Venter Gallery** showcases work by **Deon Venter** from the Mythos/Logos and Avatar series and pieces from **Kathy Venter's** Immersion series.
- Today, Sept. 4, is the last day to see **TENacity**, a gallery alumni and member show marking **Salt Spring Gallery's 10th anniversary**.
- **Seasons in Colour**, an exhibition of work by **Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild** members, runs at **Mahon Hall** through Sept. 15.
- **Nicola Wheston** shows a selection of paintings in her gallery studio at #5-315 Upper Ganges Rd. (**Merchant Mews**) until Sept. 5. Open from 12 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, or by appointment at 250-538-7071.

EXHIBITIONS

- **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. Thursdays through Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m.
- **The ArtSpring lobby exhibit** has a Pride theme this month.
- **Artcraft**, the summer-long sale of work by more than 100 Gulf Islands artisans, runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 15.

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ISLAND LIFE

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ADVENTURES

Couple cycles around the world



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Kathy and Martin O'Neil with their bikes at home on Salt Spring. For some photos from their around-the-world trip, see a link to this story on www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

Salt Spring residents travel 33,380 kms in two years

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Martin and Kathy O'Neil just got home from a bike ride.

That might not be the most exciting news at first glance, but when you consider the fact that their trip lasted two years, went through 24 countries and covered over 30,000 kilometres, it becomes a bit more exciting.

On a June morning in 2017, the couple set out for a ride. Their goal was to ride across Canada, one of Kathy's dreams. When they arrived in Newfoundland, after realizing that a flight to Ireland was shorter than flying back to Victoria, they decided to just keep riding.

"It was kind of spur of the moment," Kathy said. "I was like 'OK! We'll just keep going.'"

After boarding the plane to Dublin, they made their way through Europe, North Africa, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Asia before returning to North America in June 2019. They spent two years in close contact with each other, only separating for a short three-hour period when Martin wanted to go on a tour in Cambodia. Their schedule was set by the amount of daylight hours they had and whether or not they were close to a major city.

"When in your life do you not have to be anywhere at a certain time? Since the time you start going to school, you never have that freedom. There's always somewhere you have to be somewhere down the line in the pretty near future," Martin said.

"It's just freedom," Kathy agreed. "You can go as far as you want, stop when you want and you're free to explore, not harm the environment."

Planning for a two-year cycling trip around the world is one thing, actually doing it is quite another. While they were expecting to see some amazing sights during their trip, the difficulty of actually riding around the world was a bit harder to fathom. On a two-year trek, cyclists are tested to their limits. Things are not comfortable. No matter the weather, they still have to keep riding, dealing with poor road conditions, exhaustion and constant exposure to the elements.

"You're planning for two years, looking at cycling blogs and maps, sipping your wine and thinking, 'Oh yeah we'll go here and there . . .' Then when you get out there you see that the weather can really make or break your day. We went through extremes from 50 degrees in Southeast Asia to a blizzard in England where we got snowed in" Martin said. "When you think you're at the end of your

line, you keep going. You really discover a lot about how hard you can push yourself."

Trips like this are dreamed up by people looking to escape the routine of normal life. They want to shake their foundations and experience something new. However, it was surprising to the O'Neils just how quickly exploring the world by bike became the same as any other routine.

"You're cycling every day and living in the tent. The next day you get up and you're in a different space. It didn't take long before it was normal. It was just our normal life. It's just what we did for two years," Martin said.

"I think when you spend two years seeing different places every day, you learn to accept the moment as it is without judging it," Kathy added. "Coming back here felt normal, being away felt normal, there's no judging the situation anymore, everything is just normal. It's a really cool place to be, because you're less judgmental. It's very interesting. We're still analyzing it."

Two years is a long time to be away from your real life. When you come home, things are never quite the same. While they were away, the O'Neils became grandparents. They watched their grandson grow into a toddler over Skype. Even experiences from the beginning of their trip seem like distant memories.

"I'm looking at some of our old pictures from two years ago and it's hard to believe that we were there," Martin said. "You kind of forget about that, but it's kind of sinking in the more I relive it."

The O'Neils still ride their bikes every day and they've learned to live more simply and be in the moment. While it was difficult to be away from loved ones for such a long time, the couple's experiences will stick with them forever. They described moments of extreme beauty, the inexhaustible kindness of people despite language and cultural differences, and the utter freedom of being on the road as some of their favourite memories of the trip.

"The things we saw were so amazing. I don't even think you can anticipate it," Kathy said

"The world is so beautiful and 99 per cent of the population of the world is kind and good," she added. "You look around and think, 'Wow, how did we get here, and look at this amazing world.'"

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Remember WHEN

Five years ago

Local responders were first on scene when a catamaran carrying five passengers hit a rock in Sansum Narrows. "We observed a catamaran with one hull completely submerged in the water," said team leader Andrew Ross Collins. "It had struck a rock on Burial Islet and ripped off the starboard transom." Salt Spring residents Connie and Todd Brett also heard the JRCC call-out near Fulford Harbour. By the time they arrived at the scene near the entrance to Burgoyne Bay the people on board the catamaran were gone. The five people on board had been rescued by a passing vessel and a line had been attached to the catamaran, which was being pushed with the incoming tide through the narrows.

Ten years ago

Salt Spring Island RCMP played a role in concluding a dramatic not-so-high-speed boat chase across the Strait of Georgia on Sept. 4. A five-hour search for the 52-foot Rosella III began just after 5 p.m. when the owners reported it missing from its usual mooring spot at Granville Island. By 6:30, Vancouver Police received reports of a life raft, deck chairs, life rings, documents and other articles from the ship floating near the south end of the Fraser River. VPD initiated a full-scale search, involving the Victoria-based Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, CFB Comox Search and Rescue helicopter, and a Richmond-based Coast Guard hovercraft. At approximately 7:45, crew members on the Bowen Queen ferry spotted the vessel moving erratically in Active Pass. Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island RCMP detachments were notified, and set out on the water to assist. Officers boarded the Rosella III with guns drawn at approximately 9 p.m., and arrested the ship's lone occupant.

Twenty years ago

Opponents and proponents of a proposed parkland/recreation land swap were lining up on either side of the issue, but neither side was talking very loudly. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission reported little response to news that an upcoming referendum would decide whether or not 10 small land parcels should be sold to enable a major property purpose for recreation purposes. PARC chair Bill Curtin said he had received no phone calls about the plan, and feedback from only two people on the street, both with positive things to say. The referendum would ask voters whether they approved the sale of 10 properties totalling 13.9 acres. Funds from the sale would be used to buy land next to GISS for a future indoor recreation facility, and other land for uses such as a south-end ball park.

Forty years ago

A Salt Spring Island home in which two women were sleeping was demolished when a car crashed through it in the early hours of the morning of Aug. 31. The house was totalled and the car sustained extensive damage when the car owned by Doug Featherstone sheared a Hydro pole and careened off into the front of a home on North End Road at Central.

Fifty years ago

Concrete deliveries to the island's wharfs were causing them to collapse under the heavy weights. Island contractors were forced to turn to locally produced concrete and specialists in concrete were to bring gravel in to the island to be mixed. Earlier in the summer, the Crofton wharf was deemed unsuitable for heavy loads, and the RCMP were charged to police the wharf and watch for oversized traffic. While the Crofton wharf was being policed, the bottom fell out of the Fulford wharf, and that was reduced to only smaller loads as well. The only way for large trucks to reach Salt Spring was via Pender Island. The Fulford wharf was repaired, and plans for stronger wharves were made.

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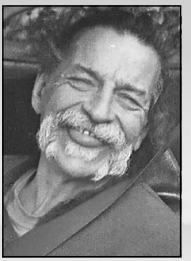
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Obituaries

John P. Urichuck TOAD
April 29, 1950 - August 16, 2019



We lost our dear friend TOAD, on Friday, August 16 at 6pm due to medical complications from lymphoma.

TOAD was an adventurous man, born in Montreal, QC. He worked hard in his early years with his brothers and sisters in their mother's bakery. He later moved and spent many years travelling the golden triangle, e.g. candy trail in the Middle East.

TOAD decided to settle down on Salt Spring Island, creating an amazing network of friends and the adventurous life of an artisan gypsy.


He was skilled at foraging and bartering, always tried to make a trade. His garlic, wines, fresh veggies, and amazing meals will be missed.

TOAD would make your days interesting and leave you smiling, and maybe with a wet dog licked cheek if you were lucky.

TOAD will be fondly remembered by his cherished cat Beauty, close friends and family.

"When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure"

IAN A. STURGESS
LCdr (RCN Ret'd) OMM
April 10, 1929-August 28, 2019



Ian was born in Newton Le Willows UK. He attended Manchester Grammar school, and then on to Southampton School of Navigation. Ian spent a short time in the British merchant navy before immigrating to Canada in 1953. Dad met mom on a blind date, and promptly advised her by the third time... "I am going to court you to the alter" - that wedding took place Remembrance Day 1954. Ian worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) for a time before leaving to join the Canadian Navy from June 1959 to May 1976. During his time in the navy he was "on loan" to the province to Master the replica of the SS Beaver for the 1967/68 Centennial Celebrations (one of the highlights of his career). Ian also enjoyed his time as Master of the hydrofoil HMCS Bras d'Or (the fastest unarmed war ship in the world at that time) ending May 1972.

In January 1976 he was awarded the Order of Military Merit (OMM) by then Governor General Jules Léger. After retiring from the Navy, Ian worked as Master for a short time on the Pandora II research vessel with The Institute of Ocean Sciences in Pat Bay. He moved the family to Salt Spring Island to work as a Master with BC Ferries. After Ian retired from BC Ferries in 1986, he taught navigation at Camosun College, and was a Master with the Oak Bay Marine Group up in Langara. Ian finally stopped working on the sea and began valiant efforts to be a farmer. With his index finger pointing, and telling those in the field "he would have their guts for a necktie", a farmer he was not. Ian was one of the fortunate ones to live a long life (living in extended care for almost 3yrs) with the last 8 months a steady decline. Dad's end came quickly; with a change in his breathing and mom by his side, it all stopped, quietly and peacefully - no stress; you couldn't ask for better.

The family would like to thank Dr. Butcher for all his medical care, the Care Aids and Nurses in the Extended Care Unit and hospital - your care for our father/husband was a comfort and blessing. To Jenny Pickering, you kept me (Cydney) in order and we loved that it was you with mom and dad at the end. Thank you also to Christie at Haywards Funeral home for your support and guidance. Dad leaves his wife of almost 65 years June Sturgess, his son Leigh (wife Julie), son Jeffrey (wife Susan), daughter Cydney (husband Don), grandsons Jason and Aaryn Funk, Zackery Sturgess, step granddaughters Tami Funk, Ashley McNaughton, and step grandson Wally Funk and their families. There will be no funeral service at dad's request. The family will have a private burial at sea. Bye Sturge!

Coming Events

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A Thematic Rock Concert

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ArtSpring
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19, 20 and 21.

artcraft SHOWCASE GALLERY

CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Arts Council announces an open call to Artists and Craft people working in a variety of media, to submit exhibition proposals for the 2020 season of Artcraft's Showcase Gallery.

Entry is open only to artists living in School District #64 Gulf islands. The Showcase Gallery exhibits, on the stage at Mahon Hall, are approximately four weeks long and run during the Artcraft season- June to September.

- Artists can submit work individually/part of a group
- Work must be recent - created within the past 2 years- and must not have been exhibited locally or at Artcraft either on the main floor or at a previous showcase exhibit.
- Exhibitions are chosen to reflect innovation, quality and professionalism
- The Artcraft commission rate is 35%.
- All items entered must be for sale.
- Application Forms can be downloaded on the website <http://ssartscouncil.com/showcase-exhibitions>

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Application forms are available on the Showcase page of the website (<http://www.ssartscouncil.com/showcase-exhibitions>) or may be picked up in person at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Rd at the office. If you have questions contact Richard Steel, Manager at artcraft@ssartscouncil.com

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wintercraft

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NOVEMBER 29th – DECEMBER 22nd, 2019
Call for exhibitors and registration notice

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A valid 2018 Salt Spring Arts Council Membership is required. Fee~ \$25.00. Application forms and information can be downloaded from the website <http://ssartscouncil.com/wintercraft/>

Or, picked up at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Road in rear mailbox at school side of building. Please contact Sarah Hyams: artcraft@ssartscouncil.com with any other queries.

New exhibitors welcome!

GREENWOODS ELDERCARE SOCIETY BOARD'S NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: September 26th, 2019
Time: 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Where: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island

Membership: Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands, who have made written application for membership in the Society and have paid the \$5.00 membership fee. Applications available at Greenwoods office.

Voting Privileges: Members in good standing who annually renew their membership (fee \$5.00 - can be paid at the door) are entitled to vote. Persons who have applied for membership during the past membership year are eligible to vote providing their membership application and fees were submitted by September 12th, 2019.

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For more detailed information on the position, email applicant contact David MacPherson, President, Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club, davidmacpherson@shaw.ca

Email applications only, please. If you would like to become part of the team at the Salt Spring Golf & Country Club, please send resume to the above noted email address.

PHILANTHROPY

Foundation celebrates 35 years

Island community shaped by solid organization

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We all know that great trees grow from tiny seeds, which makes the tree logo of the Salt Spring Island Foundation particularly appropriate.

Thirty-five years ago, John C. Lees planted a \$10,000 seed that has grown to a \$7.5 million endowment fund solely for the benefit of Salt Spring Island charities. Since then the Foundation has granted the amazing sum of \$3.3 million, with over 550 grants awarded to over 60 local charities since its inception.

In 1984, Lees first conceived of establishing a community endowment fund, and his bequest was the first donation to the fund. Lees died on March 1, 1984, just five days before the Salt Spring Island Foundation was registered as a Public Foundation with Revenue Canada in Ottawa. Alan Pierce, Colin Mouat and Richard Toynbee were the first three trustees.

The foundation has benefitted from exceptional leadership over its 35 years. Between 1991 and 2006, under the chairmanship of Bob Rush, the community endowment fund swelled from \$25,000 to \$2 million.

The foundation continued to flourish and grow after Carol Biely succeeded Rush as foundation chair. Biely served from 2006 to 2015 and built the organization to become an important player in community philanthropy. Since then, Kees Ruurs has led the organization through a time of change and capacity-building, recently succeeded by Brian Lawson.

While grant-making remains at the core of the organization's work, the foundation's role has also evolved over the past 35 years.

The foundation has contributed to almost all of the island's important community projects and charitable institutions, touching on all areas of need, which means that almost every person living on the island has been touched by a foundation grant in some way.

While grant-making remains at the core of the organization's work, the foundation's role has also evolved over the past 35 years. It now takes

a more active part in assessing community priorities, such as the 2017 VitalSigns® report, and has recently engaged in grassroots granting to promote community belonging with the Neighbourhood Small Grants program, now in its second year.

Foundation chair Lawson said, "The Salt Spring Island Foundation is a significant community asset. Over the last 35 years it has helped to build and shape our island community for the benefit of all. The result of countless acts of generosity, large and small, the foundation will continue to work to strengthen our community and promote the well-being of all."

Over the years, the foundation has benefitted from loyal donors, as well as hard-working board and committee volunteers and staff; close to 150 people have volunteered in some capacity. The foundation now operates out of a downtown Ganges office with two staff members, 10 board members and about 40 other volunteers.

The Salt Spring Island Foundation's mission is to inspire philanthropy in support of local charities for the enduring benefit of our community. There is no doubt the foundation will continue to inspire and serve the people of Salt Spring Island over the next 35 years — and long after.

Fall Fair Focus

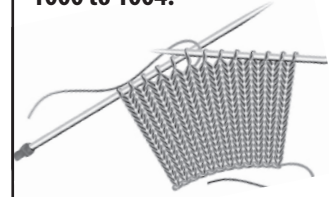


SECTION 13 NEEDLEWORK

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THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE by Michael O'Connor

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Although summer only officially ends on September 23 at 3:50 am EDT which marks the time when the Sun enters Libra and Autumn Equinox, people commonly say summer is over. The change in the weather producing much cooler nights especially and the back to school march both contribute to this. Yet, an accurate recognition is that every season is comprised of 3 distinct segments which can be referred to as beginning, middle, and end. Of course, these are clearly designated by the 'signs' of the Zodiac, not to be confused with the constellations. While they do share a direct correspondence they are also distinctly different and this is significant to understand. Specific to this second week of the last month of summer, or Virgo time, Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars all remain in Virgo, the 9th Sign, 3rd of the Earth Element and 3rd also of the Mutable Mode Signs which include Pisces, Gemini, and Sagittarius. True to the spirit of Virgo, Goddess is in the details, as in the Great Goddess, Mother Nature.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) Hopefully you are whistling while you work because there are strong indications that you are working. A core feature of your efforts these days is to secure your home base. Security is the underlying motivation. Yet, it can also include an emphasis on lifestyle, comfort, and health. Letting go of attachment to positions of power and authority are also featured.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) Creativity remains the keyword for you. The emphasis is also upon balance and beauty. Yet there is also a strong indication of fun and games and play and quite possibly, romance too. At least you are still fully aware and in-tune with the last weeks of summer and are probably in the most to make the most of them. Lucky you and the one(s) you love.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Some big shifts and changes close to home continue to be a central theme and focus. Creating beauty at home includes efficiency and flow. Clearing the old energy and the clutter is implied. In the deepest respect, this can amount to renovations. This cycle of influence will continue for another month. Yet despite the lingering summer season, do it now because you probably won't want to during Libra time.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) A busy, active and dynamic cycle for you continues. Pushing to follow through and bring certain projects to completion is indicated. Fortunately, your energy levels are running high and you and your ability to pay extra close attention to the details are sharp. Yet, this is less a time of giving to others and more one of focusing on your special projects.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) Fortifying and stabilizing are keywords for this cycle. Any loose ends and wobbly anything will come under scrutiny. You yearn for things to be stable, secure and solid. This can include completion, yet it also includes new initiatives and perhaps key investments too. You have been in the mood this way all year, actually, yet now you are taking it all to the next level.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22) The grouping of four planets in your sign continues to activate and/or synchronize with new initiatives. This is always true when the Sun enters our own sign, but is compounded when other planets are there as well, as is true now for you. Mercury in Virgo is adding to your critical attention to detail, Venus is willing to experiment and Mars is in pioneering revolutionary mode.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Where other are busy initiating, cleaning, clearing, renovating and generally working, you are in retreat mode. How you retreat depends on you. It may be that you remain busy with duties and projects, yet you may simply be less interested in conversations. This is an opportune window to write if you have any inclination. Inner work is also indicated.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Making efforts to improve, heal and make amends on relationship fronts, especially those linked to friendships and group involvements of any kind are in the spotlight. Part of your motivation is to realize a greater flow of abundance. While an increase in finances may be high on your list, abundance can include more, better and deeper engagements with others.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) With all those Virgo planets in your career sector, it seems quite evident that this area of your life is emphasized. Yet, this sector is also linked to your public life and overall social status. So, all of these areas are emphasized. With Jupiter in your sign, expansion, and increase are and have been a central theme all year and now is an important time to consolidate.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) Paying attention to the details of the bigger picture suggests something of a scholarly approach. This implies that you are in the mood to be more open-minded and to understand people and complex situations and realities more fully. Yet, you are also determined to get to the bottom of things and to unearth previously hidden truths.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) Virgo time is generally a rather intense cycle for you and this year, thanks to the presence of four planets there, this stands to be especially true. Purging is one facet of this focus. Yet, it can also include research and digging deeper to identify what you feel you no longer want and need. The key to your success is to reassess what helps and does not help you to feel empowered.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Relationship interactions are likely to be extra dynamic and intense now. This has probably been especially true ever since the last third of August. Yet, the intensity levels have not only probably remained strong but may have actually increased. This trend will continue throughout the month so do what you can to direct it constructively.



We are publishing the official guide to the winners on September 25. Harvest Time magazine will be a celebration of the fair with lots of photos, prize-winning recipes and, of course, a showcase of the winners in all categories. **To advertise in Harvest Time please call your account executive today at 250-537-9933.**






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Last Week's Answer: Dave French was the first person to recognize the Curiosity mural image at SS Elementary School.

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

Miranda Caterer



Miranda Caterer is Salt Spring's first official paid Pride coordinator in 15 years. Her goal is to help Pride grow on the island, and to see it blossom in an amazing way. "I love being able to do that for this community," she said. She also works as a professional event coordinator specializing in weddings and catering. Her main focus is on LGBTQ2SIA+ weddings and events.

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WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; alanwardroper@gmail.com.
AL-ANON for friends and families of alcoholics holds an Easy Does It Lunch Bunch open meeting at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 to 1 p.m.
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
LUNCH at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
KUNDALINI YOGA - all levels with Shannon Cowan at the Wellness Centre. 8 to 9:15 a.m.
NIA — Discover the delicious music, mindful movement & healing magic of Nia, a fabulous, fun blend of dance, martial arts and yoga. "Move Your Body's Way" nurturing your body, mind & spirit in a fabulous, welcoming community of women. All age adults 18+. No dance experience needed. Classes begin Sept. 12, 10:45 -11:45 at Antler Ridge Dance Studio. Info - arleensadler@shaw.ca
OPEN MIC NIGHT at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
WOMEN'S YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
VIJNANA YOGA with Liz Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.
YOGA ALL LEVELS with Dorothy Price at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
YOGA with Jim Dickinson at SS Seniors. 2 to 3 p.m.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Beginner/Level I with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716

EVERY FRIDAY

COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
DRUM CIRCLE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 4 to 6 p.m.
ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING. Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 10-11am. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com
STORYTIME at the SS Public Library in the children's corner at 11 a.m. Drop-in program best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m.
GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.
MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors from 12:15 to 2 p.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY

ACROYOGA CLASSES with Candice Seagull at the Baptist Church from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: facebook.com/cmsacroyoga
ACTIVE LEARNING group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.
CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
DARTS players meet for games at the Legion from 6 to 9 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.
NIA. See Thursday description. Classes begin Sept. 9. All Saints Church downstairs hall. 10:30 -11:30 a.m. *FREE DEMO CLASS for brand "New to Nia" participants on Sept. 9. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.
PARKINSON'S MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 12:45-2:15 p.m. Small group class using conscious movement and other innovative techniques to encourage regular safe exercise to increase mobility, strength, endurance and balance. Appropriate for people with PD and other neurological conditions. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
PILATES+ CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility, strength, endurance and balance. Resistance bands and other tools are also incorporated. This class uses the principles of the Feldenkrais Method® to illuminate and clarify Pilates exercises. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com
SALT SPRING ISLAND QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP meets in Croftonbrook lounge at 6 p.m. Info: Ruth, 250-537-4075.
SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.
SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS meet at All Saints from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning with a free open house event on Sept. 9.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Çore Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

EVERY MONDAY

TOASTMASTERS, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. but is meeting on a scaled-back schedule this summer. See saltspring.toastmastersclubs.org.
VIJNANA YOGA LEVEL 2 with Cathy Valentine at Stowel Lake Farm. Sitting meditation, pranayama and asana. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
YIN YOGA with Satiya Channer at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre: Mixed Levels from both 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
YOGA FLOW with Jaya Genevieve Levesque at Salt Spring Wellness from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

AL-ANON - Do you have problems with someone's drinking? Meet at 135 Drake Road (Catholic church) rear portable from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome.
ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
CHOIR at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
EUCHRE games are played at the Legion at 7 p.m.
FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.
LIFE DRAWING GROUP meets at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir meets at SS Seniors at 10:30 a.m.
NIA — See Thurs. description. Classes begin Sept. 10 at All Saints Church, upstairs hall, 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info - arleensadler@shaw.ca
MEN'S GROUP - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, reinless@mender.ca or meetup.com/reinless/
PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
SS SEARCH & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Level I/II with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716
YOGA with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

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EXTREME SPORTS

Island athletes push themselves to the limits

Whistler and Manning Park

BY ERIC ELLIS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

This has been a summer of extremes for Salt Spring runners and value-added extremists.

We have previously reported on Dr. Richard Hayden's completion of the Island Extreme Triathlon around a volcano northwest of Reykjavik, Iceland on July 27. Hayden's 12-hour, 42-minute and 49-second effort earned him a 12th place overall and first place in his age group.

On July 28, Marion Young and Marcia Jansen competed in the full 180-km Ironman Canadian championships in Whistler, consisting of a swim portion, 160-km bike portion and full marathon. Jansen dropped out with debilitating stomach cramps but Marion completed the race in 14 hours and 48 minutes, earning a second place in her age group and an invitation to compete in the world championships in Kona, Hawaii on Oct. 12. Young will return to competition on Sept. 7 at the Dodge City off-road triathlon in Cumberland.



PHOTO COURTESY KHAI FOO

Khai Foo runs in the Fat Dog 120-mile ultra race.

On Friday, Aug. 9, Khai Foo began his third quest to finish the Fat Dog 120-mile ultra run in Manning Park. His first quest in 2017 ended early with debilitating stomach cramps, while the second in 2018 was cancelled due to forest fires.

To enter the competition, runners have to earn points from previous ultra-length races, many of which have been reported here. Fat Dog bills itself as having just short of the altitude of Mount Everest of climbing accumulated

over the 120 miles of running. This year's race course was altered due to repairs being made to one of the portions of the previous course.

Foo was successful this year in completing the full course and then some, finishing 10 hours before the cut-off and accumulating four miles extra over the

course of his run. The race started Friday morning at 10 a.m. and Foo finished one and a half nights without sleeping at just before midnight the next day for a total of 37 hours, 45 minutes and 24 seconds. This earned him 28th place of 164 who registered for the race and fifth of 14 in his particular age group.

The last leg of the race was completed in complete darkness as Foo had reached over 30 hours awake, found himself disoriented and covering the same ground again, but persevered by remembering the tread pattern of another racer and tracking the pattern with his head lamp until he saw the lights of the finish line.

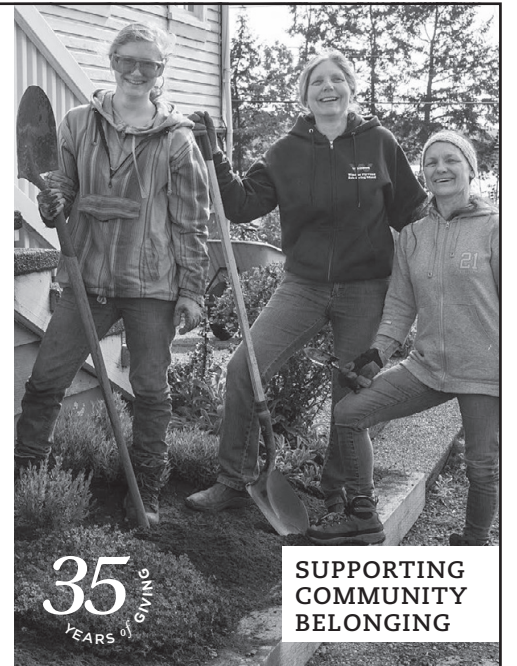
We Can Help

Grant applications invited

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is now accepting fall grant applications with a deadline of September 30. We are hosting a grant-writing workshop on September 6 at 10 a.m. RSVP to kisae@ssifoundation.ca. For information on applying for a grant, visit ssifoundation.ca



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TRAIL AND NATURE CLUB

Fresh trail season gets rolling

Blackberry Festival is first Tuesday event

The fall hiking season begins on Tuesday, Sept. 10 with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the group campsite. Bring your lunch and a favourite blackberry goodie to share. Don't forget a bowl and a spoon.

There will be a short walk in Ruckle Park before lunch. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the group campsite parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.

Hikers

Sept. 17: Hike some Mount Tuam trails with Jean Attop. Moderate uphill hiking before lunch; downhill after lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m. Carry on from Drummond Park to the end of Maxham Road to meet leader Jean.

Sept. 24: Join Sharon for a hike along some of the many trails in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:40 a.m. to carpool or at the trail head at 10 a.m. The location will be announced closer to the date.

Walkers

Sept. 17: Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead us on a round trip walk through the Tsavout

First Nation Reserve, starting at the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive. It is a fairly easy hike with some elevation gain, through woods and along shoreline with lovely views. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool and then meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m. From there we will drive to the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive with the fewest possible cars.

Sept. 24: Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk along Baker Beach. Meet at the cul de sac at the end of Quarry Drive at 10:15 or 10 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool. You may want to bring poles as there are some up and down pathways in the forest before we approach the beach and there are rocks on the beach that can be slippery. We can eat our lunch on our way back along the beach.

Ramblers

Sept. 17: Carpool from Centennial Park to Drummond Park. Paul and Donna will lead a ramble. Lunch either on their beach or at Rock Salt, depending on the weather.

Sept. 24: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Cedar Creek Nature Reserve with Ann. Bring lunch if it's nice. Otherwise we will choose a coffee shop.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Barry Spence at sspence@telus.net.



Board of Education School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) 2019/2020 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings

September . 11 School Board Office
October	9 Pender Islands Elementary Secondary School
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December .. 11 School Board Office
January	15 Salt Spring Elementary
February 12 Fernwood Elementary School
March	11 Gulf Islands Secondary School
April	8 Saturna Elementary School/SEEC
May	13 Galiano Community School
June	10 School Board Office

Typical start time for Regular Public Board Meetings is 1:00 p.m.

Meeting agendas are posted to the School District website one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Please visit: <http://sd64.bc.ca/school-board-meetings/> for more information.

GOLF

Juniors join tourney



PHOTO COURTESY SSIGC

Enjoying the North/South tournament are adults, from left, Bob and Jill Cooke, Mary Lou Bompas, Isaac Weintraub, Scott Staines and Anne Fliieger. Junior golfers, from left, are Beau Morgan, Emma Staines, and Andy and Elliott Cole.

Camaraderie celebrated

BY MARCIA HOGAN

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The 9th Annual North/South Tournament and fundraiser for Salt Spring Golf Club brought out a variety of new golfers over the Aug. 26-27 weekend: fathers and sons, introductory lesson graduates and a team of junior members.

Caravans of golf carts streamed from tee to green on every hole as four players from the South battled the four players from the North for geographical dominance.

Every player was accountable for one drive for their team. There were several players who resorted to buying their drive from golf professional Isaac Weintraub when they

reached Hole 8.

Two tricky putting contests allowed winners to deduct many strokes from the team's score. A good chip into the duck pond on hole number one allowed one exceptional team to tee off at the 150 marker and score an eagle.

The warm camaraderie on the course carried inside to the live auction at Penny's Pantry. The tournament succeeded in raising thousands of dollars for necessary upgrades to the course. The winner of the tournament was too close to call at this time.

The 18-hole ladies group held the Bank of Montreal Cup competition on Aug. 20. Dora Reynolds won for the third time in the past 18 years with a net 71. Elaine Shaw was runner up with a net 73.

SOCCER

Youth soccer season underway

Ice Breaker this weekend

Soccer season is just around the corner and Salt Spring United Soccer Club is busy getting everything in place for the start of the season.

Registration

Registration is well underway and it appears we have teams as follows:

- Boys: U10, U11, U12 (Gold and Silver), U13, U14/15, U16/17/18.
- Girls: U10, U11, U12, U13 (Gold), U14, U15, U16/17/18.

Of course, as usual, there is space on most of these teams. So why not get registered on a team now and join the fun of playing soccer, as they begin games in two weeks.

Registration is easy. Just go to our website at www.saltspringsoccer.com and fill out the forms. If you have questions about registration, feel free to contact Maggie at maggiemayrn@gmail.com.

Schedule of Events

Sept. 7: Ice Breaker Tourney at Portlock Park; Gold teams start play.

Sept. 14/15: Silver/Bronze/Euro teams start league play.

Sept. 21: House and Tots programs begin at Portlock.

Dec 16: Christmas Break begins.

Ice Breaker Tourney

This Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy a day of soccer fun at Portlock where our youth team players (U10 to U18) come out and play small-sided games to get the feel of playing again.



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SOCCER
ROUND-UP

This year we offer any child U10 and older who wishes to try soccer to come out and join in the fun for free on that Saturday. If they like it then they can sign up.

We hope to have a couple of special events happening, such as a walking soccer game, and the concession will be open.

Salt Spring United Academy

Our academy is where players can get extra training from our coaching staff, led by technical director Josip Bratanovic.

This year the academy runs for 10 Fridays starting on Sept. 13. There are two time slots: 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. We hope to bring in guest coaches like Andrew Latham (LISA technical director).

Referees

Our club also offers youths and adults the opportunity to become a referee or assistant referee. (I know, you are saying, "Why would anyone want that job?!") If you are 12 (or close) or older and have a burning desire to become a man in the middle, please contact me at mallegg@shaw.ca. Once I have 10 names I will schedule the course.

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WEDNESDAY SEPT 4

WE ARE GOD'S OWN: ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA

• 6 to 8pm. Ganges Centre (2nd story over the Post Office). An intimate service of reconciliation and blessing offered out of the Anglican Christian tradition. We will reflect on the diversity with which our Creator made us, reject the Church's teaching of oppression, and offer a blessing to the community for the festivities of Pride. Space will be held for reflections and sharing. All are welcome. No cost.

THURSDAY SEPT 5

PRIDE POETRY OPEN MIC NIGHT: THE LIBRARY

• 6:45pm signup (first come, first on the list)
 • 7pm Pride themed open mic (one poem, 3mins. per open mic reader)
 • 8pm guest poet, Peter Freeman. Peter Freeman is a Renaissance person with a thirst for adventure. He is a local author who writes novels, children's books, screen and stage plays, short stories, magazine articles, poetry, and non-fiction. When he is not writing, he is exploring oceans, mountains and deserts, or perhaps cycling a continent. His book Growth, featured at this event, is a collection of poems arranged to illustrate the moulding of one's personality and motivations from internal and external events, as one grows through the various phases of life.

FRIDAY SEPT 6

TRANS AND QUEER MUSIC SHOWCASE

• 7-11pm. Core Inn. Admission by donation (suggested \$2) LGBTQ2SIA+ youth, friends and allies, 24 and under. Alcohol and drug-free event. Snacks provided.

DRAG KARAOKE: THE LEGION

• 7:30pm. \$5.00 entry at the door, Legion members no charge. Pride 2019, let's have some fun! Come and sing your heart out! Dressing in drag highly encouraged. What will you sing? ABBA? Gaga? Garland? Bennett? Sinatra? Midler? Lee? Village People? Hozier? Trainor? We've got it all! Kat's Kitchen open until 9pm. Featuring a fabulous drag performance, too!

ANGE HEHR: MOBY'S

• 9pm. Ange Hehr brings her talented band with her to celebrate Salt Spring Pride Weekend. Catch the show both Friday and Saturday!

SATURDAY SEPT 7

PARADE

• 12:30pm. Rally at the Library steps for those marching in the Parade! 1pm parade start on McPhillips Ave. and around Ganges, ending in Centennial Park. Those who would like to be in the parade but have mobility issues, please contact ssiprideplanner@gmail.com to reserve a spot on the float.

SATURDAY SEPT 7 CONTINUED

PARTY IN THE PARK: CENTENNIAL PARK

• 1:30pm DJ Triikstr will get us dancing and drag performances by Poptart and Fawn will entertain!

PRIDE DANCE

• 7:30 pm. Meaden Hall, featuring Queer as Funk and DJ Slade. Advanced ticket sales are sold-out. \$35.00 at the door. 9 pm the band takes the stage!

ANGE HEHR: Moby's. See Friday's listing.

SUNDAY SEPT 8

UNITARIAN PRIDE SERVICE

• 10:30am. 379 Lower Ganges Rd. With renowned musician Jill Cooper! Come and celebrate Pride with us as Jill performs a selection of the best-loved songs associated with Pride. There will be plenty of opportunity to join in and also hear from Amanda as to why these songs are pivotal to Pride. With music support from Dick Jackson and Cathy Baker this will be a fun and dynamic morning. Everyone is welcome.

PRIDE BRUNCH: FEATURING DRAG QUEENS

• 12pm - 2:30pm. Bullock Lake Farm. No cost for entry, refreshments and brunch available for purchase. Gather at Bullock Lake Farm to share brunch and reflect on the week's activities. Drag Queens will be present to visit with guests and will read two wonderful books to the kids at 1 pm. Brunch and refreshments available for purchase, no cost for entry. Open to the public, no reserved seating or tickets. Just come!

SUNDAY SEPT 8 CONTINUED

QUEER GROUP HIKE

• 2:30pm. Mt. Erskine (Trustees' Trail). Magnificent views and photo ops for the end of a great Pride week! Meet at the base of Trustees' Trail (Rainbow Rd., left on Juniper, follow Spring Gold Rd. to Trustees' Rd.) Optional routes based on difficulty desired.

SATURDAY SEPT 14

QUEER READING SERIES: FEATURING ANNE FLEMMING

• 7pm Authorial reading by Anne Flemming at the Library. Come listen + ask questions! Part of the Queer Reading Series.



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