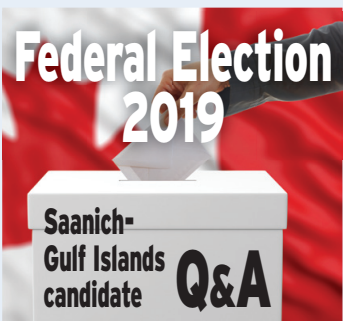
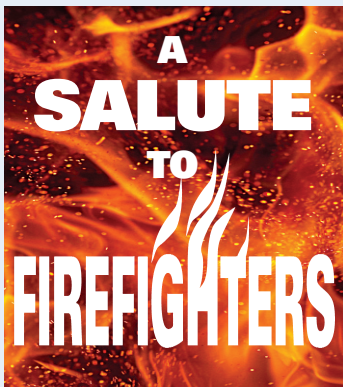


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**JUST ASK US:** Salt Spring Community Alliance members, volunteers and supporters celebrate the opening of the Ask Salt Spring service on Friday morning. From left are alliance board members Samantha Sanderson, Sheila Dobie, Darlene Gage and Erinanne Harper, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen, alliance board member and Ask Salt Spring coordinator Gayle Baker and Darryl Elf of the United Way.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

# Road resurfacing in the works

### Walkers, cyclists, drivers will all benefit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pedestrian and cycling infrastructure could be coming to Ganges Hill with new possibilities opened by a resurfacing project on Fulford-Ganges Road.

The Salt Spring Transportation Commission approved a concept for the stretch of road between Seaview and Beddis roads at their Sept. 30 business meeting. The concept will be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to consider, with the intention that a commission-led pathway project would take place in tandem with MoTI's resurfacing project in 2020. The ministry has not yet specified how much of Fulford-Ganges Road will be resurfaced.

"The way I see it, we have a major opportunity that's presenting itself in front of us," said Allen Xu, who is the Capital Regional District's new engineering manager for Salt Spring. "We all know there are community concerns about safety and about pedestrians and cyclists sharing the roadway."

Xu and senior CRD administrator Karla

Campbell had met with MoTI staff the previous week to discuss the timeline and prospects for partnership. The ministry plans to go to tender next spring and start work by the summer.

"We really need to make a decision and act fairly quickly so we can jump on their bandwagon," Xu said, outlining project savings from sharing the costs of an asphalt pour and equipment mobilization/demobilization among the benefits.

The commission voted to recommend a design that would include widened shoulders with paved cycling lanes on each side of the road, and a multi-use pathway on the west or "uphill" side of the road. The recommendation also calls for the bike lanes to be at least 1.2 metres in width, as well as improvements at the intersection with Beddis and Drake roads, a bus stop improvement at the base of Ganges Hill, and bus landing strips along Fulford-Ganges Road at the intersection with Cusheon Lake and Blackburn roads.

Under the agreed partnership, MoTI would be responsible for all the design and cost estimates. The CRD would contribute the costs of

non-roadway improvements.

The approved concept is based on one of the options laid out by consultants JE Anderson in 2013, in a study produced for CRD Regional Parks and the local transportation commission. The rough cost estimate at the time put the price of that option at \$2.35 million.

Speaking after the meeting, CRD director Gary Holman said he would be very surprised if the price hadn't gone up since then, although some new aspects should see savings. The original concept called for a sidewalk, for example. The commission has changed that to be a multi-use pathway.

"If the pathway is packed gravel, that should shave off some dollars," Holman said.

As well, an earlier plan for the bus stop had placed it in front of Embe Bakery, which would have required considerable construction work. Fellow commissioners agreed with member Myna Lee Johnstone, who said the bus stop would be better placed on the block north of Seaview Avenue.

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**MENTAL HEALTH**

# Bateman leads anxiety broadcast

Listeners urged to share own stories

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's own John Bateman will be championing mental health awareness this Thursday, Oct. 10 as host of a live, eight-hour broadcast organized by Anxiety Canada.

The organization is celebrating World Mental Health Day by launching #OurAnxietyStories, a campaign to celebrate the courage and strength of people thriving with anxiety. They broadcast live on YouTube from Anxiety Canada's downtown Vancouver studio from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Many people in the community know Bateman as the author of his hilarious column and book, the former co-host of a come-

dic radio program with Matt Steffich, and a popular MC for local charity events. However, he has also suffered from anxiety since childhood and is a passionate advocate for mental health. He signed on as an Anxiety Canada Champion in 2018.

As host of Thursday's event, Bateman will interview dozens of Canadians with anxiety, including actor/comedian Cathy Jones, Sloan drummer Andrew Scott and celebrity chef Bruno Feldeisen, as well as folks from all walks of life. Bateman will also chat with leading experts in anxiety treatment from across the country.

Anxiety Canada is encouraging listeners to share their own stories using the hashtag #OurAnxietyStories on all the major social media platforms, and to chat live with Bateman and guests on YouTube Live. Tune in this Thursday at [anxietycanada.com/ouranxietystories](http://anxietycanada.com/ouranxietystories).



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**ISLANDS TRUST**

# Cottages bylaw gets further tweaks

Rainwater catchment requirement among items

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Trust staff proposed a series of amendments to the upcoming Affordable Rental Cottages bylaw at last week's Local Trust Committee meeting, after receiving feedback from the community, stakeholders and land owners over the summer.

The amendments included a requirement for rainwater catchment system installation as a condition of full-time residential rental cottage use, prohibitions on use of cottages for full-time residence on properties with existing secondary suites and prohibiting bed and breakfasts on properties zoned for full-time cottage use. Other recommendations included removing properties adjacent to water bodies from the bylaw, as well as allowing owners to ask to be included or excluded from the bylaw at staff's discretion.

Trust planner Jason Youmans explained the amendments were taken from staff's interpretation of feedback collected over the past few months. The Islands Trust conducted an online survey for the general public, a survey for landowners who may be affected by the changes, a community information meeting and individual conversations with people concerned about the project. Around 500 people responded to the online survey, and approximately 100 more responded to either the property owner survey, the community meeting or in-person sessions.

"The purpose of this meeting was to present that feedback back to the LTC and ask what they thought of the staff report," Youmans said. "Staff tried to provide at least some analysis and assessment of some of the commentary that we'd received . . . and present some recommendations to the LTC to tinker around the edges of the proposed bylaw."

One of the major amendments that stood out was the prohibition of bed and breakfasts on the affected

properties. Youmans said staff considered that people would be able to move between uses without this amendment in place, using cottages for bed and breakfast purposes or for full-time residential use.

"We suggest to the local Trust committee that if the intent of their project is to create more long-term full-time residential dwelling units, that they might want to prohibit the use of bed and breakfasts in those buildings as B&Bs could be a more lucrative way for property owners to make use of the cottage rather than a full-time potential rental," he said.

Water is another issue that affects the bylaw. Under the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan, full-time residential cottages would only be allowed in areas that have potable water. However, since many of the community water systems on the island either cannot support any further build out, or are unsure of their ability to do so, planning staff chose to exclude those from the bylaw. Additionally, new full-time residences could have an effect on groundwater supply, and may affect wells on some properties. To get around these issues, Trust staff chose to require installation of rainwater catchment systems as a condition of full-time residential cottage use.

"We haven't parsed out how this would work in practice, whether this would apply only to new building construction, or whether it could retroactively apply to existing buildings that are having a new use taken up in them," Youmans said.

The proposed amendment has some precedent in the Trust area, with similar bylaws in place on Galiano and Saturna islands. However, Youmans said this may not be a "silver bullet."

"We'll have to look carefully as to whether we could actually require people to use these . . . I am not sure what the limitations are as to what you can or cannot require of a property owner in regards to servicing their building one way or another."

Bylaw 512 still requires third reading and will be the subject of a public hearing in the next few months.

**ELECTION**

# Advance voting begins on Friday

Bring voter card and ID

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Advance polls for the federal election run this long weekend, with the first chance to vote available on Friday.

To be able to vote, people should check online to ensure they are registered at their current address. Registered voters will receive a voter card in the mail. Those who have not received a voter card can check their registration online at [elections.ca](http://elections.ca).

Advance poll voting opportunities continue Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Salt Spring's advance poll location is Gulf Islands Secondary School for south and central residents. Fernwood

Elementary School is the spot for north-enders. Other options include voting at an Elections Canada office, with the closest ones in Duncan and in Saanichton, or voting by mail. Both options are available until Oct. 15.

Election day is on Monday, Oct. 21, with polling stations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For all voting days, voters need to prove their identities and addresses, using a driver's licence or other government-issued ID with photo, name and address. The second option is to show two pieces of ID, both with your name and one with a current address. Voters without ID can still vote, as long as they declare their identity and address in writing and have someone assigned to the same polling station vouch for them.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### RCMP seek cycle-SUV crash witnesses

Salt Spring RCMP are asking anyone who witnessed a collision between a cyclist and a black SUV last month to contact them.

A cyclist was hit by the driver of a black SUV while travelling south on Fulford-Ganges Road near Drake Road at about 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7. The cyclist sustained minor injuries. An investigation into the incident is ongoing, and Salt Spring RCMP ask anyone with information to contact Const. Verhaeghe or Crimestoppers.

RCMP are also investigating an incident involving two separate Canada Post mailboxes on Trincomali Heights and Lawnhill Drive. During the evening of Oct. 5, the mailboxes were damaged in what RCMP are calling attempted theft of mail. Anyone with relevant information is asked to contact Const. Verhaeghe or Crimestoppers.

### Inclusion award given

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue has received a WOW award as an inclusion champion from Community Living BC for their work with Chris Joynson over the past 16 years.

Firefighters support Joynson to test equipment, go out on inspections and change the fire hazard ratings on the signs at the three ferry terminals on the island, and at times, to participate on a call. They also fund his participation in the Operation Trackshoes sporting event every year at the University of Victoria.

## CRIME

# Vandenberg: not criminally responsible

### Undiagnosed schizophrenia led to tragic result

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Martin Vandenberg was found not criminally responsible for the murder of his mother Heather Jones at a B.C. Supreme Court sentencing hearing held in Victoria on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Justice Jennifer Power accepted the joint submission made by Crown prosecutor Jim Blazina and defence counsel Tybring Hemphill that Vandenberg was undergoing a psychotic episode brought on by undiagnosed schizophrenia when he beat Jones to death with a baseball bat on Dec. 6, 2017, and he was therefore unable to understand his actions were wrong.

Vandenberg was 22 at the time of the offence and Jones was 47. His parents had sought help for the young man at Lady Minto Hospital on Dec. 5, the day before the attack. He was released that day and scheduled to return for an assessment on Dec. 8.

With evidence that Vandenberg's mental health had deteriorated while held at Vancouver Island Correctional Centre following his arrest, Power ordered that he continue to be held at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in Coquitlam, where he has been since the spring of 2018. Vandenberg's case history will be reviewed there within 45 days to determine the length of his confinement and treatment. His appearance at court last Tuesday was by video link.

The victim's mother Betty Jones and two of her sisters, Penny Jones and Tammy Large, were at the sentencing hearing. The family said they felt Vandenberg's sentencing result was appropriate.

"We're thankful he's finally getting the help he needs and deserves," Large said on behalf of the family. "Heather wanted that."

"We got to tell him we loved him the last time he was here. That was nice," she added.

Power based much of her decision on the expert testimony of two forensic psychologists, who agreed on their finding of undiagnosed

schizophrenia. Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Shabehram Lohrasbe additionally found Vandenberg was suffering from cannabis-use disorder.

The court heard a summary of the evidence that proved Vandenberg was experiencing a serious mental disorder for some weeks before the murder took place. Vandenberg had reported hearing voices that were telling him things he didn't like. As well, a police report was filed in November 2017 when Vandenberg complained a female friend of his father's had guns on the property and was threatening him, which was determined to be unfounded.

**"We're thankful he's finally getting the help he needs and deserves. Heather wanted that."**

TAMMY LARGE  
*Sister of murder victim  
Heather Jones*

Betty Jones and her daughter Chelsea Jackson discovered the victim's body, and those of her two small dogs, when they went to check on her on Dec. 6. Vandenberg was at the house, cleaning. The two women left him there and called police.

Vandenberg later explained in his interviews with police and a forensic psychologist that voices had ordered him to kill his mother or both he and his mother would be raped and then killed. He believed by killing Jones he was actually saving her from a worse fate.

"His schizophrenia rendered him incapable of knowing his actions were wrong. There is no other reason or motive that emerges from the evidence. It appears he loved his mother, as she loved him," Power said. "Again, this is one of the great tragedies of this case."

Power accepted recommendations from the Crown to order all the case material and testimony be sent to the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital review board, and that a DNA sample be collected from Vandenberg in the least intrusive way possible.

Island Health said it could not comment on what happened during Vandenberg's visit to the Lady Minto emergency department due to patient confidentiality.

"This was a devastating loss for the entire community, including medical and Island Health staff," the organization said in an emailed statement.

The health authority added that 24-hour emergency care, including for mental health matters, is available at the Salt Spring hospital for anyone who requires it.

"In general, when an individual presents at Lady Minto Hospital with a mental health challenge, they are assessed by the clinical team, which includes a mental health clinician. The amount of time that assessment takes varies on a case-by-case basis," Island Health explained in the email. "Following an assessment, an appropriate care plan is mutually agreed upon between the care team and the individual. Island Health offers community-based mental health case management services, counselling and outreach and crisis response. Lady Minto Hospital also has a psychiatric observation unit."

*Editor's note: An earlier version of this story was published on the Driftwood's website on Oct. 1.*

Capital Regional District



**Public Information Meetings  
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**Proposed New Community Safety Service**  
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**Proposed 2020 CRD Budgets**  
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1 to 3 pm Lions Hall; 103 Bonnet Ave

## MoTI staff commended for project

### GANGES HILL

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Holman commended MoTI and its outgoing regional manager for committing to the Fulford-Ganges resurfacing project as its top priority for Salt Spring. The project was first raised by the province as part of the island's incorporation offer.

"They're living up to that even though the incorporation initiative failed, so kudos to MoTI and Ryan Evanoff, who continued to advocate for it," Holman said.

The ministry will now consider the SSITC recommendation and may come back with some adjustments or different ideas for the final project. The local contribution will then be calculated. Holman said another potential source of funding is Bike BC, whom he made contact with at the recent Union of B.C. Municipalities convention.

In other business at the Sept. 30 meeting,

the commission approved a list of their priorities for the next year and beyond. Top of the list is getting started on at least part of the Lower Ganges Road pathway between Booth Canal and Central, which has hit a number of snags. Delegates from Partners Creating Pathways urged action on the easier section as a Salt Spring Foundation grant of \$100,000 could be withdrawn if work doesn't start by the end of the year.

Campbell reported the CRD had met with the foundation and explained the need for an extension. At the worst, she said Island Pathways might have to apply for the grant again.

The next priority for the commission is completing North Ganges Transportation Plan improvements on Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads. The CRD is just waiting for a Heritage Alteration Permit from the BC Archeology Branch.

The first phase of a project called Ganges Pedestrian Plan has been identified as the third immediate priority.



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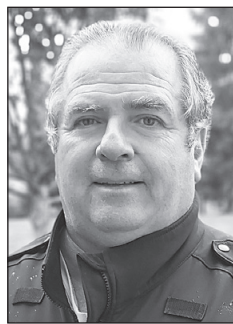
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### RON BRODA

People's Party of Canada



#### What is your occupation?

I am a retired police officer. I served with the Vancouver Police Department for 14 years, then the Saanich Police Department for another 14 years. I also worked as a border services officer for seven years.

#### How long have you been in politics?

I was a member of the Conservative Party Electoral District Association board from December 2016 until September 2018. I joined the People's Party of Canada in September 2018. This is my first time running for elected office.

#### Where do you live?

I live in North Saanich near Patricia Bay.

#### How old are you?

I am 62 years young.

#### What is one thing people do not know about you?

I have a commercial pilot's licence. One of my daughters and I flew across Canada and then down to New York City and back west across the U.S. in a Cessna 172. My favourite photo from the trip is a view out the starboard window showing the needle of the Empire State Building looking as if it is about to touch my right wingtip.

#### Why did you decide to run in this year's election?

I have visited Parliament in Ottawa several times over the course of my life. Becoming a Member of Parliament has been one of my secret ambitions for quite a while. After the 2015 election I became quite concerned about the future of our country and decided that it was time for me to fulfill my ambition and run for office. I left the Conservative party because they stopped being conservative.

I joined the People's Party of Canada because its core values of freedom, personal responsibility, fairness and respect resonate with me. They are values missing from today's Conservative party.

#### What is the biggest challenge facing the country?

Trust! Nobody knows who or what to believe anymore. Politicians don't answer questions, they deflect with meaningless talking points. We need open honest discussions on real issues based on evidence. That is the only way that effective decisions can be made. All of the evidence needs to be evaluated and discussed, not just the evidence that supports the position of whoever is talking at any given time.

#### Describe the Canada you envision in 2030.

In 2030 the hysteria gripping society today will have subsided. We will have finally accepted the reality of a changing climate and that humans have very little, if any, impact on it. However, we will also be much better stewards of our environment. We will guard the purity of our water, air and land. We will continue to make better use of our resources, reducing emissions and embracing new, cleaner and more efficient technology. We will have eliminated our national debt. The money that we have been spending on servicing our ever-growing debt will be spent providing needed services to Canadians. Government will intrude much less in the lives of Canadians than it does today. Each of us will have greater freedom to lead the lives we want but each of us will also be held to a higher standard of personal responsibility. To whom much is given, much is expected!

### ELIZABETH MAY

Green Party of Canada



#### What is your occupation?

I am currently a Member of Parliament (since 2011). Prior to that, I served as leader of the Green Party of Canada, without a seat in Parliament (2006-2011). From 1989 -2006, I was executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada. I have practised law in both Ontario and Nova Scotia. I am also the author of eight books.

#### How long have you been in politics?

I joined a political party for the first time in 2006 and in that year also became the leader of the Green Party of Canada.

#### Where do you live?

Sidney, B.C.

#### How old are you?

65

#### What is one thing people do not know about you?

People know so much about me! Still, I don't think people know that I am addicted to good murder mysteries and I secretly long to write fiction (murder mysteries!). All my books are non-fiction.

#### Why did you decide to run in this year's election?

I am committed to climate action and believe the best way I can protect the planet from runaway global warming is through my work as a parliamentarian. I am fully committed to being the hardest-working, most effective MP Saanich-Gulf Islands has ever had.

#### What is the biggest challenge facing the country?

The largest "big picture" threat is the climate emergency. The largest day-to-day challenges are affordability (housing, education, prescription drugs, child care) and access to a family doctor.

#### Describe the Canada you envision in 2030.

By 2030, Canada is more prosperous, fairer, with enormous strides made toward justice and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, emitting 60 per cent less GHG, with electricity providing energy needs from 100 per cent renewable sources.



### DAVID BUSCH

Conservative Party of Canada

#### What is your occupation?

Lawyer

#### How long have you been in politics?

Like many I first became involved in politics while at university as an independent activist. That was in the 1990s. I first joined the Conservative Party in 2003 and since then have been a volunteer in a number of roles from door knocking to official agent, and a member of a number of Conservative EDA boards. I have been the local candidate since May 2018.

#### Where do you live?

Gordon Head in Saanich.

#### How old are you?

46

#### What is one thing people do not know about you?

I am fluent in both English and French.

#### Why did you decide to run in this year's election?

While I have always been interested in politics, as a father of two boys, aged two and three, I am even more concerned for the future of Canada as I believe it is heading down the wrong path.

#### What is the biggest challenge facing the country?

The greatest short-term threat is the rapidly increasing cost of living, and the rapidly growing government debt, which if continued will mean less money for social programs in the future. The \$30 billion (and climbing) we are spending every year on interest payments would be better spent on programs. I want to help ensure our social programs are there for my parents' generation, my generation, and my children's generation.

#### Describe the Canada you envision in 2030.

A country that has held true to being one of equal opportunity where no one has been left behind.

# Federal Election 2019

Saanich-Gulf Islands candidate Q&A



**RYAN WINDSOR**  
Liberal Party of Canada

**What is your occupation?**

I am currently the Mayor of Central Saanich.

**How long have you been in politics?**

I was first elected to council 7 years ago.

**Where do you live?**

I currently live in Central Saanich with my wife and two kids.

**How old are you?**

39

**What is one thing people do not know about you?**

People would be surprised to know that my family has a small farm with two horses, sheep and delicious home-grown vegetables!

**Why did you decide to run in this year's election?**

I ran because there's a lot at stake in this election and I believe our community deserves a seat at the table in a re-elected in a Liberal Government. I want to champion your voice in Ottawa and deliver results for our community. As Mayor of Central Saanich, I have had the opportunity to hear many of the issues our riding is facing. Whether it's expanding public transit, making housing more affordable, increasing the number of family doctors, or taking meaningful action on climate change, our community deserves a Member of Parliament focused on you.

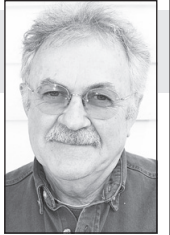
**What is the biggest challenge facing the country?**

The biggest challenge is both making life more affordable for Canadians and how we do so while fighting climate change.

**Describe the Canada you envision in 2030.**

My Canada 2030 is one that is fair and inclusive. A Canada that provides opportunities for everyone to succeed and is leading the fight against climate change.

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### SALT SPRING FORUM

## Renowned pollster sees minority government

Angus Reid shares insights and observations

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A Salt Spring Forum audience had access to the man whose name is synonymous with polling in Canada at an event at ArtSpring on Saturday night.

Angus Reid's prediction for the Oct. 21 election? A minority government of one hue or another, with a Liberal-NDP-Green coalition a not unlikely scenario.

Reid said the Conservatives could get the highest popular vote, but that many of those votes are "wasted" due to their concentration in areas like Alberta and Saskatchewan. However, he said no matter how he "spins the numbers," he doesn't see a clear path for either the Conservatives or the Liberals to win a majority government.

And if the Conservatives have the most seats but not the 170 required for a majority, Reid asked, "Who is going to support [leader Andrew Scheer]? The Bloc Quebecois?"

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh has stated unequivocally that his party would not form a coalition with the Conservatives.

Reid pointed out that a high turnout of voters under the age of 35 is what gave the Liberal party and leader Justin Trudeau their majority government in 2015. Some 64 per cent of eligible-to-vote young people went to the polls in 2015, as opposed to only 50 per cent in 2011. He said it seems unlikely the under-35 crowd will support the Liberals to the same level this time.

"Turn-out, at the end of the day, is going to be what determines this election."

Responding to an audience member's statement that people's support for certain parties tends to be immovable, Reid said that about 50 per cent of Canadians say they haven't yet made up their mind about which way they will vote on Oct. 21. Conservative party support is



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Angus Reid makes a point on the ArtSpring stage with moderator Louise Doucet at a Salt Spring Forum event on Saturday.

much more solid, he said, with more movement across Liberal-NDP-Green lines.

"The only thing that's interesting in this election . . . is the turnout rate for the under-35 voters and what's going to happen with the Greens and the NDP," he concluded.

He observed that Canadian society is "totally divided" these days. Canadians over the age of 55 — and especially males — and the under-35 Millennials having diametrically opposed world views.

"I am appalled and dumbstruck by how divided we are . . ." he said.

Reid, who lives in Vancouver, is no longer in private business as a pollster but heads the Angus Reid Institute, a non-profit organization that does public-interest research, often in conjunction with foundations and other non-commercial bodies. One project the institute worked on found that some 20 per cent of Canadians were not buying the prescription medication they needed due to prohibitive costs. Previous government estimates had downplayed the problem and suggested the number was only 10 per cent. Following the ARI

report, improved pharmacare coverage is now a federal election issue.

Reid was critical of present-day election coverage, noting that the collapse of the mass media as his generation has known it has resulted in far less in-depth investigation of issues, and too much time spent on peripheral matters.

Prompted by the audience, he agreed that while climate change is consistently in the #1 or #2 slot of Canadians' concerns, the parties are generally having difficulty articulating their positions on it.

"There is no consensus on the route to follow."

Acknowledging the riding he was speaking in, Reid noted that Elizabeth May is "the most popular politician in this country right now," adding that it "isn't saying a lot" due to the general unpopularity of politicians.

"We really do have a leadership crisis in this country," he said. "One of the real issues with that is that we have a tradition that our prime minister must be bilingual."

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### EDITORIAL

# Civic duty

The 2019 federal election campaign is more than half over, with voting day set for Monday, Oct. 21.

For those who already know how they are voting, advance polls run this long weekend: from Friday, Oct. 11 through Monday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Salt Spring polls will open at Fernwood and GISS.

Angus Reid, who has a long career in the polling and research business and now heads the non-profit Angus Reid Institute, was on the island last weekend as a Salt Spring Forum speaker. Except for how the Greens and NDP will fare, and the turnout rate among voters aged 35 and under, he summarized the election campaign as not too interesting. He said it is also disappointingly preoccupied with side issues of "character" rather than topics of real concern to Canadians, like climate change, health care and housing.

**THE ISSUE:**  
 Federal election  
**WE SAY:**  
 Make an effort to get informed about issues

We have to agree. Political parties seem to know that people are more likely to be moved by negative feelings to vote against a candidate rather than for a party and its plans for governing.

Reid decried the loss of a stable mass media with adequate resources to do public interest polling, in-depth reporting and meaningful election coverage. He cited "bad polling" as contributing to the Brexit referendum and Donald Trump outcomes.

Reid noted that in the past, everyone who was politically engaged would read the same materials or watch the same TV documentary and weigh in on the information presented. Today, many news sources are suspect, so-called "fake news" is rampant and misinformation can spread like wildfire.

Even the much-touted television debates — and there was only one English-language debate this time — no longer attract a big audience.

Coincidentally, Oct. 6 to 12 is National Newspaper Week, intended to highlight the importance of newspapers in a democracy with #NewspapersMatter and #NowMoreThanEver hashtags. Now more than ever, support for newspapers and traditional media sources without an axe to grind is critical for informed decision-making and protecting the integrity of our democracy.

Also important is a chance to see local candidates and learn more about their party's platforms. That opportunity comes our way next Wednesday at 3 p.m. when the Salt Spring Forum hosts the all-candidates debate in the gym at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

It's everyone's responsibility to take time to make an informed decision when it comes to voting.

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## The case for a Green vote

BY JAN SLAKOV

Why are people saying we don't have years, just months, to make the shift towards a net zero carbon future? The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change made it clear that globally we need to halve emissions by 2030 to have any hope of preventing heating from surpassing 1.5°C. Obviously, to reach such a goal in 10 years requires making changes, ideally yesterday, so now.

Why did Elizabeth May get into politics? Convinced that "without fully functioning democracies, we could not escape the worst outcomes of global warming," she felt called to work for change from within.

What to make of Elizabeth's statement that, in a minority situation, she would only support a government that was committed to meet or exceed science-based requirements? This can sound extreme. But when we consider the drastic changes Canada and other nations made to fight fascism during WWII, when we consider what the future holds if humanity fails to make the dramatic changes that are still possible, well, "extreme" is the new normal, eh?

Left or right? In today's context, these terms are not

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generally helpful. Which party is truly more "business-friendly," a Conservative party that works with industry lobbyists to weaken environmental protections, or the Greens, whose leader has a bill requiring any new legislation to be vetted to ensure it supports a healthy small business sector?

Which party is more fiscally responsible: The Greens, who have an ambitious, fully costed platform aiming to balance the budget by 2024 and to make a fair transition to a low-carbon economy, with funding for respecting Indigenous rights, pharmacare, free tuition, conservation measures, or parties which, in government, spend money challenging legal rulings requiring them to compensate victims of discrimination, which subsidize oil and gas at the rate of over \$1,000 per person per year?

Which parties care more about freedom and democracy? Ones that tell their MPs how to vote or that have a history of cheating in elections, or one whose leader wrote a book on the "crisis in Canadian democracy," showing how everything from electoral reform to reforms in media, policing

and parliamentary respect are needed to strengthen democracy?

In the struggle for a livable future, we are up against inertia. One form of inertia leads people to assume that Conservatives are better fiscal stewards. How many people know that the two prime ministers who contributed the most to Canada's 2017-2018 debt were Mulroney and Harper, or that if the Conservatives had had their way with bank deregulation, Canada would have had a much rougher ride through the 2008 recession?

The world has more than doubled the amount of heat trapping gases in the atmosphere since politicians and oil companies knew about the physics of global heating. It takes decades to feel the full effect of that pollution. Elizabeth May is not the only Green leader who nearly gave up after stinging political defeat. Thankfully, she, Peter Bevan-Baker and others are in it for the long haul.

What about us? It's time to stop voting for the same old, same old. We need MPs who are not "in it for you" but, as Elizabeth put it, in it "for justice, for peace and for a planet that can survive with a civilization that thrives."

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### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Do you know who you will vote for in the federal election?  Yes  No

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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**“The only thing that’s interesting in this election . . . is the turnout rate for the under-35 voters, and what’s going to happen with the Greens and the NDP.”**

ANGUS REID, ANGUS REID INSTITUTE

## SALT SPRING SAYS

### WE ASKED:

*What is the main issue for you in the election?*

#### JASON JACKSON



I'd have to say climate change.

#### JON BROWN



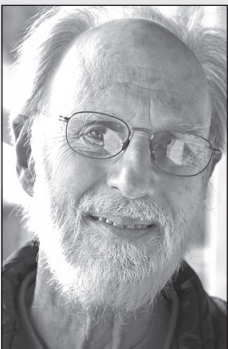
I'd say affordable housing.

#### LAURA MOORE



There are a few issues, but I'd say the cost of living, especially for young people and seniors who are on a fixed income.

#### MURRAY REISS



The climate crisis.

#### NATHAN ISBERG



I tend towards the environment being a central issue, especially looking into green technologies.

## 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

### Meadow deal not done

The article in last week's Driftwood pertaining to PARC taking on the United Church meadow is a bit premature.

We have invited PARC to provide a "proposed licence of occupation," which will be discussed at the next meeting of the unified board of Salt Spring Island United Church. Until that has been received, discussed and agreed to by first the unified board and then the congregation, nothing is definite.

**MARILYNNE CUNNINGHAM,**  
UNITED CHURCH UNIFIED BOARD CHAIR

### Abattoir success

This November, Salt Spring's community-supported abattoir turns seven, so we must be doing something right!

During the last seven

years the abattoir has supported a doubling of animals being sustainably and humanely raised on the island. Almost all animals raised here are on small-scale farms where farmers are primarily raising animals ethically as part of an integrated farm system.

There's a lot of discussion these days about how food systems can influence climate change for better or worse. Raising livestock on Salt Spring means less meat brought in from factory farms and feed lots off-island, less travel for farmers who previously had to take their animals to abattoirs off-island (taking the equivalent of about 10 cars off the road every year), more jobs in the local food economy, greater availability of high-quality meat from animals for the most part reared outdoors, and greater availability of animal manure for compost.

To keep prices affordable for farmers and consumers, the Salt Spring abattoir

and Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance run fundraisers for building and equipment maintenance/ upgrades. The annual Birthday Bash is our main source of community support, and is a lot of fun too. Please join us for an all-local dinner menu featuring pork, turkey and vegetarian options. Food is being prepared by Sweetgrass Food Co. (Dan Snowsill and Chigusa Saito) and we'll have live music and more.

Join us Saturday, Nov. 9 from 5:30 p.m. at Fulford Hall to celebrate the ongoing success of our community abattoir and help us raise money to keep this vital part of our local agriculture in good repair.

For questions, volunteer opportunities or to donate to our silent auction, please email Ella at ebronstein93@gmail.com.

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**ANNE MACEY,**  
SSI ABATTOIR SOCIETY PRESIDENT

### Two nails

I think that columnist Shilo Zylbergold hit at least two nails on the head regarding the Trudeau black-face issue and its relevance to the political issues of today (Sept. 25 Driftwood column).

When electing politicians, they should be judged on the abundant data available on the policies that they promote during their political career. Even if black-face was considered negative behaviour 20 years ago (I don't recall the context back then), is there any relevant evidence that Trudeau is a racist? If not, don't judge him for political office on whatever "bad taste, immaturity and ignorance" he displayed during "celebrations and theatrical parties" two decades ago.

The second nail is that none of this should be taken as support (or otherwise) for Trudeau's candidature. Exercise your own judgement on that, but try not to base that judgement on irrelevant data.

**REUBEN KAUFMAN,**  
SALT SPRING

## Multi-pronged Ganges safety approach envisioned

BY IAN CLEMENT

In last week's Viewpoint, Chris Dixon asked a series of questions and put forward a positive proposal for the improvement of Ganges: namely, that a broad base of residents "be engaged to assess the issues and to make decisions regarding safety, comfort and liveability in Ganges."

This seems an excellent idea and might help serve to take an important community project, originally initiated by the Chamber of Commerce, to the next level.

By way of providing background and clarity, in the aftermath of the incorporation referendum (in which the chamber took no position, either way) the focus of the chamber board became achieving better governance for Ganges, which we had come to see as the "beating heart of our community." This led to the idea of "Project Ganges" — a Chamber initiative to undertake an annual volunteer clean-up of the streets and sidewalks in the village, whilst at the same time raising awareness around other gaps in services and governance. This chamber exploration of governance gaps and deficiencies in turn led to participation in the Salt Spring Community Alliance Governance Working Group, which produced a report in September, 2018.

Soon afterwards, several developments took place that were significant for the chamber. First (and very traumatically for the owners), in a spate of window smashings, two businesses in Ganges were the subject of targeted attacks — one of them repeatedly, and the other in an act of retaliation. At the same time, public behaviour issues elsewhere in Ganges were creating challenges for the United Church and nearby residents, and the chamber was asked to be involved. Lastly, a re-examination of the chamber's mandate led us to the recognition that it is legitimate for the

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chamber to seek to promote and improve the civic and social welfare of the community, in addition to its traditional role of supporting economic vitality.

The convergence of these events launched the chamber into a series of meetings with stakeholders in the Ganges community, including church leadership, local Ganges residents, CRD, Islands Trust, the Community Services Society and others.

In the course of those meetings we learned from Rob Grant, manager of Community Services, that Salt Spring Island has the highest per capita rate of homelessness in Canada, that a significant number in the homeless community suffer from mental health and addiction issues and that, partly as a consequence of local governance structures (or, perhaps, the absence of them), Community Services is pathetically underfunded.

We also learned that, on the one hand, the RCMP are severely under-resourced and that, on the other, a comprehensive survey of all businesses in Ganges disclosed critically low levels of satisfaction with current policing levels. Numerous individuals reported feeling frightened in Ganges, particularly after dark, for the first time.

To say that we discovered that the situation is complex, multifaceted, interconnected, difficult — and crying for serious attention — would be an understatement.

With original impetus from the chamber, but entirely separate from it, a "task force" was loosely formed in the late spring, with a view to working with Community Services, the RCMP and other actors, to address some of the problems identified and to improve outcomes for all concerned. Meetings were very sparse over the summer. Now about 30 in number and enjoying representation

from a large cross-section of community organizations, the "task force" is completely independent from the chamber. Nevertheless, it seems to us likely that the task force would welcome the involvement of Mr. Dixon, and others, in seeking to help guide decisions around safety, comfort and livability in Ganges.

With respect to the Community Safety Service proposed by Gary Holman, we are awaiting the information meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15 to learn more about it. The chamber has no inside track, and doesn't seek one, but our understanding is that a multi-pronged approach towards safety (of which security would be but one) is the goal.

In the meantime, Chris' line of questioning is more than a little bewildering. He seems to actually believe that the busy-ness in Ganges of which he complains is the result of "relentless advertising" by nefarious businesses in Ganges that now seek to protect their ill-gotten gains at the expense of everyone else. They "cultivate" a "feeding frenzy?"

Really? Are we not all members of the community together, and is Ganges not at the heart of that experience? Is it so illegitimate of frightened merchants to want to feel safe like everyone else that neighbour should be pitted against neighbour? How does Chris square this divisive attack with his professed interest in safety, comfort and livability?

At the same time, Chris seems to forget that, just like vandalism and transients, there have always been tourist visitors to Salt Spring. Can he admit that they are particularly numerous on Saturdays, when his marimba band (notable among other attractions) draws them to the market?

*The writer is a member of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce board of directors.*

# Second half of MLA work session set to begin

As we have recently passed the autumn equinox, I would like to share a brief update with you and take a closer look at the two halves of my work as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

For about half of the year my work is based out of the Legislature in Victoria. There is a spring session and a fall session. In February, we begin a four-month stretch sitting Monday to Thursday. Fridays and weekends are reserved for in-constituency events, meetings with constituents and reconnecting with family. The fall sitting is in October and November and the rest of the year I'm working in my constituency or visiting other parts of the province.

I have had a wide-ranging legislative agenda over the past two years. A couple of highlights include working



Adam Olsen  
MLA'S  
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with government early in the term to successfully ban big money from British Columbia and a persistent effort to launch wild salmon into the provincial political discussion by connecting the health and well-being of salmon with the province's management of ecosystems and biodiversity.

In addition, I've worked closely with government in advancing Indigenous reconciliation initiatives, critiquing old-growth forestry policies and working collaboratively

on the Rental Housing Task Force.

The workload in the constituency is equally expansive. I'm thrilled to see the recent announcement that the work of many years' effort from provincial and local politicians finally pay off with the Keating exit off the Pat Bay Highway. This is a major investment in safety on the Saanich Peninsula and a project I began advocating for with the Minister of Transportation immediately after my election. I'm not the first and only elected official to advocate for that project. It was definitely a collaborative effort.

The government's support of the Salt Spring Commons housing project is also a welcome investment in affordable family housing on Salt Spring and just the first of a few projects in our riding that

I expect will get government assistance.

In addition, I will continue to advocate for more access to patient-focused primary health care and rapid bus transit on the Saanich Peninsula.

Since my election, I have been working to build relationships across governments. I host regular luncheons with the local mayors and First Nations chiefs to increase understanding and awareness and to strengthen communication across jurisdictions. This will certainly continue in the future.

My team and I are in the process of planning our next series of community meetings on the Saanich Peninsula and all the Southern Gulf Islands in early December. As the dates and locations are confirmed, we will be promoting those events and I hope you will consider attending. This is an

opportunity for you to get an update on the recently completed fall session of the Legislature and for me to answer your questions.

I am your advocate for provincial government services. My constituency team and I are here to assist you. If you need my advocacy please do not hesitate to contact me. The constituency office is located in the Landmark Building (#215-2506 Beacon Ave.) in Sidney. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can call us at 250-655-5600 and email us at Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca.

My daily blog about life and work as an MLA is available at adamolsenmla.ca. Our constituency office website is saanichnorthandtheislands.com.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you!

## Proposed new CRD safety service not about more police

BY GARY HOLMAN

Chris Dixon's Driftwood Viewpoint of Oct. 2 makes a number of uninformed statements about the proposed CRD Community Safety Service, misinformation that could have been quickly clarified with a simple phone call.

Mr. Dixon repeatedly declares his aversion to hiring more "cops." While it is true that the proposed new service could fund more police time, I stated clearly in my Sept. 11 Driftwood article that "... other community-based measures would be more cost-effective," including working collaboratively with local organizations that support the most vulnerable members of our community. In fact, even just one additional RCMP officer would cost

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almost twice the maximum requisition allowed by the proposed bylaw.

Mr. Dixon questions why island taxpayers are being asked to pay for a service that only the Chamber of Commerce and businesses want. The community meetings, phone calls and face-to-face conversations arising out of the recent vandalism and civil disorder in Ganges involved more than just the Chamber of Commerce. They included residents, workers in public and private facilities, visitors and community service organizations.

Mr. Dixon's thoughtful comments suggest he may be the only island resident not benefitting from the private and public services the rest of us enjoy in Ganges, including the coffee shops, library, drug stores and shops, Saturday and Tuesday markets, post office and community parks. Just as businesses and residents in Ganges contribute to services and amenities that benefit Salt Spring as a whole, we are all responsible for our main village.

Mr. Dixon questions why the "unelected" CRD should be involved when we already have the RCMP. While he contributes to the Driftwood, he appears not to read it, or the series of articles and letters I've submitted here explaining why, as the elected CRD director, I'm proposing this new community service for voter approval. He questions whether a "counter petition" is a credible gauge of public support. Actually, a counter petition (which is much less costly than a referendum and is the same process used to establish our public transit system), only requires 10 per cent of voters registering their opposition over a period of 30 days to defeat an initiative.

Mr. Dixon wonders if there are other priorities we should be pursuing on Salt Spring. He will be pleased to know that we can make progress on more than one issue at a time, including affordable housing, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, climate action, food security, drinking water alternatives, and yes, even the laundromat. This new CRD service will provide a modest source of consistent funding, initially amounting to 30 to 40 cents per household per month to help our citizens, the RCMP and social service agencies work together more effectively to make Salt Spring a safer place for all members of our community. By the way, the Ganges "landlords and merchants" Mr. Dixon claims we are subsidizing will pay a higher tax rate than residential households for this service.

Mr. Dixon calls for engagement of a "broader base of residents." This is exactly what will happen. There will be two public meetings this month to discuss the proposed CRD community safety service: a CRD presentation on Oct. 15, 1 to 3 p.m. at the library, and a Community Alliance meeting on Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lions Hall. The counter-petition will be available to sign from early November to early December, providing plenty of time to make an informed decision. Please attend the public meetings, and I can be reached at 250-538-4307 or directorssi@crd.bc.ca if you have any questions about the proposal.

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## FUTURE OF FIREFIGHTING

# Young adults fired up for learning on island

Unique cadet training program offered at GISS

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring Island is now hosting a first-of-its-kind firefighting training program for high-school and college students.

"We are very excited to partner with Pender Island Fire Rescue and the Gulf Islands School District on this innovative project," said Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Fire Chief Arjuna George.

The Gulf Island Fire Cadet Program allows students to learn firefighting skills while collecting high-school credits, college credits and a valuable trade — all while serving the community, George noted.

"I was stunned being invited to the program because there was never any course like this in the province before, leaving me little hope of achieving my dreams of becoming a firefighter," said fire cadet James Tromp.

Tromp commutes from Victoria each Friday for classes that run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

"The program can be quite difficult to schedule around especially being in my senior year of high school, but it's definitely worth the early mornings to have such a good time," Tromp said.

The new GIFCP is much like successful apprenticeship programs with carpentry and culinary students that have been running for years at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"Gulf Islands, Saanich and Victoria all have partnership agreements with College of the Rockies, so that this program is available to students tuition-free," said Maggie Allison, Gulf Islands School District manager of Career Develop-



Gulf Island Fire Cadet Program participants hanging around a burnt car at the Fulford Fire Hall site are, from left, Lexi Plambeck, Ella Baker, Lucas Cracknell, James Tromp, Brayden Holt, Cheyenne Sawchuk and Wyatt Sawchuk.

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ment and Community Initiatives

By the end of their studies, fire cadets will receive 360 hours of firefighting instruction, 16 high-school credits, COTR university credits and international trades certification that meets firefighting standards set by the National Fire Protection Association, said SSIFR Assistant Chief Jamie Holmes.

"It's pretty cool," said Holmes. "I wish it was around when I was in high school."

Apart from \$500 for textbooks and certification fees, the full program has no additional costs to students, said Holmes. COTR normally charges over \$14,000 for its certified fire-training academy.

The local fire cadet program is the only one of its kind in B.C., con-

firmed COTR fire and compliance administrator Wendy Moore.

Each of the cadets has previously participated in the Gulf Islands Fire Cadet Camp, which runs during the spring break on Pender Island every other year.

"When I was at the camp, they asked all the cadets if they wanted to continue and I said 'yes.' A lot of other kids did too," said fire cadet and GISS student Wyatt Sawchuk. "So my school's [career] counsellor and SSIFR worked together to create a dual-credit course, and they offered it to everyone that did the cadet camp on Pender Island."

He's attending the program along with his sister Cheyenne.

And it's noteworthy that there

is equal gender parity within the 10 fire cadets, when women have been underrepresented historically within the firefighting profession.

"It's a great opportunity for high school students to get involved and learn about different career paths with firefighting, or first-response careers," said fire cadet Ella Baker.

Students from the area will attend classes every Friday until June. Baker is among two fire-camp graduates who have gone on to university and enrolled in the cadet program.

"Being in university it is a lot of extra work, but this is something I'm really interested in, and I know it's worth it," said Baker.

She was born and raised on Salt Spring Island but moved to Victoria to attend university.

"I rearranged my schedule for university to make sure I don't have any classes on Fridays."

Most of the program participants hope to obtain a career in the emergency-response field once they complete their training. Consequently, local fire cadets like Baker could be the face of the future among regional departments.

"When I'm done the course in June, I would like to start looking for a paid-on-call position and see where that takes me."

*The writer is a lieutenant and fire-prevention officer for SSIFR.*



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### EXHIBITIONS

# Jensen and Norgard at KiZmit

Show continues through October

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Salt Spring National Art Prize month continues with associated exhibitions at Mahon Hall, ArtSpring and the Salt Spring Gallery, other venues around the island are also taking the opportunity to showcase exciting new work.

A show that opened at KiZmit on Friday demonstrates the exciting possibilities when experienced artists explore ideas. The exhibit features new techniques by Gabrielle Jensen and LeeAnn Norgard.

Jensen explained that when she was invited by cafe/gallery owner Carola Heydemann to have a show at KiZmit and to choose her co-exhibitor, she immediately picked Norgard.

"We didn't even really know what paths the other



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

New works by Gabrielle Jensen seen at her Gulf Islands Picture Framing shop before transport to KiZmit Cafe and Galeria, where they are on exhibit this month.

was on. I just knew that I could trust the work and harmony between the two of us," Jensen said. "And then when LeeAnn came to see me about what I was working on it was like, 'Oh my god, we're doing the same stuff' — sort of additive and subtractive, tonal and muted palette. So the harmony was already there."

Jensen's new work involves both black and white and colour on treated mylar. The substrate has a natural resistance to the ink medium she's using, which she layers on and takes off in sections with a brush. In her colour pieces, she works pastel pigment into the medium. Sanding the surface helps dictate how the ink will take and in turn informs the human figures depicted, which Jensen intuitively teases out, rather than having an image in mind that she imposes on the space.

The figures are naturally elongated because of the technique. They are also a little bit ghostly, emerging from a nebulous background in a way that draws the viewer in to learn more about these evocative characters.

Norgard has also been working in the mode of adding and subtracting elements to her ceramic works, some of which blur the boundary between sculpture and functional ware and some of which are purely decorative. She has been exploring a new direction with wheel-based forms since contributing some wall-hanging pieces to the Salt Spring Arts Council's Easter Art Show last spring.

"Since doing that I realized I can really do a little more hand-building and add a little flare at the end, and really get creative with the texture of the additions," Norgard said.

Norgard finds deep inspiration in natural forms. In recent years the amazing structures of different microscopic diatoms have influenced her designs; now she is returning to an earlier inspiration, the equally varied seed pods of trees and flowering plants.

"I realized I wanted to dive back in with the knowledge of how to add in bits and pieces and just be a bit more creative with the hand-building. So



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Part of a fountain with ceramic components by LeeAnn Norgard.

that's been a lot of fun," Norgard said.

This includes carving, altering and hand-forming elements, and creating more variation in line to make the shapes more organic. For example, a wheel-thrown mug is carved with wavy vertical lines to evoke the seed pod, with the mug's lip slightly fluted and crimped. The soft green-toned vessel is snugged into a fitted chocolate brown saucer shaped like a ruff of sepals. Norgard's use of spray glaze creates layered tones that add to the work's organic quality — and provides natural continuity with Jensen's current direction.



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PERFORMING ARTS

# ArtSpring presents its 20th season

Quartets team up for opening concert Oct. 18

The island's arts centre opens its 20th ArtSpring Presents season on Oct. 18 with an octet of perfect harmony, featuring the joint efforts of Quebec's Saguenay Quartet and British Columbia's Lafayette String Quartet.

ArtSpring's marketing manager Jessica Beck says Saguenay Quartet violinists Marie Bégin and Nathalie Camus, violist Luc Beauchemin, and cellist David Ellis have developed a prestigious reputation for excellence. Violinists Ann Elliott-Goldschmid and Sharon Stanis, violist Joanna Hood, and cellist Pamela Highbaugh Aloni of the Lafayette String Quartet are meanwhile hailed as "passionate and riveting, a flawless ensemble."

On the program for the special show is Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat major Op. 20; Niels Gade's Octet Op. 17; and a newly commissioned piece from the Canadian composer Airat Ichmouratov.

Next up on its calendar, ArtSpring Presents is pleased to bring together another remarkable collaboration, this time featuring six of the finest guitar players from across North America, found in the Montreal Guitar Trio and California Guitar Trio.

"Regarded by the CBC as the hottest guitar ensemble in Canada, MG3 guitarists — Sébastien Dufour, Glenn Lévesque, and Marc Morin — have impressed audiences for more than 20 years with their rigour, inventiveness and breathtaking stage presence," Beck reports in a press release. "Add in 28 years of acoustic brilliance with the CGT — Bert Lams, Hideyo Moriya and Paul Richards — who have enthralled listeners with a singular sound that fearlessly crisscrosses genres of rock, jazz, classical and world music (and even the occasional surf or spaghetti western tune), and you are in for a wild concert."

Then on Oct. 28, Les Voix Humaines and



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The Saguenay String Quartet from Quebec and the Lafayette String Quartet from British Columbia, who will play together at ArtSpring on Friday, Oct. 18.

Nigel North perform Dowland's Lachrimae.

"Slow, rich in harmony with time for contemplation, the sonnet that the original song was set to speaks of the pain of love lost. These seven tears of extreme beauty are cried out in five parts by viols played by Margaret Little, Susie Napper, Mélisande Corriveau, and Felix Deak, with exquisite lute solos under the masterful hands of Nigel North."

The 7:30 p.m. show is enhanced by a pre-show talk at 7.

ArtSpring Presents' first dance performance of the season comes quickly after on Oct. 30. RUBBERBANDance presents Vic's Mix, a kind of "best of" spanning the immense creative territory explored by choreographer Victor Quijada, with jewels extracted from the choreographer's repertoire.

The ArtSpring Presents Met Opera series is also returning for 2019-20, beginning with a performance of Puccini's Turandot this

Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. One of opera's most thrilling dramatic sopranos, Christine Goerke, reprises her fierce portrayal of the title princess.

Nézet-Séguin conducts Franco Zeffirelli's dazzling production of Puccini's final masterpiece, which also features tenor Roberto Aronica as Calaf, soprano Eleonora Buratto as Liù, and bass-baritone James Morris as Timur.

The live broadcast series continues with Manon on Oct. 26. The exhilarating soprano Lisette Oropesa stars as the title character, a tragic beauty who yearns for the finer things in life, in Laurent Pelly's revealing production. Tenor Michael Fabiano is the besotted Chevalier des Grieux, whose desperate love for Manon proves their undoing. Maurizio Benini conducts Massenet's sensual score.

Tickets for all events can be purchased through the ArtSpring box office or online at tickets.artspring.ca.



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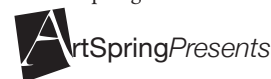


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FILM SCREENING

## Best of Fests returns with Honeyland doc



Film still from Honeyland, which screens at ArtSpring on Oct. 16.

### Award-winning film from Macedonia

The Salt Spring Film Festival kicks off its monthly "Best of the Fests" film series on Wednesday, Oct. 16 with the award-winning Macedonian documentary Honeyland showing at ArtSpring.

The film by Tamara Kotevska and Ljubomir Stefanov centres around Hatidze Muratova, the last in a long line of Macedonian beekeepers. She ekes out a living

by harvesting wild honey deep in the Balkan mountains and walking four hours to the nearest city.

"Her bucolic existence is disrupted by the arrival of a nomadic cattle-herding family, with their roaring engines and rambunctious children. Despite Hatidze's open-hearted welcome to her new neighbours, conflicts soon erupt, exposing fundamental tensions between sustainability and exploitation," a description from the Salt Spring Film Festival reads.

"Featuring the gorgeous, award-

winning cinematography of an epic, Honeyland is nonetheless clearly built from an intimate collaboration between filmmakers and subject. With a surprising sense of humour, this tough and tender portrait of a fast-disappearing way of life is an unforgettable testament to one extraordinary woman's resilience — and her determination to restore natural balance."

The screening starts at 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 7.

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## THE FUGITIVES

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<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Tea.</b> Renew membership, meet old and new friends and hear the news at the SS Seniors Centre. 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bittancourt House Museum.</b> Museum on the Farmers' Institute grounds open Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission.</p> <p><b>Memoir-Writing Workshop.</b> Ahava Shira leads a 10-week memoir writing journey called Sit. Write. Hear. Telling the Truth about Our Lives beginning today at the Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>SS Historical Society: Shanon Sinn.</b> B.C. best-selling author Shanon Sinn talks about his book <i>The Haunting of Vancouver Island</i> at Salt Spring Historical Society meeting and 30th-anniversary event. Public welcome to attend. Central Hall. 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Insight/Mindfulness Meditation.</b> A guided session of meditation in the Buddhist tradition by Heather Martin at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Central Community Hall Board of Directors Meeting.</b> Public welcome to Central Community Hall Society board of directors meeting at the lower hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo.</b> With Taylor at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Open Mic &amp; Jam.</b> Every Thursday at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Open Mic at Moby's.</b> Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>SS Trail &amp; Nature Club.</b> Presentation by John Neville called "My Encounter with Mammals." Public welcome to free event, co-sponsored by Salt Spring Public Library. In the library's community room. 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Fri. Oct. 11</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Poetry in Motion and Music.</b> Music, poetry and dance to mark the 25th anniversary of All Saints By-the-Sea. At All Saints. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Morien Jones Trio.</b> Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Federal Election Advance Poll.</b> At Gulf Islands secondary and Fernwood elementary schools. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bittancourt House Museum.</b> See Wednesday listing.</p> <p><b>Ask Salt Spring.</b> Ask Salt Spring opens at the Thrifty Foods Florist Shop with volunteers present from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and CRD director Gary Holman in attendance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or email questions to asksaltspring@gmail.com.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>All Saints By-the-Sea 25th Anniversary Open House.</b> Celebrate the establishment of All Saints church with memories and displays shared. 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Family Movie Matinee – Ferdinand.</b> Kids and families welcome to library screening with free popcorn. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. 2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SS Forum presents Nancy Turner- BC's Most Renowned Ethnobotanist.</b> Nancy Turner speaks on decades spent studying the importance and uses of plants in First Nations communities from Haida Gwaii to the Southern Gulf Islands. This event is co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Tickets and Info: <a href="https://www.saltspringforum.com/new-events">https://www.saltspringforum.com/new-events</a></p> <p><b>Karaoke at the Legion.</b> Bi-weekly Karaoke Night at the Legion. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sat. Oct. 12</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Buck Dodgers.</b> Live music at the Legion. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>WannaBeatles.</b> Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Federal Election Advance Poll.</b> See Friday listing.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Salt Spring Saturday Market.</b> Famous market of arts and crafts vendors, food and farmers in Centennial Park. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Plants, People and Places: A Short Course in Ethnobotany with Nancy Turner and First Nations Elder Seliliye.</b> Day-long course presented by the Salt Spring Forum will include classroom presentations by Seliliye and Nancy Turner and trips to selected locations on the island to study in the field. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration and payment at Salt Spring Books.</p> <p><b>Improv Class.</b> Learn the elements of improv with the award-winning GISS Improv Team in this exciting three-session course. For ages 10-13. Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Met Opera: Turandot.</b> Nézet-Séguin conducts Franco Zeffirelli's dazzling production of Puccini's final masterpiece, which features tenor Roberto Aronica as Calaf, soprano Eleonora Buratto as Liù, and bass-baritone James Morris as Timur. Live-streamed at ArtSpring. 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>SSNAPy Saturdays.</b> All ages drop-in art making. Join in exploring a variety of art-making activities inspired by the materials, processes and ideas at work in the 2019/20 SSNAP exhibition. Mahon Hall. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Federal Election Advance Poll.</b> See Friday listing.</p> <p><b>All Saints By-the-Sea 25th Anniversary Celebrations.</b> Special service of Holy Eucharist at All Saints at 10 a.m., followed by light lunch. Vespers at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Film Screening: Dawn of the Light.</b> Islanders are invited to an afternoon viewing of the film called Dawn of the Light in the Salt Spring Public Library community room. 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mon. Oct. 14</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Federal Election Advance Poll.</b> See Friday listing.</p> <p><b>Tue. Oct 15</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Probus Club.</b> Underwater photographer Ann Donahue gives audiovisual presentation on the diversity of life encountered in coral reefs, plus a section on sharks to demystify myths surrounding these incredible predators. Lion's Club. Doors open at 10 a.m., speaker starts at 10:30 a.m. Guests invited to attend three sessions before being asked to purchase membership.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Public Info Meeting: Proposed CRD Community Safety Service.</b> Learn about proposal to have your CRD property tax funds contribute to a service to enhance safety and security in Ganges village. SS Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday Farmers Market.</b> Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sacred Poetry.</b> This week the group will explore Zen Buddhist poetry, which may take the form of Haiku. Local poet Christine Smart will facilitate the evening starting with One Hundred Butterflies by local poet and Zen teacher Peter Levitt. Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church). 7 to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Fire District Town Hall.</b> Salt Spring Fire Protection District board of trustees holds special session to hear from islanders before finalizing the 2020 budget. Lions Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trivia Tuesday.</b> At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wed. Oct. 16</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Federal Election All Candidates Debate.</b> Saanich-Gulf Islands riding candidates meet with the public at an event hosted by the Salt Spring Forum at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium. 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Seniors Wellness Event.</b> Info displays and representatives from about a dozen island organizations dealing with seniors and various aspects of health. Different speaker every 15 minutes. Fulford Seniors room at south end of Fulford Hall. 12 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>SWOVA AGM.</b> Annual general meeting with guest speaker Doug Livingston, SD 64 director of instruction, at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Elder Abuse Prevention Workshop.</b> Free workshop presented by It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends &amp; Families for Older Adults. SS Seniors Centre. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Register: 250-221-1488 or sabrinaali58@yahoo.ca.</p> <p><b>Best of the Fests: Honeyland.</b> The Salt Spring Film Festival kicks off its monthly Best of the Fests film series with the award-winning Macedonian documentary Honeyland. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tech Tutoring with Peter Freeman.</b> Every Wednesday at the library in three 50-minute sessions between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Insight/Mindfulness Meditation.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo.</b> See last Wednesday's</p>

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• **Downton Abbey** shows from Friday, Oct. 11 to Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. plus an additional 3 p.m. Sunday matinee on Oct. 13. Rated PG. 1 hour 30 minutes.  
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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **The Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) finalists'** exhibition runs daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 21.
- **The SSNAP Parallel Art Show** featuring select Southern Gulf Islands artists from the 2019 SSNAP entrants runs daily at **ArtSpring** until Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The SSNAP Youth Exhibition** of curated work by Southern Gulf Islands youth aged 13 to 18 is on at the **Salt Spring Gallery** daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Oct. 23.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **KiZmit Galeria** hosts a show of ceramics by **LeeAnn Norgard** and ink and pastel works by **Gabrielle Jensen** this month. Open hours are Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The Point Gallery** presents **RELATE(D)**, work by 2017 SSNAP grand prize winner **Judy Anderson** and her son **Cruz Anderson**. Gallery hours are Thursday to Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment.
- **The Venter Gallery** showcases work by **Deon Venter** from his critically acclaimed *Missing and Highway of Tear* series along with a selection of **Kathy Venter's** polychrome ceramic sculptures.
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- **Lucas Wolf** is the **ArtSpring** lobby artist for the month of October.

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## ADVENTURES

# Wrate duo takes leap of faith

Film and insights shared by Baha'i community

BY LOUISE HENSON  
BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF SSI

Have you ever had your hair cut by a quick-witted stylist from Alberta? Booked the trip of a lifetime with an unflappable travel agent? Or tapped your toes to the soulful tunes of "The Rolling Scones?" If so, you will have already met up with Bevan and Debbie Wrate.

Bevan and Debbie, long-time islanders, uprooted themselves from Salt Spring last May to embark on a new adventure. They will be absent from the island for a year while serving alongside 800 others from around the globe at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel. Bevan is assisting with the maintenance of administrative and sacred structures at the centre while Debbie serves as a travel arranger and secretary, supporting the growing international Baha'i community.

This month the Wrates will share insights and experiences about their life in Haifa on the Salt Spring Baha'i community website: [www.bahaissi.org](http://www.bahaissi.org).

Bevan and Debbie are serving in a very auspicious year in the Baha'i faith, this being the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Bab (the Gate). The Bab's call for spiritual and moral renewal was revolutionary in the mid-1800s in Persia. He prepared the people for the coming of Baha'u'llah, who would usher in an era of unity and justice as promised in past ages.

On Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3 p.m., islanders are invited to an afternoon viewing of the film called Dawn of the Light in the Salt Spring Public Library community room. The 45-minute film features individuals from diverse cultures, describing how the Bab and Baha'u'llah have inspired their view of ways to serve humanity and create a better world. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Call 250-537-9761 for information.



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Bevan and Debbie in front of the Shrine of the Bab at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel.

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## COMMUNITY BUILDING

# Discussion set at community-wide dinner

Part of Salt Spring Island Foundation's 35th anniversary activities

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is celebrating 35 years of supporting island projects and organizations with an On the Table community dinner and conversation at Meaden Hall.

Set for Saturday, Oct. 19, it's planned as a free dinner plus a chance to have informal conversations at the table about the future of Salt Spring.

A vegetarian meal from Pasta Fresca will be served, and participants will gather in small groups to have a conversation

about a topic related to the future of Salt Spring, including challenges such as water, housing, the climate crisis, transportation, the economy, and wealth disparity — and also areas of strength that could make our community more resilient.

"We are so fortunate to live in this special place, but we know that not everyone living here is equally lucky," said Ellie Langford Parks, a director with the foundation. "Some are isolated and don't have strong social networks or a strong sense of community. We know that issues such as poverty, housing and health services are impacting many. This On the Table event will be an opportunity to make new connections and share your thoughts about our community. You don't have to

be an expert to participate, just someone who cares for the community and wants to meet some new people and eat some delicious food."

Other people are also welcome to host an On the Table event, anytime between Oct. 7 and 20. Several people have already signed up to host. Some of the topics being discussed during this initiative are the climate emergency, sailing co-ops and starting a local herbal collective to grow herbs for medicine making. Visit the Salt Spring Island Foundation website to find out more and to register your own event.

People also need to register for the Oct. 19 community event. Everyone is welcome but space is limited, so people need to RSVP today via the website.

## CHARITY

# Christmas shoebox campaign gets started

Donations for children needed

People around the world are packing gifts for children in poverty and isolation with Operation Shoebox, and islanders are once again invited to participate through Community Gospel Chapel.

Shoeboxes need to be ready early since they will journey to children in Central America or Africa. Suggestions for packing include a special item, such as a doll or a soccer ball

with a pump, plus toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, accessories and crafts. Donors should remember to include a special note from their family and a cheque for \$10 to cover the cost of shipping.

Any shoebox can be used, and they are available at Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. The filled boxes should be dropped off there in time to start their journey on Nov. 17. Online options and more information can be found at <https://packabox.samaritanspurse.ca/>.

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# celebrating SENIORS

## Coping with age-related hair loss

Attitude goes a long way in regard to self-esteem. With a positive spin, it's possible to get through difficult situations and even have a favourable outlook on getting older. But even the most optimistic among us may at times worry about the physical signs of aging and wonder what can be done to make them feel and look their best.

Wrinkles and a little extra weight around the middle certainly garner attention, but hair loss is another age-related concern. As people age, their hair changes in several ways. Greying through loss of melanin pigment is the most apparent. MedlinePlus, the health information resource from the U.S. National Library of Medicine, says that strands of hair also can become less dense and smaller through the years. Many follicles also may stop producing new hairs. Regardless of age, it is customary for a person to lose about 100 hairs a day. If those hairs are not replaced as readily as they once were, patches of thinning and balding hair may appear.

There are many ways to mitigate hair loss. Here are some handy tips.

- **TRY A NEW CUT.** Work with your stylist to determine a haircut that can suggest the appearance of thickness and camouflage the loss of density or bare spots. Graduated layers kept close to the face can help, as can pixie cuts. Men can choose to go entirely bald and bold.

- **TREAT HAIR GENTLY.** Avoid harsh chemical processes and constant heat styling. Protect fragile hair from damage by pampering it.

- **LOOK FOR THICKENING FORMULAS.** Many shampoos, serums and conditioners tout volumizing or thickening properties. These can help plump up hair and make thinning less apparent.

- **TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR.** Hair loss may be a result of medication, a skin condition or aging. Doctors may suggest products that can be used on the scalp to reduce hair loss and help follicles produce new hair strands.

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## WELLNESS

# Seniors group organizes public wellness event

Available services outlined in session held in south end next week



PHOTO COURTESY PATRICIA FLANNAGAN  
Patricia Flannagan

Fulford Seniors is hosting a seniors wellness event in the group's space at the south end of Fulford Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Running from noon to 4 p.m., the event offers people the chance to find out what services for seniors are available on the island, which organizations provide the services and an opportunity to hear presentations from and ask questions directly of the people involved.

"If you wonder how to get assistance having a bath, what to do if you are worried about a friend driving when maybe they shouldn't be, how to get help around your house or garden, this is the place to be," explains Patricia Flannagan of Fulford Seniors.

"We are delighted to have the enthusiastic support and participation of everyone we asked, knowing that it is impossible to have every helping organization on this island represented in our limited space. We believe this is an unprecedented opportunity, certainly in the south end."

Scheduled to attend the afternoon are representatives from the RCMP, Island Health, Salt Spring Fire Department, Salt Spring Community Services' seniors program, Copper Kettle, Island Women Against Violence, Salt Spring Community Health Society, Salt Spring Hospice and ASK Salt Spring, and the community paramedic. Flannagan says the idea is to help people navigate the path to the wellness services for themselves, their friends and their loved ones.

A series of presentations will take place in the Andersen Room of the Fulford Seniors centre between 12:15 and 3:45 p.m., with the lobby used for Fulford Seniors information and the Shaw Room set up with tables for all of the organizations present having representatives and/or literature available.

See [www.fulfordseniors.com](http://www.fulfordseniors.com) or contact Patricia [jpflannagan75@hotmail.com](mailto:jpflannagan75@hotmail.com) for more information.

## SENIORS

# Fall activities in full swing

## SENIORS CENTRE NEWS

Regular gatherings continue at centre

A Welcome Tea takes place at Salt Spring Seniors Centre at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9 (today). Renew your membership for the 2020 year; meet old and new friends; hear all the news. Sign up for our bi-monthly digital newsletter and calendars of events.

### Activity Reminders

- Parkinson's Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month, from 2 to 4 p.m., Pioneer Room.

- Hand-Held Devices Coaching and help. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with Jim Watkins.

- Thursday lunches have started again. Please call Seniors (250-537-4604) to reserve your seat and let the cook know you're coming!

- Blood Pressure Clinic, every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Confidential, reliable free clinic.

- Visually Impaired Persons Support Group, 1:30 p.m. Every first Thursday of the month. VIP caregivers welcome.

- Lost Chords needs more male voices in particular. Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. All voices welcome. New season of songs!

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SOCIAL MEDIA

# Youth voting encouraged

Instagram campaign created by locals

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new social media campaign based on Salt Spring aims to get Canada's young people to take action on the most pressing issue of their time.

Simply Green: Mission Possible was launched on Instagram last month by two people with little-to-no experience with the social media platform. Andrew Haigh and Amy Haysom come from different generations and though both are parents, their respective children are also quite far apart in age. What unites them is an overriding concern about the planet's future and the desire to get millennials inspired to make political change, primarily through exercising their democratic rights in the federal election this month.

"As somebody who has avoided social media like the plague it was a big step," Haigh conceded. "But I felt the most recent Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report and science projections are so dire that we just can't do nothing anymore. We wanted to get more young people out to vote because they tend to be more environmental, but not very good at voting."

Haysom is a more advanced social media user, being well-versed in Facebook, but said she is also learning when it comes to using Instagram more effectively. She intuitively felt the way to get more millennials voting would be to create something that went "viral." The team has been hoping to find the answer by adding to their story with original content and creating short videos with all sorts of people. Haigh's



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Andrew Haigh and Amy Haysom with a smart phone showing the new Simply Green: Mission Possible Instagram page.

16-year-old daughter Chloe, Salt Spring's Raging Grannies, First Nations elders and Massey lecturer Ron Wright have appeared so far. Haigh and Haysom also share other people's posts and memes for a mix of climate-related facts, pleas and humour.

"We've included some fun, practical things people can do themselves in daily life, not just broader political policy," Haysom explained. "I think people are spending less and less time on things. They might not read a full article, but here are some readable ideas presented in a user-friendly way."

Although the campaign is non-partisan, Haigh and Haysom are asking people to make climate change their top priority when making their choice at the ballot box. Their hope is that youth will receive their message and send it outwards as far as possible by sharing it with others.

Haigh said he understands why many younger people are not getting to the polls, as he himself

didn't vote for a long time as a young person.

"But with things as desperate as they are, people need to get out and do it," he said. "As Ronald Wright says in our video, we really can't wait four more years. That's just too many political games played."

As for Haysom, she feels that millennials have been activated during the past month by young Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, who helped bring 500,000 people to a climate strike in Montreal when she visited that city on Sept. 27. She said now it's time to keep that momentum going, and that means the Instagram campaign will have work to do beyond the 2019 election.

Simply Green: Mission Possible is launching a contest that invites youth to submit their own videos, and is looking for more active participation and celebrity interviews.

"We're sparking the conversation and giving that daily nudge: the conversation is still important," Haysom said.

## Remember

### WHEN

#### Five years ago

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission had some important work to do at its upcoming public meeting, the last one before a November referendum to raise taxpayers' contributions. The referendum proposed to add a total of \$1 million to the transportation side of the commission's budget over four years. The increase was to help fund a multi-use pathway on the north side of Rainbow Road from Lower Ganges Road to the public pool and other active transportation improvements.

#### Ten years ago

An island man arrested in connection with two bizarre attacks in the Fulford area pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with a weapon. A provincial court judge in Duncan issued Lorne Nelson a six-month conditional sentence after the man confessed to slashing two men with homemade "Freddy Kreuger-style" gloves. Salt Spring RCMP described the weapon as a pair of gloves with blades attached. Two men reported the incidents to police after they were attacked separately near the Fulford Inn in September 2009. Nelson was to serve three months of his sentence under house arrest, not initiate contact with the victims and undergo counselling as directed.

#### Twenty years ago

Jonathan, a seagull, who had a habit of enjoying breakfasts at Connie Hardy's home on Cusheon Lake, returned from his annual summer voyage. The gull had been visiting the Hardy's lakeside deck most days through the fall and winter for six years, and disappeared for an extended vacation through the spring and summer months. Jonathan had become a creature of habit, landing on a tire in the lake, then after seeing Hardy through the window, circling a few times before landing on the deck. "If I don't feed him right away he flies over to the barbecue, stares at me through the window and says 'feed me'," Hardy said. Jonathan's visits continued for several more years.

#### Forty years ago

Two pleasure boat passengers were shaken and one was slightly injured after their 30-foot ChrisCraft collided in Active Pass with the Queen of Sidney. The occupants of the boat were travelling through the foggy pass near Mary Anne Point when the collision occurred. The weather bridge on the smaller boat caught the underside of the ferry's overhang and was torn completely off. A witness said the boat ran underneath the overhang for the entire length of the ship while the occupants inside screamed. Two ferry workers on the bow attempted to warn the captain by waving, but the captain did not have time to react, according to the witness.

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We would give our sincere thanks to Dr. David Butcher for his kind care and to all the home support and nursing staff who took such kind care of all of us.

An "At Home Celebration" will be held, Saturday October 12, 2019, 2:00-4:00pm at 2082 - 135 Brinkworthy Rd. Salt Spring Island, V8K 1A2

**CHARLES CROSSLAND**  
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**BERT BRAIDEN**



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I loved my grandfather very much and I was blessed to have him in my life. His favourite poem at the end of his life was the Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear (1871). We read it over and over again-- "they danced by light of the moon, the moon... they danced by the light of the moon"

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**THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE** by Michael O'Connor

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Libra time is in mid-stride and Mercury, Venus and Mars are all now in new signs. These 'personal planets' which generally include Sun and Moon which, of course, are not technically planets, usually change signs quite often, unless their retrograde delays the process which it can for months even with Mars. While their impact is more personal, it remains that it is people who influence one another and society in general. So, the volume on personal opinion stemming from social influencers destined to play larger key roles at this time can be expected. Sun square Saturn and Pluto currently indicate unexpected turns coming from outer influences, however, regarding centralized power and authority. Mercury and Venus both in Scorpio and opposing Uranus in Taurus indicate more complexity than usual in interpersonal affairs. Mars in Libra in close opposition to Chiron in Aries adds fuel to this already combustible, complex dynamic.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)** Mixing it up on relationship fronts is keeping you busy now. A complex dance is underway that is requiring that you improvise. This includes feeling into it and relying on your instincts. You are probably getting the message that going deeper will get complicated. Yet, you also feel the draw to do just that. Yet, it may be the relationship with you that gets the most attention.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** Circumstances of late have been pushing to see things differently. While you were not in the mood so much even as recently as last week, you are much more so now. Yet, you also feel skeptical and want to do some of your own investigating and research. Be careful not to scatter your focus while you are broadening your perspectives...  
**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** You have entered a time of retreat. It does require focus but also a sense of vision regarding its value. It could simply amount to entering into your layer or a cocoon phase. Sleeping more and allowing yourself to dream may suffice. Deeper yet, stepping back to truly see your projections and recognize conflicting thoughts, feelings and desires could lead to a whole new depth of self-realization.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)** In terms of the overall health of your lifestyle, you are ready to make some changes. In some respects, you are ready to go deep and wide. There is nothing superficial or partial about your determination. Deep change represents the thoughts running through your mind. Although you are supported by returns earned previously, the efforts required are considerable.  
**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** Entertaining deep ideas and concepts continues. Giving to the situation now implies plumbing the depths with your mind. Seeing beneath and within is symbolic of feeling with your mind, or empathizing. Sometimes, logic does not suffice. Being there with significant others is important now and includes giving deeply. Be careful not to allow others to drain you.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** The extroversion cycle has ended and has now been replaced by a revolutionary impulse. It includes going even deeper within to access the inner reaches of your feelings and emotions especially, but also how you perceive and interpret them. However, it is less about drawing conclusions and more about journeying into hidden zones and dimensions.  
**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** Private meetings with people of power and influence are important to you now. You want extra leverage and support that you can provide for yourself alone. Your focus is determined, strong and steady. While you are negotiable, you especially want results. Involvement in specialized training is featured whether you are on the giving or receiving end.  
**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)** Taking a creative and inventive approach to your home and/or family is likely now. Your focus is upon clearing clutter and creating beauty. Bringing original design to the fore is likely and may even surprise you. Renovations may be a feature of your focus as well. You are negotiable and in fact, invite opinions yet reserve the final word in terms of creative license.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** You have entered something of a vision quest. It includes expanding your perspective, on one hand, and sharpening it, on the other. Everyone is experiencing this dichotomy currently. You are keen to maximize the practical outcomes of this focus. This includes pushing through to bring things to their completion in preparation for a new phase set to begin soon.  
**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)** Did you take the dive yet? Every great work begins with thoughts, then emotion in the form of passion and then action. Action is the key, yet it requires thoughts and feelings. Learning from mistakes is the first teacher and will ever be one of the best. Step away from conflicts and drama and engagements you can't win and get into the heart of your art.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)** Fortifying foundations continues as a central theme. This includes a weave of research, experimentation and creative expressions. The main objective is to feel more confident for the sake of your future earning potential. Balancing art, beauty, and originality with practicality, realism and effectiveness is your strategy.  
**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** Is it a theme of merge to purge, purge to merge or both at this time? The Libra scales are likely swinging rather strongly from side to side and everyone is feeling it. This could well be manifesting as some pretty powerful exchanges regarding interpretations of fact and truth subject to opinions and theories. You are wise to lower your head and silent your voice so you can focus on what really matters.



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Last Week's Answer: David French was the first person to identify the golf course entrance. Juli Paul was a close second!



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

John Bateman



John Bateman is a writer and funnyman who has lately used his public persona to talk openly about mental health issues, including his own history with anxiety and depression. He became an official Anxiety Canada Champion in 2018 through a connection he made as chair of the Robert Bateman Foundation. John is a talented artist and woodworker in his own right. He is also author of the long-running Bateman Has Issues column and the 2018 book Salt Spring Has Issues, and has hosted many charitable events in the community.



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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Old Boys fall victim to chaos theory of soccer

Team battles BC Ferries propaganda

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As chaos appears to run unchecked throughout today's society, Salt Spring's Old Boys were not immune to its undermining influence as they prepared for a visit from Juan de Fuca 48s, the most successful and skilful team in the SVICSA league of gentlemen soccer players.

Controversy everywhere! Quid pro quo. Blackface/brownface. Fake news. Photoshopped drinking straws. Reds (maybe Ukrainians) under the beds. Provincial open burning smoke control regulations. The "deep state." Conspiracies, scurrilous rumours and lies, all aided and amplified by social media.

Then there is the fact that my usual weekly observations of the Old Boys' trials and tribulations was substituted by a full-page apology from the BC Ferry Corporation concerning some minor traffic dif-

ficulties in the northern part of the island. Some people saw this as evidence of the malign influence of the "deep state" in trying to subvert the whistle blower's attempt to "speak truth to power."

My only comment was that there was no mention in the ad of an upgrade to the Old Boys private lounge as was once promised! As a regular passenger on the MV Quinita, lounge upgrades are essential as it is reminiscent of a prison ship.

Regarding Sunday's soccer game at Portlock, being a home game there was no shortage of players. Spectators and fans sought to find a collective form for a gathering of Old Boys. A pod! A flock! A chaos! At last it was decided that an "elder" of Old Boys was suitably descriptive of the physical aspects and their past contributions. So an elder of Old Boys took to the field, cognizant of the task that faced them.

Chaos theory ran rampant throughout the first half with Juan de Fuca strolling through the mid-

field as if the "elders" were invisible. It has to be said they were almost non-existent and soon the Old Boys were kicking off at centre circle three goals down. The lead increased to 5-zip.

A glimmer of hope flickered when in a rather isolated attack a JDF player handled the ball and Old Boys were awarded a penalty. Full of new confidence, Mike McCormick stepped up and lashed the spot kick to pull back the lead by one. Further emboldened by this success and more saves from Richard Steel, Old Boys played their best 10 minutes of the half. But only the greatest of optimists could see the second half provide the listless fans with a chance of a return from the dead (Lazarus-like) that the Old Boys through time have been famous for.

The second half was much the same as the first: Juan de Fuca comfortable with a 5-1 lead and Old Boys still struggling with some tenets of chaos theory: "nonlinear things that are effectively impossible to predict or control, like turbulence, weather, the stock market,

our brain states, and so on." In Old Boys terms: the bounce of the ball, Ben Cooper's random non-linear forays, passing to players with the same colour of shirt, anything to do with brain states and the camber of the Portlock pitch, which still defies Old Boys attempts to understand the laws of gravity.

Despite all of these obstacles, an out-of-the-blue powerful deflection off Matt Johnson's head deflected into the path of Stefan Cermak, allowing him a clear path to goal. With no one to pass to, Cermak was left with only one possibility: shoot on goal. The 5-2 scoreline hinted at another historic comeback, but alas, more fingertip goal saves by Steel and the thankful final whistle brought the proceedings to a close.

There was little post-game analysis for obvious reasons, but everyone agreed that Richard Steel was the Man of the Match. Not often you see the MOM with a scoreline of 5-2 against, but it was Richard(ly) deserved.

Shout-out to our refereeing crew of Daniel Margolese, Daniel Squiz-

zato and Sisaye "Lion" Patterson for providing unbiased officiating. Well done, Salt Spring United, and kudos to the referee development program headed by Malcolm Legg. It can be noted with pride that Salt Spring is the only club in the SVICSA league that provides a full referee team for each home game.

If this article fails to appear in the Driftwood next week in print or online then the conspiracy theories will continue to grow. As I write this, a new "revelation" has mysteriously wormed its way into my inbox.

"Several men in black and white tracksuits were seen waiting patiently in TJ Beans for a former Old Boy with Spurs connections ready for a possible transfer of coaches. You all know the one, with the famous 'hip-check tackle' who is a not infrequent visitor to TJs for his morning break. With losses for Pochettino, Pep, Ole and Tweddle, all their jackets are on a shoogly peg."

The Old Boys' next fixture is Sunday, Oct. 20 at Frances Kelsey in Mill Bay vs. Duncan 48s.

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