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FEDERAL ELECTION

Elizabeth May returned to Ottawa



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Salt Spring Green party campaign volunteers gather around an image of successful candidate Elizabeth May at the end of the night at their headquarters in Ganges on Monday, celebrating May's return to Parliament as the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP.

Voters' choices lead to Liberal minority government

BY GAIL SJUBERG
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Elizabeth May is heading back to Ottawa for a third term as Saanich-Gulf Islands MP.

As expected, the Green party candidate and national party leader won the riding handily, with preliminary results giving her 48.8 per cent of the popular vote and 32,326 votes.

Conservative David Busch was the second-place finisher with 20.4 per cent of the vote (10,725). He was followed by Liberal Ryan Windsor with 16.8 per cent and 11,116 votes, NDP candidate Sabina Singh with 12.7 per cent (8,446 votes) and Ron Broda of the People's Party of Canada with 1.4 per cent (914 votes).

In her post-election speech from Crystal Garden in Victoria, May thanked all the volunteers who worked on her campaign

and on Green campaigns across the country. She also congratulated the two other candidates elected for the Green party — Paul Manly in Nanaimo-Ladysmith and Jenica Atwin in Fredericton — as well as the leaders of the other parties.

She also said, "The good news is, [Conservative leader] Andrew Scheer owes me \$50," referring to "a small wager" they made at the end of the televised English language leaders' debate. May had asserted that Scheer would not become prime minister while Scheer obviously disagreed.

Despite raising their national popular vote from 3.5 to 6.5 per cent between the 2015 and 2019 elections, May's party did not make the breakthrough hoped for in terms of seats across the country or on Vancouver Island.

But May looked on the positive side in

her assessment of the results.

"For the record books, this is the best election result that any Green party in the first-past-the-post system has ever had . . . and we enter Parliament as the first caucus in the history of Parliament that is two thirds women. Just sayin'."

Detailed poll-by-poll results, indicating where in the riding candidates garnered the most votes, are not yet available.

Voter turnout in the riding, not including electors who registered on election day, was 73.12 per cent, compared to a national figure of 65.95 per cent. While Saanich-Gulf Islands topped the country for advance poll voting this time — with 25,107 people voting, up from 17,618 in 2015 — the riding did not earn the top honour when all votes were tallied.

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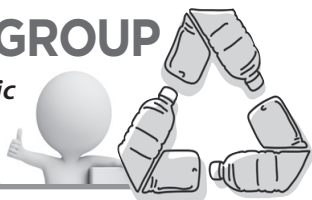
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shelter to be open year round

Operations resume Nov. 1

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People experiencing homelessness on Salt Spring will soon have year-round access to shelter and services, following funding from the province to extend operations at the cold weather shelter operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services.

"This is a most welcome and much-needed advancement of services for Salt Spring Island," SSICS executive director Rob Grant said in Thursday's announcement. "The community and our elected officials have been very active in making it known to the province that Salt Spring has a very significant homeless population and more services are required. It is to the credit of BC Housing that they have acknowledged that and recognized the need here."

People experiencing homelessness on Salt Spring deserve to have a safe, warm place to go year round, said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"We are so thankful for our community partners on the island who are working with us to deliver the services people need," she said. "This type of partnership is what Homelessness Action Week is all about."

The province is providing approximately \$720,000 in funding to extend operations at the shelter. The majority will go toward staffing and food, with a small portion helping to cover minor operating costs.

Previously, the shelter was open from Nov. 1 to March 31 every year and regularly operated at full capacity. Up to 30 people and their pets make use of the overnight space, which opens for intake and dinner at 6 p.m. Primary objectives for the space are to offer immediate relief from unsafe and unhealthy living conditions, and a quick transition to more stable independent living.

"Shelter is not intended to be a self-contained program that attracts people to access services on a long-term basis, but rather to be one key



PHOTO COURTESY SALT SPRING COMMUNITY SERVICES

The building where Salt Spring Island Community Services provides overnight shelter. It will be used year-round beginning on its next opening date, Friday, Nov. 1.

component of a bigger response to help homeless people establish a home," Grant explained.

He noted that although year-round service is something that Community Services has long advocated for, the funding doesn't cover everything the organization was hoping for — including the provision of extra support services on site. The general need for more mental health services and any substance-use programs on the island likewise continue to be a huge issue, especially for marginalized people.

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ROB GRANT
*Executive director, Salt
Spring Community Services*

The expansion of shelter services will itself bring some stresses to the Community Services site, and funding

to address them was not received. There are space and configuration concerns — currently there is just one shower — and right now people are limited to sleeping on mats on the floor. Grant said that realistically only gives them a few hours of good sleep per night. The organization is looking into using bunkbeds and perhaps reorganizing its administrative services. It will also try to add another shower. Grant noted that will take time and be costly, but at least with the assurance of year-round service SSICS can feel comfortable making investments into the site.

Having a year-round shelter will hopefully alleviate some community pressure for laundry and shower facilities, though, as these are available to SSICS clients when they are accessing services at the site.

"It is a base to build on in terms of site development and support service developments," Grant said.

With the staff gearing up for the regular seasonal opening next Friday, in some ways not much will be different than usual at first.

"The big difference is going to come on March 31. That's when we usually close for the season — this time we won't," said Grant.

BC FERRIES

Skeena Queen heads for mid-life upgrade

Queen of Cumberland sails from Fulford starting Monday

BC Ferries announced this week the Skeena Queen will be off for a mid-life upgrade starting Monday, Oct. 28, with duty on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route to be covered mainly by the Queen of Cumberland until mid-March.

The Bowen Queen will serve the route during the holiday schedule, from Dec. 20, 2019 to Jan. 1, 2020.

As a primary replacement vehicle, the Queen of Cumberland will provide equivalent capacity on the regular schedule, and may provide additional capacity if vehicle ramps are deployed on specific busy sailings. BC Ferries states that vehicles will be loaded differently, with commercial traffic separated from regular vehicle traffic, although customers will still be loaded on a first-come, first-served basis as they arrive at the terminal. During the first week the Queen of Cumberland is on the route, BC Ferries will have additional staff and signage at the Fulford terminal.

Salish Raven replaces the Queen of Cumberland on the Swartz Bay to Southern Gulf Islands route. During the holiday period, though, the Raven will be providing supplemental service between Tsawwassen and the Southern Gulf Islands due to forecasted traffic increases. The smaller capacity Bowen Queen will

serve Fulford while the Queen of Cumberland shifts back to the Southern Gulf Islands route.

Two additional round trips per day on the Swartz Bay-Fulford route are being added during the holiday season so the maximum number of customers can be accommodated. There will also be a revised schedule with modified sailing times.

During the Skeena Queen's mid-life upgrade, customers are encouraged to arrive early at the terminal to get on the sailing of their choice. Metro Vancouver customers are encouraged to reserve early for travel on the Tsawwassen-Southern Gulf Islands route (Route 9) to avoid waits that may occur travelling through Swartz Bay. There will be additional sailings on Route 9 during the December holiday period.

BC Ferries says island customers may want to do their holiday shopping early, or plan their holiday travel around the dates the Bowen Queen is on the route.

The Skeena will be undergoing its upgrade at BC Ferries' Fleet Maintenance Unit in Richmond, B.C. The work plan includes modernized amenities including new furniture, air conditioning, expanded customer washrooms and additional benches on the exterior deck. The navigation, communication and electrical systems will be improved to enhance safety and reliability.

The upgrade is expected to ensure the Skeena's good working capacity for the next 20 years.

NEWS BRIEFS

Community safety meeting on Monday

The Community Alliance will host a conversation on Monday night about the proposed "community safety service" being proposed by the Capital Regional District.

"Whenever there is an issue that Salt Springers are excited about, the Community Alliance is there to provide a neutral forum for discussion, learning and action," the group states.

The CRD has proposed introducing a new taxpayer-supported service to enhance efforts to promote public safety in Ganges. Its introduction requires approval via an alternate approval process that is slated to begin in early November.

The Oct. 28 meeting takes place at Lions Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

A primer to get familiar with the range of opinions on the idea before the meeting is available at <http://bit.ly/35QaeKA>.

Earthquakes in focus

Earthquake expert Alison Bird will speak at Meaden Hall on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. about the risks, mitigation practices and potential impacts of earthquakes.

Bird is a seismologist who works with the Geological Survey of Canada where she analyzes and researches earthquakes in western Canada. The workshop is free and no registration is required.

FOR THE RECORD

- A story on the proposed 2020 CRD budget in last week's paper stated that a \$198,000 increase in PARC operations was a key driver for a 4.6 per cent tax increase on Salt Spring. In fact, increased operations will be offset by higher program revenue for an anticipated net increase of \$58,000.

- Paper coffee cups and their lids can be recycled on Salt Spring at the Recycling Depot and through any Recycling BC program, contrary to the impression created by information contained in recent advertising content from the Single Use Plastic Elimination and Recycling Group.

FIRE DISTRICT

Fire tax up 13%

Board looks to save for future costs

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring fire board trustees held a town hall meeting on Oct. 15 to get feedback for their proposed 2020 taxation bylaw.

The bylaw went to second reading on Oct. 22.

As last week's meeting heard, the highest portion of the budget will go to payroll for firefighters. Negotiations for the firefighters' contract have entered binding arbitration, after negotiations and mediation proved unsuccessful. According to fire board chair Ron Lindstrom, the name of the arbitrator and the date are yet to be determined.

In all, the tax requisition is proposed at \$3,490,000, a hike of 13.13 per cent over last year's budget, which had also increased from previous years.

Notable increases to the 2020 budget include higher consulting fees — up to \$26,000 from \$6,000 in 2019; \$15,000 set aside for a future referendum on a new fire hall as well as \$100,000 for soft costs for the Fire Hall Advisory Committee, which covers engineering, architecture and similar consulting services. The board has also started setting money aside into capital reserve funds to help pay for future high-cost items like new fire trucks and buildings without having to go to a referendum for approval.

"If we are putting up cash as opposed to a referendum we potentially open up other opportunities," trustee Rollie Cook said during the meeting. "We're trying to put money aside and not just rely on the referendum process."

"Instead of asking taxpayers for a million bucks for an engine, we're asking for \$150,000 every year. That's the difference," he added.

Other opportunities included things like potentially buying fire trucks that had been used by other departments. Apparatus in the United States are retired typically after 10 years of service, compared to 20 in Canada. That would allow the Salt Spring fire department to purchase a new-to-them truck at a much lower cost, and still get 10 years of life out of the vehicle. However, having to go to referendum is often too lengthy a process for that market. Other similar large capital projects that could be expedited without the referendum process include upgrades to existing fire halls and equipment upgrades.

The budget proposes over \$500,000 being transferred to reserve funds, including \$150,000 for new apparatus, \$155,000 for the new fire hall, \$25,000 for hall remediation and repairs, \$80,000 for new breathing apparatus and \$44,500 for digital pagers.

"This year, we're putting some money away for the first time to retrofit and rebuild fire halls 2 and 3. We put \$25,000 in there as a nominal amount to start the ball rolling," Cook said. "Should [we] be a bit bolder and put in a number that is more reflective of what we should be doing on an ongoing basis or is \$25,000 as a token amount a reasonable place to start?"

Stan Shapiro, a member of the public who was at the meeting, told the board that "all [their] tokens have been adding up."

He added that while the plan to start adding to capital reserves made sense, "There are the catching-up expenses, the keeping going expenses which are not terribly great, and then there's the planning ahead ones. I think that looking at your budget increases in those three categories might make it an easier sell."

Chief administrative officer Andrew Peat agreed with Shapiro's comment. However, he stated that the goal of the board was to ensure they would be able to pay for future improvements and replacements of big-ticket items. Three of the district's fire trucks, for example, are approaching their retirement.

"What this board is trying to do is aggressively make up for 60 years of doing the wrong thing where no or very little money was put aside," Peat said. "For the last 20 or 30 years, we've had a free ride on all of our buildings except for maintenance. There was no money put aside for their eventual replacement. They all have a best-by date."

"We may have to rethink the 13 per cent thinking to cappuccinos per month, just to get a reality check," added Lindstrom. "It's one cappuccino per month."

For the median (not average, which is higher) assessed Salt Spring property, valued at \$570,000, property taxes for fire protection services will increase by \$56.34, from \$444.03 in 2019 to \$500.37 in 2020. The monthly cost will be approximately \$4.70 for the median property.



PHOTO COURTESY SSIFR

WOW: Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George and Gulf Islands Families Together Society staff member Bob Delion celebrate the fire department's receipt of a Widening Our World (WOW) award from Community Living British Columbia last Thursday. The award recognized Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue's inclusion of GIFTS member Chris Joynson in the fire hall family for the past 16 years. SSIFR was nominated by Delion, who is Joynson's support worker.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Group demands housing action

List of suggestions submitted to LTC

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A housing advocacy group has called on the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to take action to address both the ongoing housing crisis and the climate emergency.

Elizabeth FitzZaland made a delegation to the committee at its last meeting on behalf of Salt Spring Solutions, asking the Trust to renew its sense of urgency concerning the housing crisis and to start taking direct action to address it. FitzZaland, along with a group of other Salt Spring Solutions members who spoke during the meeting's townhall session, acknowledged that the Local Trust Committee had made the housing crisis a priority when the new trustees were elected last year, and that some progress had been made on affordable housing projects.

"We are all distressed by the social collapse that is happening in our community and the negative environmental repercussions and action on the housing crisis," she said. "Housing was one of the most important community issues in the 2018 election. Since then, nothing substantive has been accomplished. While we welcome the work on Bylaw 512, it is doubtful more than a handful of new long-term rentals will come from that bylaw over the next several years."

However, the group stressed that concrete action needs to be undertaken to fix the crisis. They also presented the committee with a letter detailing seven ways to take action that fall within the Trust's scope on Salt Spring. According to the letter, the actions include creating a senior planner to focus solely on the housing crisis, integrating rent controls and changing floor-area limits in the proposed affordable cottage rental bylaw, undertaking similar changes to the secondary suites bylaw, developing a new bylaw that enacts Ecovillage zoning, creating local rainwater harvesting guidelines, undertaking actions based on the Trust's Affordable Housing Strategic Actions report and updating the official community plan.

"It's a process that is fraught with issues, one of the primary ones being water."

PETER GROVE
Salt Spring trustee

"We are asking for no more studies, we are asking for no more engagement. We want to see the LTC take on the actions on this list and set aggressive timelines for getting this critical work done now," FitzZaland said during her delegation. "Consider us all consulted. We want to see action."

Other group members speaking dur-

ing the meeting's town hall portion corroborated the delegation speech. Jason Mogus, also a member of Salt Spring Solutions, reiterated the group's wish for concrete action and asked the committee what they can actually do to work on fixing the crisis.

Trustee Laura Patrick described how different causes can have unintended consequences that they as trustees must mitigate.

"I can answer that it's frustrating when so many things are swirling and we can't seem to make good progress in areas. I still have not worked out, being new at this for about a year, how that happens," Patrick said during the meeting.

Trustee Peter Grove explained that the housing crisis was indeed a priority to the Local Trust Committee, and that the issue was at the top of their list, along with other worthwhile causes. He also reiterated that with recent developments, including the Salt Spring Island Community Services project, the recently approved Croftonbrook housing complex and the ongoing updates to the cottages bylaw, "about 200 units of affordable housing [are] in process."

"It's a process that is fraught with issues, one of the primary ones being water," he added. "As it has been said today, we get one metre of water per year and there should be ample water for everyone if we can get building codes changed, if you can manage water collection more effectively. The answer to your question is that it will be high on our list without a doubt."

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HOME SAFETY

Smarter woodburning session offered

Experts at library

Local firefighters are hosting the third annual Burn it Smart workshop to teach people about wood heat at the Salt Spring Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Running from 5 to 6:30 p.m., the event put on by Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue will include speakers Richard Elwell from the Home Design Centre, chimney sweep Cameron Sweet and Ben Westlake from Salish Forestry Solutions. Elwell will talk about appliances and installation, Sweet will chat about inspection and maintenance, and Westlake will discuss wood selection and storage.

SSIFR Lieut. Mitchell Sherrin will talk about wood-burning fire safety. Partners from the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and Transition Salt Spring will also be on hand to address environmental concerns.

Last year's event was standing room only, so people are advised to come early. If anyone has questions about the Burn it Smart workshop or other safety issues, they are invited to drop by the Ganges Fire Hall or phone 250-537-2531.

GANGES VILLAGE

CRD unpacks safety service plan

Complex Ganges issues dissected

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders who attended a Capital Regional District information session last Tuesday on a proposed safety service appeared somewhat neutral on the idea, with lots of questions tabled on how funds would be used and if they could in fact be effective in increasing the sense of security downtown.

Salt Spring Director Gary Holman and senior island staff, along with the regional district's CEO Bob Lapham, outlined the ways they believe such a service would help prevent crime and forge a better connection with RCMP.

The CRD has made steps toward addressing village security concerns, such as providing grants-in-aid for security cameras and increasing the budget for bylaw enforcement, although that service is mainly applicable in island parks. Holman said he proposed the safety service as a further step toward meeting a community need. The establishing bylaw allows funding for some crime prevention, outreach and social support initiatives.

"I'm proposing a very modest tax increase to address this service gap," Holman said during Tuesday's session.

The cost to taxpayers for the service is expected to start at \$25,000 to \$30,000. The first year's requisition would have to cover the cost of the counter-petition process, around \$15,000, so the 2020 budget would be further reduced.

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce chair Ian Clement explained the situation that led to a series of community stakeholder meetings earlier this year. It included a spate of vandalism to downtown businesses and organizations, including the chamber and CRD offices. There was also an almost daily gathering of 30-50 people in areas like the United Church Meadow and the Peace Park with drinking, fights and unleashed dogs. A resident who lives next to the meadow conducted a wide survey of local businesses and found many people reported feeling unsafe crossing the meadow to do banking, walking in Mouat Park and being in town at night.

"There aren't that many mechanisms available for the community to try and grapple with problems of this sort. I thought it was great and useful of Gary to have come up with this idea," Clement said. "And if we could test-drive it, I think the cost is not so great that we shouldn't be attempting to do something to address these concerns about safety."

Darryl Martin, a member of the Salt Spring Community Alliance, said community security was identified as a large gap in local services by the group in its study of local governance, and that he welcomed Holman "stepping up and taking the heat" to propose the solution.

"I think although it's controversial, it's a good and a great thing to do," Martin said.

Some people who spoke up seemed supportive of the intention but questioned whether the service could address underlying problems such as mental health, addictions and homelessness, the first two of which are provincial responsibilities.

"I don't want to sell this as it can solve everything. It clearly won't," Holman said. "But it is a way local government can help."

He also noted the CRD is working to improve affordable housing options on the island. It's long-stalled affordable housing project on Drake Road has finally located a water source and will be moving forward soon.

Some speakers, such as Maxine Leichter, said if such a service were to be established it should have some sort of measurement of success, even if that meant just doing another community survey.

Others who are business owners in the community voiced frustration at their experiences, such as security video footage of crimes failing to lead to charges. Helen Mears said she felt there hadn't been a lot of community empathy for the business owners who had been targeted by vandalism and threatened.

"I just want the things we have in place, that we pay for, to be used more effectively," Mears said.

Although the small requisition proposed would not be sufficient to cover hiring an extra RCMP member on top of the quota provided by provincial contract, the service has been billed as way to create a more effective communication with RCMP. It would establish a stakeholder forum that RCMP would regularly attend, and Lapham said it could help CRD bylaw enforcement officers to file charges more effectively with the Crown.

The establishment bylaw received third reading by the CRD Board in September, when the counter-petition process as community approval method was also approved. That has yet to be approved by the province, but the CRD is expecting to run the 30-day process starting in early November.

A Community Alliance meeting devoted to discussing the proposal more fully is set for this Monday, Oct. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lions Hall.

High voter turnout in riding

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While a detailed voter turnout list was not yet available at Driftwood presstime on Tuesday morning, the Ottawa Centre riding held by the Liberals' Catherine McKenna definitely had a higher voter turnout than Saanich-Gulf Islands with 76.17 per cent.

In 2015, Saanich-Gulf Islands voter turnout numbers were 79.47 per cent (fifth highest in the country) and 68.5 per cent across the country.

National results on Tuesday morning saw Justin Trudeau and the Liberal party win 157 seats, down from 184 in 2015, meaning a loss of their majority government. The Conservatives rose to 121 seats from 99, the Bloc Quebecois won 32 (up from 10), the NDP 24 (down from 44), the Greens three (up from one) and former Liberal cabinet minister Jody Wilson-Raybould won her Vancouver-Granville seat as an independent.

In 2015, May won the riding with 54 per cent of the popular vote (37,076 votes).

Conservative candidate Robert Boyd was in second spot with 19 per cent (13,263 votes), Liberal Tim Kane was third with 17 per cent (11,430 votes), Alicia Cormier of the NDP was fourth with nine per cent of the vote (6,181) and Libertarian candidate Meghan Porter had .4 per cent (268 votes).



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Incumbent Green party MP Elizabeth May speaks at last Wednesday's all-candidates meeting at Gulf Islands Secondary School, with Conservative party candidate David Busch seated beside her. The meeting was hosted by the Salt Spring Forum. Readers can visit our website at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for an all-candidates meeting story posted last week, since the meeting occurred after the newspaper's press time.



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EDITORIAL

Drop in the bucket

We all like to complain about the weather, especially when rainier and colder days return in the fall.

While the ceaseless dreariness can affect mood and impact road conditions, for most people fall conditions remain an inconvenience at most. But others are suffering through October nights knowing they must wait until Nov. 1 to get a dry place to sleep. That means more than a week to go and every possibility things could get worse before they get better.

Salt Spring Community Services' In From the Cold program was originally funded through BC Housing as an extreme weather shelter — meaning it could open nights from November through March, but only when the temperature hit 0° C or there were periods of extreme rain. In recent

THE ISSUE:

Year-round shelter

WE SAY:

A small step in the right direction

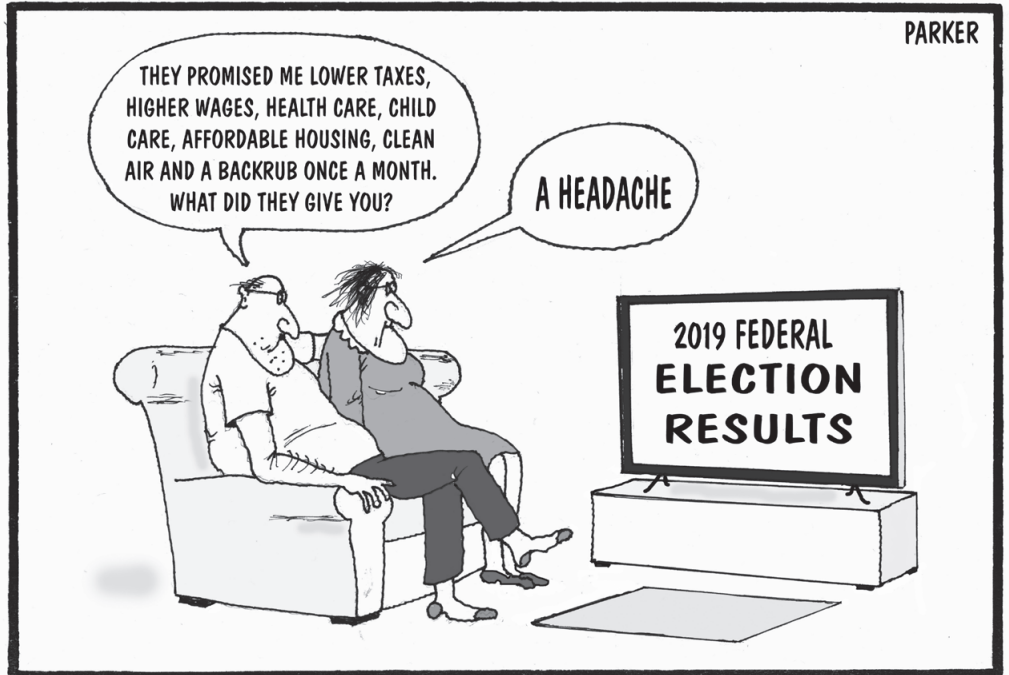
Week that allows the shelter to be open every night of the year is therefore most welcome news. The island's most vulnerable people now have a place to have dinner every night, a safe space to sleep and have breakfast in the morning, plus access to other Community Service programs that take place at the facility before noon. The shelter won't provide a permanent residence, though, or even a place to leave belongings for the day until intake re-opens at 6 p.m.

Full housing for those most in need won't likely be available until the Croftonbrook expansion projects gets rolling, but with 18 units to be rented at the shelter allowance rate for the hard to house and chronically homeless, a more permanent home for some islanders in need is at last forthcoming.

SSICS executive director Rob Grant says the shelter expansion also falls short on support services for issues that complicate and are frequently seen alongside homelessness, such as mental health supports and substance-use programs. The organization and local political support have proved able to get some attention from provincial sources. Let's hope they can leverage their advocacy into yet more improvements.

years the organization has strived to cover the funding shortfall to allow it to be open every night during its set season, but a year-round shelter with more fulsome support services has long been its preferred approach.

Funding support from BC Housing announced Thursday as part of Homelessness Action



Logging fight continues

BY JEAN WILKINSON

Since our last update in April regarding efforts to stop clear-cutting on Salt Spring, our committee met a number of times, received a brush-off letter from the provincial government, wrote again to the premier and key cabinet ministers, (no response yet) made a presentation to Islands Trust Council's quarterly meeting and gathered a lot more information.

A postcard campaign to Premier John Horgan, Opposition Leader Andrew Weaver and our MLA Adam Olsen called for an immediate suspension of clear-cutting and support for the Trust to carry out its "preserve and protect" mandate.

While we continue to press the Local Trust Committee to find a way to stop the loss of our forests, we've realized this also requires changes to provincial legislation. The law firm that was recommended to us for issuing an injunction when the logging operation started up again had based their legal opinion on violations of the Islands Trust bylaws. However, this was not helpful, because timber extraction on private property remains under the jurisdiction of the province and repeated attempts by municipalities to allow them to regulate log-

VIEWPOINT

ging have been refused by the provincial government.

Therefore, we need the government of B.C. to institute forest practices legislation ensuring environmental protection on private land. Consideration must be given to preservation of sensitive ecosystems, protection of watersheds and riparian zones, erosion control, carbon sequestration to mitigate the climate crisis and regulations banning clear-cutting. As it stands now, and as incredible as it may seem, a property owner has the right to clear-cut land from boundary to boundary with complete disregard for even the most rudimentary of the Forest Practices Code legislation that applies to the timber industry. The provincial government must also recognize an obligation to protect neighbouring property owners affected by a logging operation regarding noise pollution, impacts on water, and reduction of property values.

On Sept. 10 we met with Olsen and laid out specific requests for provincial action in this regard. We explained that the unique structure and "preserve and protect" mandate of the

Islands Trust makes it possible and necessary for the province to allow more regulation of logging and the authority to ensure enforcement by our local government. Concerns regarding water issues, related impacts on affordable housing, economic development, tourism, environmental degradation and loss of our forests' mitigating effects on climate change were outlined.

Olsen thanked us for our advocacy, agreed with our points and discussed various aspects of this with us. He suggested that the most efficient way to protect Gulf Islands forests is to convince the Minister of Municipal Affairs to change the Local Government Act to allow the Islands Trust to regulate tree-cutting. He will make this a focus during the five-week fall session of the legislature from mid-October to early November. Our task will be to build public support for this, and we have started a petition:

If you can help gather signatures or know of a public place to make this petition available to sign, please contact us (jdwilkin@telus.net).

The writer is part of a group of citizens working to stop clear-cut logging on Salt Spring.

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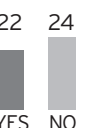
THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Are you happy with the election results?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is Muat Park a better spot for the CREST tower?



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

OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

“Consider us all consulted. We want to see action.”

ELIZABETH FITZZALAND, SALT SPRING SOLUTIONS, ON THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *What's your favourite fall event on Salt Spring?*

REBECCA BRAZIER



I think Halloween's my favourite, and Fall Fair is a close second.

BRIAN SCHACK



I guess it's the Fall Fair. My sister works for the pie ladies, so I get all the leftovers.

JOHN HOWE



I like the Fall Fair.

MARIA ROBINS



We like the Apple Festival.

MEL FERRABEE



I guess it's the Fall Fair.

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

Walk on correct side of road

The days are drawing in and our island roads are becoming a little less safe, especially for pedestrians. There has been a good discussion in the Driftwood and elsewhere about road safety: lowering speed limits in certain places; reminding drivers to take darker, wetter road conditions into account and drive accordingly; not to drive while distracted; leave a bit earlier to catch that ferry.

But I find something has largely been missing from the discussion, and that is a focus on the responsibility of the pedestrians themselves.

For the last 15-plus years, I have been observing a steady increase in the number of people on Salt Spring who walk on the wrong side of the road, that is, with their back to the oncoming traffic. Now the majority of pedestrians, perhaps as high as 70 per cent, young and old alike, are walking on the right-hand side of the road, even on the narrowest of verges, seemingly oblivious to the traffic coming so closely behind them.

I have been curious to know if this is just happening on our wee island, or if it is part of a wider trend. Did people get the message mixed up and begin to think that walking on the “right” side of the road means one shouldn't walk on the left

side (rather than the right as opposed to the wrong side)? We need to be teaching everyone all over again, starting in kindergarten, that, in most circumstances, we should be walking safely on the correct side of the road, that is, on our left-hand side, facing oncoming traffic.

R.M. DUPUY,
SALT SPRING

Shelter achievement

Congratulations to both Salt Spring Community Services and the provincial government for the funding and operation of a year-round homeless shelter.

We all know that the absence

of housing, which is a basic right, will cause all types of collateral issues, including the increased need for mental and physical health services.

All current studies state that social determinants of health, such as a lack of housing, proper food, education and economic stability, lead to unnecessary health/mental health issues. These are avoidable community issues in our supportive environment.

The creation of a year-round homeless shelter is a major achievement for Salt Spring Island.

CURT FIRESTONE,
ADMINISTRATOR,
BC RURAL HEALTH NETWORK,
SALT SPRING

First wetland restored at Xwaaqw'um village

SUBMITTED BY STQEEYE' LEARNING SOCIETY, BC PARKS AND BCWF

After many years and decades of deteriorating ecological conditions at Xwaaqw'um village (Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park), Quw'utsun elders, along with support from Stqee'ye' Learning Society, Cowichan Tribes, BC Wildlife Federation and BC Parks, have completed installation of the first wetland at Xwaaqw'um.

The works has been accomplished along with a first priority of mending relationships between local Indigenous and non-Indigenous people by learning how Hul'q'umi'num culture can guide the work of enabling highly productive local endangered ecosystems and local foods to once again thrive at Xwaaqw'um village. Releasing the natural inland water flows at Xwaaqw'um village from the rapid diversion by agricultural ditches and buried drain lines will help bring back rare wetland plants used for weaving and other culturally important plant and animal species.

A 660-square-metre wetland was created at Xwaaqw'um village on the east boundary of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. Wetland construction was completed in September. Robin Annschild designed the wetland project and directed construction. The excavation work was done by Ken Tara Excavating, with Key Pawn Trucking providing trucking of coarse woody debris. Salt Spring Water Company donated two truck loads of water to the project to help moisten the soil sufficiently for compaction in the core trench that will help the wetland retain water longer. BC Parks and the BC Wildlife Federation contributed staff time and volunteers to help with construction. Joe Akerman and the Stqee'ye' Learning Society contributed to project planning, site management and coordinating volunteers. Paul Linton, Akerman, Benny George, Ralph Underwood and other local Indigenous workers built the fence to protect the young plants around the wetland from being browsed by deer and rabbits. Carrina Maslovat led seed collecting for native sedges, rushes and other plants that were later seeded into the new wetland.

Local Quw'utsun elders, BC Parks, the BC Wildlife Federation, Cowichan Tribes and the Stqee'ye' Learning Society are working collaboratively on this wetland restoration project. Community volunteers participated in activities such as native seed collection,

invasive plant removal, native planting and various aspects of monitoring. The Stqee'ye' Learning Society has been working with the Stowell Lake Yurt School Nature Class (ages 10-12) at the new wetlands on Thursdays in Xwaaqw'um village to assist with all aspects of the project, including construction, photo monitoring, water-level monitoring, planting and invasive plant removal. One student in the class was delighted to spot the new wetland's first rough-skinned newt already last Thursday.

Volunteers with the Salt Spring Island Freshwater Catalogue, an initiative of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, have been working collaboratively with the restoration project team to monitor water quality in Lee Creek and other Xwaaqw'um village creeks, and monitor wetted widths in the creeks. John Millson with the SSI Freshwater Catalogue been volunteering his time weekly with the Stowell Lake Yurt School Nature Class monitoring efforts at Xwaaqw'um along with Tony MacLeod. Many other volunteers have helped make our project a success.

Restoring wetlands will increase the biological and cultural values in Xwaaqw'um village. Wetlands are some of the most biologically diverse and ecologically important ecosystems. By creating a wetland at the site, biodiversity and biological productivity will be increased, habitat for a variety of species will be improved, and runoff and erosion will be controlled. In addition, non-native plants will be better managed, opportunities for wildlife viewing will be increased, and the natural beauty of the park will be enhanced. Another important aspect of this project is the resiliency wetlands provide in resisting the effects of climate change. Wetlands assist in combatting water scarcity and protect biodiversity, both of which are challenges that come with climate change. There will also be benefits to park infrastructure and recreational facilities such as trails and culverts. By controlling runoff and erosion, flooding of trails and roads will be reduced.

The wetland was built by excavating an area of the park that is already naturally wet and was drained with ditches and buried rock drains in the past. The soil from the wetland area was spread around the margins of the wetland and seeded with native sedges and rushes. Non-native plants such as European hawthorn and broom were removed.

Straw was used to mulch and cover bare soil areas to reduce invasive species from growing on newly disturbed areas. Native seeds from sedges and rushes were collected from the park and these seeds were spread over the wetland margins to assist with vegetation recovery.

The site chosen for this year's restoration was selected because it provided a continuation of the forest edge to allow for cedar and other culturally important plant and animal species, far away from registered archaeological sites, and no park trails occur in this location.

The wetland restoration will benefit several species at risk, including common night-hawks, dun skipper butterflies, great blue herons, little brown myotis bats, barn swallows and northern red-legged frogs.

The project is jointly funded by the Government of Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, the BC Wildlife Federation and BC Parks (through staff time and licence plate funding). Cowichan Tribes and the Stqee'ye' Learning Society have contributed countless volunteer hours to the wetlands restoration project. Extensive local Indigenous knowledge of the area and time spent on all aspects of the project leads us to believe the future is hopeful for all guests who spend time at Xwaaqw'um village.

Members of the project team look forward to engaging the community in continuing restoration work at Xwaaqw'um village. We will be closely monitoring Phase 1 to ensure its success while we apply for funding for Phase 2 to continue with more wetland restoration.

The Salt Spring community is invited to join Carrina Maslovat and Xwaaqw'um village volunteers on a planting day, on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Folks can thin out/dig up their own native wetland shrub species to bring with them to plant. Please reach out to your friends and family to see if they have any donations they can make. Bring a small shovel, gloves, boots and snacks.

Species we are interested in receiving donations for include X'pey (cedar), red osier dogwood, black twinberry, Pacific ninebark, thimbleberry, salmonberry and red elderberry.

Please email xwaaqwum@gmail.com if you have a donation to drop off/plant, or for more information.

Safety and transparency needed for new cell site

The following was submitted to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission by Chris Anderson on behalf of Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology.

PARC has recently been asked to allow a CREST emergency services communication radio tower to be built in Mouat Park next to the public Salt Spring Recycling Depot. Placing antennas in any community is a sensitive issue due to aesthetics, public safety and a growing scientific consensus that wireless technologies cause biological harm. Since 2001, Salt Spring has had an exemplary precautionary antenna siting protocol in place.

This policy states: "No cell tower should be installed within 500 metres of any facility concerned with continuous human activity. A proponent wishing to install an antenna closer than this distance should demonstrate, using an independent consultant acceptable to the Islands Trust, that incident power density is less than two microwatts per square cm."

As you are probably aware, the original CREST proposal to place their emergency services communication tower at the Legion met with wide-scale public opposition. What you might not know is that Salt Spring residents submitted over 1,100 letters and petition signatures to the Islands Trust expressing concern about the proven dangers of wireless tech-

nology, and asking that the CREST tower not be built in proximity to where we live, work and heal. Only 11 citizens submitted letters of support.

Now, as the CREST tower antenna-siting decision is being placed in SSIPARC's hands, we ask you to please give serious consideration to the following:

1. REQUIRED ANTENNA SITING IN CANADA (NON-NEGOTIABLE)

Federal telecommunications policy requires that this new CREST tower — and all proposed freestanding antennas, regardless of height — undergo a public consultation process. This process must include every item required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

Requirement: PARC must require CREST, in writing, to comply with all aspects of federal antenna siting policy for this proposed Mouat Park tower.

2. CO-LOCATION & MINIMIZING ELECTROSMOG

If CREST is given the green light to place this tower on CRD-owned land, there must be signed contracts between the CRD and CREST stipulating that:

- this site will be used for one CREST emergency tower only,
- its emissions will comply with Salt Spring's 2001 radiation protection standards (antenna siting protocol) as outlined above,

- no co-location will be permitted,
- there will be no commercial telecommunication equipment placed on this site.

Please note that "co-location" refers to the legal ability for telecom companies to add (locate) their radiating transmitters onto an existing site, such as a tower.

Recommendation: PARC will formulate a legally enforceable commitment from CREST that this site will comply with Salt Spring's 2001 antenna siting protocol, thereby limiting exposure to people to under two uW/cm² (or 20,000 uW/m²), and that no additional telecom-related equipment be allowed on this tower or this site.

3. OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES TO WORKERS AT THE RECYCLING DEPOT

This latest CREST proposal places the tower very close to the Rainbow Road Recycling Depot, subjecting workers and users alike all day, every day to a new, powerful source of electromagnetic radiation.

The health consequences resulting from this depend on many factors, including:

- where the radiation patterns are to be directed,
- what frequencies are used,
- the intensities and pulse patterns of the radio waves emitted.

Recommendation: Obligate CREST contractually to direct anten-

na propagation away from the Recycling Depot, minimizing the radiation exposure for people working and frequenting the facility.

4. TRANSPARENCY

Existing and proposed sites: CREST should be required to provide accurate and detailed maps to the public showing:

- the actual site of the proposed Mouat Park tower,
- all current towers on Salt Spring,
- any sites they plan to close or alter,
- all proposed future tower sites.

(For instance, at an Islands Trust meeting, CREST mentioned they plan to shut down the tower at the Central fire hall and had recently approached the Channel Ridge Owners Association about putting a new tower on Channel Ridge.)

Coverage Gaps: CREST should provide maps that show the broadcast range of every current tower as well as any existing gaps in coverage, along with verified reports of this by radiofrequency engineers and local emergency service providers. These maps will document actual radiation intensity levels at various distances from the transmitting facilities. (These will not be computer projections, which are error-prone.)

Salt Spring Island's safety must be prioritized. CREST must be transparent about which towers on Salt Spring provide emergency services for our island specifical-

ly and which ones serve as relay points between their other towers off-island.

Recommendation: Require CREST to provide radio-frequency engineer-designed maps that accurately show:

1. Current and proposed tower sites, outlining the role Salt Spring's towers play in the entire CREST network,
2. Existing coverage gaps on our island, and
3. How their new proposed tower configuration will better serve Salt Spring Island's emergency services.

5. SAFER EMERGENCY SERVICES NETWORKS

As a not-for-profit corporation, CREST shares a platform as well as information and data with other wide-reaching networks, including the U.S. government's First Net system. A truly safe emergency services network will avoid privacy infringements, while protecting our data privacy and our cyber-security as well as our physical well-being.

A project is now underway to bring a community-owned, wired, fibre optics network to Salt Spring.

Recommendation: Be open to community-owned, energy-efficient, healthy and secure wired fibre-optics-based alternatives to provide our Salt Spring emergency communications.

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EVs keep up the pace even in cooler times



Jim Standen
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Tips for preparing for winter driving

Yes, it is the tropical west coast of Canada, but even here, winter is coming. I have often been asked how electric cars (EVs) manage in snow and icy roads. And what about the range? So here's my take on driving an EV in the winter.

PREPARE

Ensure you have adequate winter tires and the pressure is correct. Air compresses in colder temperatures and your tires can deflate a bit. Some folks choose all-season tires, but I am a big believer in full-on winters, which I swap from summers about Nov. 1. (The Weather Network suggests mid-December is the time to switch.) Mountain-top owners might consider carrying chains. Ensure your window washer fluid is full, your wipers are in good shape and clean your windows inside and out really well to prepare for those low-sun angles. I carry a spare key fob battery in my car as it is not nice for it to go flakey when you are in a snowstorm trying to get into your car.

The 12-volt utility battery runs the lights and window wiper and starts the car. I carry a small multi-function jump starter just in case.

CHARGE THE TRACTION BATTERY

Keep the traction battery charged towards the full side (I use a charging timer), or full. You never know when a horrific windstorm will hit and there is the possibility that you may need that energy for charging other things and perhaps even using as an inverter. (See the www.ssiev.ca website for a description of how to do that.)

As the temperatures gradually drop, your traction battery will progressively reduce the amount stored, so your range will be less: Maybe by 15 per cent if it gets really cold. That is normal and next spring when the birds return from the south, so will your battery performance. On the plus side, it will take less time to charge and will use less electricity.

BEST PRACTICES

In addition to the cooler battery, the increased need for heaters for warmth and window defrosting, window wipers and headlights during the darker times will also contribute to reducing your available range.

But there are some great strategies to mitigate the effect. Use the seat and steering wheel heaters if you have them. They work really well, and a warm hands and bum help you to stay warm without having a really hot cabin. The cabin heat and defogger use quite a bit of juice, so I keep the cabin at a nice warmish temperature.

My older EV has a smaller battery and limited range, so it does pay to pay attention to it through the cold weather. The longer-range models hitting the market now (Chevy Bolt, Hyundai Kona EV, Kia eNiro, Kia Soul EV, Nissan Leaf Plus, Tesla model 3) will also see a drop in range with winter driving, but with +60 kwh batteries and all of them EPA rated at +400km range you can happily plan that winter road trip. Additional winter driving tips, including a rodent topic, are available at: <http://www.ssiev.ca/ev-winter-tips.html>.

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We have over 235 EVs on Salt Spring and to my knowledge none of them has had any unique winter issues. EVs generally have a different weight distribution. For example, some vehicles have an advantage as the heavy engine sits over the traction wheels. EVs have the battery weight distributed evenly on all four corners. This is ideal for summer driving but can feel a bit different under winter conditions. I find with the constant and predictable torque from the electric motor that it performs very well in the snow and ice. The only available four-wheel-drive



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Islander John Holmes powers through last winter's snow in his electric car.

EVs are very expensive, but I expect to see more models come to the marketplace and the price decline.

THE BOTTOM LINE

So if the temperatures are really frigid, you might have to make a few adjustments, but that should not make you avoid

buying one. They are still the easiest way to reduce your personal emissions, are the least costly to operate over time and the most enjoyable form of transportation on the road today.

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

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Library hosts double-author event on Saturday

Brenda Brooks and Eufemia Fantetti

The Salt Spring Public Library will host a double book launch and readings with two authors this Saturday, Oct. 26 at 3:30 p.m., in an

event featuring Salt Spring's Brenda Brooks and Toronto writer Eufemia Fantetti.

Brooks has written two poetry collections. Her previous novel, *Gotta Find Me An Angel*, was a finalist for the Amazon.ca/Books In Canada First Novel Award. Her eagerly

awaited second novel *Honey* is a story about desire, loss of innocence and redemption through the power of imagination. It's described as "a thrilling, sensuous modern noir novel with a classic refrain: nothing is more dangerous than love."

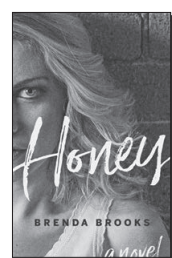
Salt Spring-based *Mother Tongue*

Publishing presents Fantetti's "darkly hilarious, tender chronicle of family, destiny and resilience" called *My Father, Fortune-tellers & Me: A Memoir*. The daughter of southern Italian immigrants joined in an acrimonious arranged marriage, Fantetti weathered the devastat-

ing consequences of her mother's treatment-resistant schizophrenia for years.

Fantetti's debut book, *A Recipe for Disaster & Other Unlikely Tales of Love*, was a 2013 Danuta Gleed Literary Award runner-up and won the 2014 F.G. Bressani Literary Prize.

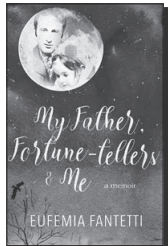
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SSNAP

SSNAP winds down with exhilarating awards night

Jurors' and viewers' art choices celebrated

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Artists and art appreciators filled Mahon Hall on Saturday night as winners of a hefty bouquet of Salt Spring National Art Prize awards were announced.

Taking away the biggest prize of the event was Luther Konadu from Winnipeg. The jurors chose his *Figure as Index* photograph as the winner of the Joan McConnell Award of \$15,000 in cash and a residency on Salt Spring worth \$5,000.

Konadu was not at the event to receive the honour in person, but the artist who won the prize in 2017 was on hand to accept it and speak about its impact on her life.

Judy Anderson said winning SSNAP helped her become a tenured faculty member at the University of Calgary and gave her a huge amount of press so that people started to know her name and would even say, "Oh, you're THAT Judy Anderson... It's a wonderful thing that has done a lot for me and I know Luther is going to be incredibly happy to be the first-place winner, and it's a beautiful piece and well deserved."

"It caught me off guard," said Konadu about the win. "It never crossed my mind that it could be me out of the 50-plus finalists. I knew I couldn't attend and I thought there was a lot of great work being shown so, I didn't even bother having any hopes of winning."

Konadu is a recent graduate of the School of Art at the University of Manitoba.

The finalists exhibition featured 50 artworks from artists located across Canada, including five from Salt Spring.

Using a blind jury process, jurors David Balzer, Sandra Meigs and Cheyanne Turions chose finalists from a field of 1,973 entries from 1,201 artists based on an image of the submitted artwork and a statement. Konadu's winning piece and their individual picks were made after seeing the works on exhibit at the hall.

Jurors' Choice Award winners, who each received \$3,000, were Audie Murray of Victoria for her "hambone, Metis billy stick" photograph (Balzer), Kaley Flowers of Toronto for her sculpture (Meigs) and Skawennati of Montreal for her *Intergalactic Empowerment Wampum Belt* (Xenomorph, Onkwéhón:we, Na'vi, Twi'lek, E.T.) (Turions).

They also offered two honourable mentions: Violet Costello from Calgary for *Germaine*, and Anna Torma from Baie Verte for *Blue Cars*.

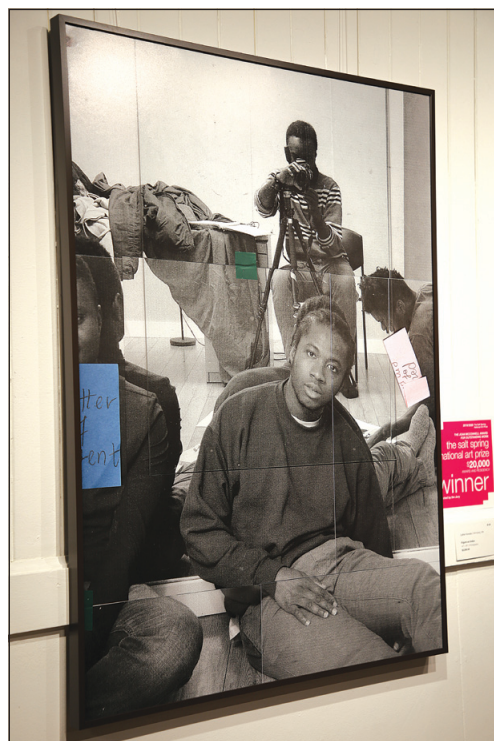
SSNAP founding director Ron Crawford shared the impact of the event in its three biennial incarnations. Since 2015, SSNAP has exhibited work by 150 different artists, given out \$94,000 in prize money and sold close to \$100,000 worth of work.

"Nothing makes me happier than to get



PHOTOS BY GAIL SJUBERG

Calgary artist and professor Judy Anderson, who won SSNAP's top prize two years ago, gesticulates while talking about the impact of the award, which was won this year by Luther Konadu of Winnipeg for his piece *Figure as Index* (at left). Anderson was also on Salt Spring for an exhibit of work by herself and her son Cruz Anderson held at The Point gallery.



his *Port-Kent* painting (earning a \$3,000 award), Steven Volpe from Orangeville, Ont. for his *Winter Gathering* painting (\$2,000), and Tim Alfred of Port Hardy for his *Blue Moon Mask* (\$1,000). A separate tallying of votes by people aged 18 and under gave the Youth People's Choice Award to Erika Dueck of St. Pierre, Man. for the multimedia piece called *The Sanctuary*.

Carol Narod won the Salt Spring Artists Award for her *Married and Single* fabric arts piece.

The Salt Spring Painters Guild Award of \$1,000 for outstanding two-dimensional painted artwork went to Atefeh Baradaran of Vancouver for her *Untitled (Hinged Take Off)* painting.

AWARDS FROM OTHER SSNAP-RELATED EXHIBITS

Awards from the Parallel Art Show held at ArtSpring and the SSNAP Youth Exhibit at the Salt Spring Gallery were also given out on Saturday night at Mahon Hall.

Viewers' Choice Awards from the Parallel Art Show of work by Gulf Islands artists, sponsored by Michael Whitfield, were Jim Holyoak (first, \$800), Karin Millson (second, \$550) and Donna Hall (third, \$300).

Both jurors and people's choice awards were given out for the inaugural youth show.

Sam Holmes won first place from the jurors for his sculpture *The Ram*, and third place in the people's choice category.

First-place people's choice winner was Ruby Egger-Lipsett for her painting called *Nouveau*, while Anju Otsu's *Eye-land* pencil drawing earned the second-place people's choice award.

money into the artists' pockets so they are paid for the amazing work that they do," he told the crowd.

Some 3,230 artists from all provinces and territories have submitted 5,496 works for consideration to SSNAP over its three years.

"Artists don't do this kind of work for money, although I will mention that all of the work is for sale," Crawford added. "This is about the opportunity to express their vision and their integrity and their efforts and their skill, and I think that's very important, so in the true sense artists are gifting us this work and [having created this event], we as a community are gifting back to the artists the opportunity to do this, and I think that is the key to the exhibition."

The Rosemaria Behncke People's Choice winners based on ballots submitted by exhibit visitors were Tony Luciani from Durham, Ont. for

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GRANTS

Musical instruments pump up Pender program

TD MusicCounts grant comes up big

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Christmas came early for students and community members on Pender Island, as a local arts society recently received a grant for a wide range of new musical instruments.

"I brought everything to the school. It was a pile of boxes in the middle of the band room," Ptarmigan Arts Society creative director Lauren Mann said. "The kids kept peeking over and asking the music teacher 'When can we open the boxes?'"

The society is a recipient of the 2019 TD MusicCounts grant, which provides communities with funds to buy new musical instruments and equipment. Ptarmigan Arts received \$25,000 worth of new instruments from the grant and will use them to boost their existing musical instrument bank, and to build programming for the Pender Island community.

"For the last five years, we've been running a music in the school program as part of an overall artists in the school program, where we put artists into the school to teach kids primarily music from Grade 5 and up," said Ptarmigan executive director Lisa Fleming. "We had an aging instrument bank to run that program. When we heard about this opportunity to apply for another \$25,000 worth of musical instruments, we thought we'd give that a try."

"We already have quite a strong foundation of the arts and music. This will help round that out and allow us to do programming from the preschool age up to high school. It'll give an opportunity



PHOTO COURTESY PTARMIGAN ARTS SOCIETY

Pender music teacher Ben McConchie gives a thumbs up to receipt of new musical instruments and equipment for the Ptarmigan Arts Society.

for all ages, up to adults and seniors," Mann added. "It's a wide range to help round out what we already had. It's great because we can start the kids from a young age and infuse them with music."

Ptarmigan Arts has a long history with the arts on Pender. The society was founded over 25 years ago, and has focused on music and theatre. It has been expanding into visual arts, with events like the Fall Crawl studio tour giving Penderites the chance to explore the visual arts in their community. Ptarmigan is also working on opening a gallery on the island, which will let more visual artists sell and exhibit their work.

However, music does continue to play a major role in the society's activities. They have also reached out to schools on other islands, including Saturna, Mayne and Galiano, to bring musical programming to kids in the schools. They are also working with the WSANEC tribal school on the Saanich Peninsula to build music programs.

Fleming explained that the new instruments "will help us dream up other musical programming that we can offer to other communities too."

One example from last year saw teachers visit schools on each island to teach parts of the same song to different classes. The students all came together in the

spring to an event on Pender to perform the songs at the same time.

"It was really neat to include them and provide some music education on the other islands and see it all come together," Mann said. "The kids get to be part of something that's a bit bigger than just them in their schools and see the greater community."

Ptarmigan's programming extends beyond the schools. They host a bi-weekly ukulele strum for anyone who is interested, and some of the instruments purchased with the grant will be used for the Pender Island Jazz Band. Instruments will also be used for an upcoming musical theory class, and a preschool music and dance program that will start in the next few weeks.

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LEARNING

Workshops tap into spiritual possibilities

Dance and writing events at Star of the Sea centre in Fulford

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Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice is offering two workshops that resonate with the season.

The first, called Autumn Musings, is on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and facilitated by Gale Hingston. Participants will use visualization, meditation and dance to celebrate the bountiful harvest and the beauty of autumn in the falling leaves and beautiful colours, and with the diminishing light and warmth of this season will be turning inward to find the light, warmth and joy within. It will be an afternoon that all who love to move will enjoy. No formal dance training is required.

Gale Hingston studied contemporary dance at SFU and participated in contemporary and improvisational community classes in Nelson and on Salt Spring. She has attended Sacred Circle Dance with June Watts and Sacred Circle Dance on Salt Spring, and on Vancouver Island.

"I have found the dancing to be personally and spiritually fulfilling, prayerfully healing and sometimes revealing," she said.

Attendees should bring soft indoor shoes or socks and a mat or blanket.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., writer Lorraine

Gane will facilitate a workshop titled A Crack that Lets the Light In.

Often our most powerful writing is hidden deep in recesses of our heart. To access this writing, we need an opening that will let the writing spill out onto the page. Through stilling the mind, relaxing the body and resting deep within, we'll allow what wants to arise on the page, whether the writing is about joyful moments or those filled with loss, grief or other challenges, for often these are the cracks that let the light in. The retreat will offer a container to express yourself in a supportive circle, with awareness, depth, compassion and courage, bringing forth writing in your truest voice.

Over the past 25 years, Gane has discovered ways to help writers at all levels to find their truest expression and creativity, through workshops, online courses, consultations and her skilled editing. Her poetry, essays, articles and reviews have been widely published and she is author of several collections of poetry, including *Even the Slightest Touch Thunders Under My Skin* and *The Blue Halo*. She is now completing several projects, among them a book on writing. Her website is www.lorrainegane.com.

Participants should bring a bag lunch, notebook and pen, warm socks or slippers.

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ArtSpring Presents California Guitar Trio and Montreal Guitar Trio. California Guitar Trio and Montreal Guitar Trio come together for a concert by six of the most accomplished players in North America. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m., bar open at 6:30.

ACTIVITIES

Tech Tutoring with Peter Freeman. Every Wednesday at the library in three 50-minute sessions between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ArtSpring Presents MG3 Guitar Workshop. Workshop with MG3 guitarists Sébastien Dufour, Glenn Lévesque and Marc Morin, regarded by the CBC as the hottest guitar ensemble in Canada. Limited to 20 participants. All levels of experience welcome. ArtSpring. 1:30 p.m.

Parkinson's Support Group. Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Insight/Mindfulness Meditation. 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.

Salt Spring Island Garden Club presents Bernie Dinter. Dinter Nursery owner speaks on Flowering Bulbs — Nature's Gift That Keeps on Giving. Meaden Hall. The meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. with a social time, business meeting from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m., and featured talk at 7:45.

Thu. Oct. 24
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Tech Tutoring with Jim Watkins. Every Thursday at the library. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Library Book Club. The Salt Spring Island Public Library book club, open to all and free of charge, meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. This month's pick is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

Grandmothers Campaign Info Night. Guest speakers from Victoria Grandmothers to Grandmothers Group show slides and share info about the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers Campaign. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Film Screening: There Are No Fakes. Second showing of *There Are No Fakes*, a provocative film by Jamie Kastner that focuses on what might be the largest art forgery scam in Canada, related to renowned Indigenous artist Norval Morrisseau. Steffich Fine Art. 7 p.m. Tickets online or call 250-537-8448.

Emergency Preparedness Series. Alison Bird, earthquake seismologist with Natural Resource Canada, presents *Earthquakes of Coastal B.C.* Includes impacts, hazards and mitigation practices of earthquakes in at-risk communities. Part of the free series from the Salt Spring Emergency Program. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 25
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Superfeather. With opening act the Wits at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ASK Salt Spring: Neighbours Helping Neighbours Find Answers. Do you have questions about local government, services, health, activities, volunteering or just how to get things done? Volunteers will be available to help answer your questions about life on Salt Spring. Long-time resident and Chamber executive director Jessica Harkema and chair of climate action group Darryl Martin will listen and seek answers for you. Thrifty Foods Flower Shop. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or email asksaltspring@gmail.com.

Family Movie Matinee – Beetlejuice. Kids and families welcome to library screening with free popcorn. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

Scaryoke at the Legion. Halloween-themed karaoke, with prizes for best costumes. Part of Hallo'week' at the Legion. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 26
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Halloween Costume Party with Tom Hooper and the Angry Hippies. Get your fright night on at the Legion. Prizes for best costume. 8 to 11:30 p.m. Advance tickets available at the bar.

Buck Dodgers Band. Bluegrass-folk at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 26
ACTIVITIES

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

Last Chance Bonus Donation Drop-off Day. Due to popular demand, one more opportunity to donate good-quality books and jewellery for Salt Spring Literacy's Giant Book & Jewellery Sale has been organized. It's at Country Grocer's parking lot, on the north side near the liquor store. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Autumn Musings in Dance. Led by Gale Hingston, at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration required at staroftheseassi@gmail.com

Death Cafe. At a Death Café people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. ArtSpring. 2 to 4 p.m. Free.

Double Book Launch: Eufemia Fantetti and Brenda Brooks. Toronto writer Eufemia Fantetti launches *My Father, Fortune-tellers & Me: A Memoir* — a powerful and witty coming-of-age story of fate versus free will — and Salt Spring's Brenda Brooks presents her much-anticipated second novel, *the noir-ish Honey*. Salt Spring Public Library. 3:30 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Shadow Show. Opening event for new show of work by Melanie Thompson called *Shadow Show*. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 26
ACTIVITIES

Burn It Smart Wood Heating Workshop. A workshop with wood-heat and safety professionals. Salt Spring Public Library program room. 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 28
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ArtSpring Presents Les Voix humaines and Nigel North. Early music concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Pre-show talk at 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Rainbow Road Park Allotment Gardens AGM. The Rainbow Road Park Allotment Gardens invite all to attend their AGM. Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information call Jane at 250-537-0880.

SSI Transportation Commission Meeting. Regular business meeting. Library program room. 3 p.m.

Salt Spring Community Alliance. Alliance devotes meeting to discussing the ins and outs of the proposed new CRD safety service for Ganges village. All welcome to join. Lions Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

Tue. Oct. 29
ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Regular business meeting gets started at the Harbour House Hotel at 9:30 a.m. Trustee reports and town hall session at 12 noon.

Tue. Oct. 29
ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers Market. Last date of the season for food-only market at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Salt Spring Literacy Society AGM. Annual general meeting at the Crofton Room at the Harbour House Hotel. 2 p.m.

Reconciliation Reading Circles. Salt Spring Public Library. 4 to 5 p.m.

ArtSpring Presents RUBBERBANDance Workshop. RUBBERBAND Method of dance will be taught in a workshop at ArtSpring. 5 to 7 p.m. Register through ArtSpring.

Queers Who Care Dinner. Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island hosts a festive supper at Lions Hall beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will also include short presentations about the interests of the LGBTQ2SIA+ community. Attendees will be able to vote for which group should receive DAISSI dollars.

Film Screening: Washed Up. Coast Salish artist John Aitken addresses the problem of missing or murdered Indigenous girls, women, trans and 2-spirit people across Canada. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

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

Wed. Oct. 30
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ArtSpring Presents RUBBERBANDance. Montreal-based dance company presents *Vic's Mix*, described as a "kind of 'best of' spanning the immense creative territory explored by choreographer Victor Quijada, extracting jewels from the choreographer's repertoire." ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Plus post-show talkback.

ACTIVITIES

Xwaaqw'um Wetland Restoration Project Planting Day. Join volunteers to plant native wetland shrub species at Xwaaqw'um village in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Email xwaaqwum@gmail.com if you have a donation to drop off/plant, or for more information.

Tech Tutoring with Peter Freeman. See last Wednesday's listing.

Insight/Mindfulness Meditation. See last Wednesday's listing.

Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Today, Oct. 23, is the last day to see the **SSNAP Youth Exhibition** of curated work by Southern Gulf Islands youth aged 13 to 18 at the Salt Spring Gallery. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- On Saturday, Oct. 26, **Melanie Thompson's** exhibit called *Shadow Show* opens at **Salt Spring Gallery** with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- **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.
- **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.
- **Wendy Taylor** shows work in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through October.
- **Lucas Wolf** is the **ArtSpring** lobby artist for the month of October.

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Greenwoods wins care cheque

New group meets at Harbour House

Salt Spring men were in the mood for giving when the first meeting of the island's 100 Men Who Care chapter saw \$10,500 collected and awarded to a local non-profit group last Wednesday at the Harbour House Hotel.

A total of 105 men each donated \$100 to support Greenwoods Eldercare Society, following presentations on Greenwoods, the Salt Spring Island Rowing Club and the Salt Spring Island Soccer Association.

The 100 Men Who Care funding model began in 2004 and has chapters all across Canada. It's a simple model that sees men attend three meetings a year with a commitment to contribute \$300 (\$100 per meeting). Following on the model established by the 100 Salt Spring Women Who Care chapter, which donated more than \$40,000 to island charities in its first year, the men's group hopes to make a similar difference to non-profits.

"The feedback received from the men attending was all positive," said John Howe, who initiated the island chapter. "From the smiling faces and laughter prior to the meeting, it is evident the crowd were in the mood for giving. And after the vote and winning announcement was made, many were very pleased

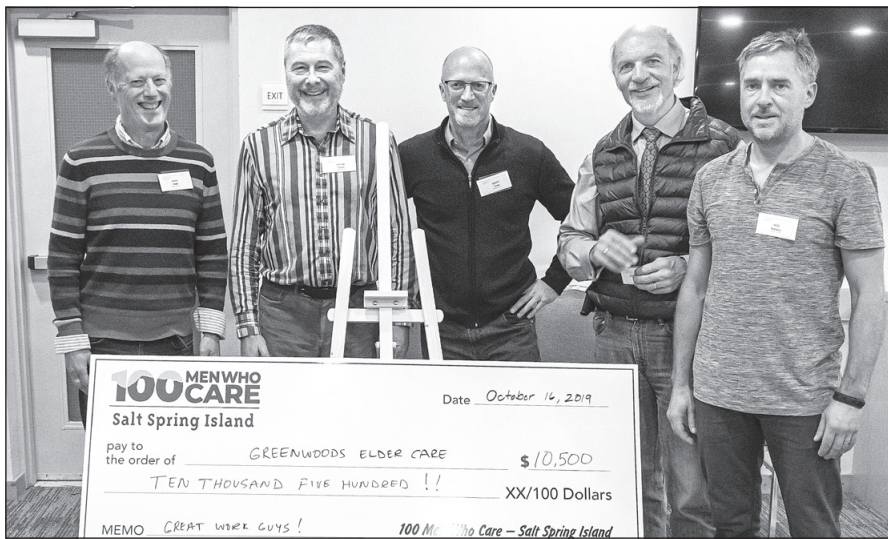


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Salt Spring's 100 Men Who Care committee with \$10,500 cheque for Greenwoods Eldercare Society at the group's inaugural meeting are, from left, John Howe, Walter Stewart, Scott Howe, Chris Levan and Rod Martens. Missing is photographer Drew Underwood.

that their money would be going to support Greenwoods Eldercare. The successful meeting was both a win personally for each member and collectively for Greenwoods."

Joining Howe on the executive committee are Rod Martens, Chris Levan, Walter Stewart, Drew Underwood and Scott Howe.

"Besides benefitting a local charity, and

their community as a whole, these men got to network with their fellow male islanders, meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends and family," said John Howe.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Any island man interested in joining the group can learn more at www.100mensaltspring.org.

COMMUNITY

New Death Café sessions gets underway

ArtSpring event

The popular Death Café returns to ArtSpring for its sixth season on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Organized by community engagement facilitator Anna Haltrecht, it will see

people meet in the ArtSpring Lobby at 2 p.m. with Jay-alynda Cole and other Salt Spring Hospice facilitators.

"At a Death Cafe people gather to eat something sweet, drink tea or coffee, and discuss death," explains a press release. "There is no

agenda, objective, or theme. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session in a respectful atmosphere where even humour and light-heartedness can emerge. The Death Café model has a few ground rules: people must

respect one another's disparate beliefs and avoid proselytizing.

"Questions can be raised to allow you to think about and express your personal opinions, with no intention of leading to any conclusion, product or course of action."

Remember WHEN

Five years ago

The Supreme Court of British Columbia approved the sale of more than 800 acres of land on Channel Ridge to Kelowna-based Viewpoint Enterprises Inc. The company agreed to pay \$6.6 million for the development, which was based on plans to build 243 housing units in a combination of single family homes and duplexes over 15 years. The sale was well below the asking price of \$17.5 million and its \$9 million appraisal. The property had been in receivership since 2013. Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. had amassed more than \$37 million in debt before the 2013 foreclosure.

Ten years ago

Salt Spring Islanders convened at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium as part of a global movement to raise awareness about threats posed by climate change. Participants clad in wetsuits and snorkeling gear — to represent what travelling through Ganges could look like following sea level rise, arrived at the event following a Critical Mass cycling rally through the streets of Ganges and along Rainbow Road. The event was among an estimated 5,200 rallies held in 181 countries.

Twenty years ago

The Tsartlip band on Mayne Island was to receive a permit to cut more than 21,000 cubic metres of wood on 185 acres spread throughout the island's Helen Point, despite government officials and local residents pushing for alternative solutions.

Forty years ago

The removal of residential discounts for ferry users in the Gulf Islands was not planned, although ferry corporation officials were looking at all special fare considerations and tariffs. B.C. Ferries official Bill Bouchard denied a rumour that permanent resident cards were not being issued because the company was considering eliminating discounts. Instead, Bouchard said the company was not getting into the business of identifying residents and had no way to issue the cards. He said Identifying residents was "nothing but a hassle." The CRD originally began producing picture cards in 1976, but backed off, leaving the job for BCF.

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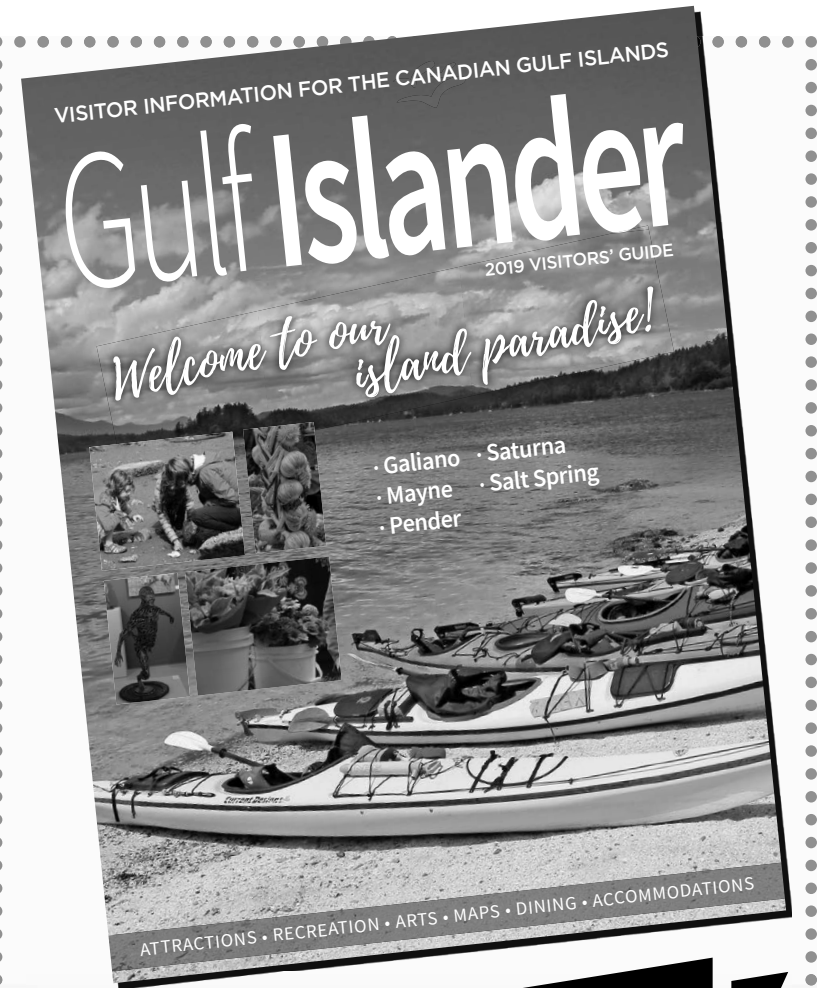
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ACTIVISM

Table set for 'Queers Who Care'

Queer community links with social justice

"Queers Who Care" is the theme for a dinner hosted by Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island (DAISSI) set for this Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Lions Hall starting at 5:30 p.m.

The event will feature a festive supper of salmon, vegan options and delicious dessert choices. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with a program at 7 p.m.

The evening will also include a short presentation about three different organizations serving the needs and interests of the LGBTQ2SIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex, asexual and allied) community locally, nationally and internationally. Each person attending will have a chance to choose the organization that they want

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

Event organizers Anne Zeller, Debbie Louise and Caffyn Kelley surveyed folks in the local LGBTQ2SIA+ community to see what people are passionate about. Many spoke of the need to support queer youth, who are uniquely vulnerable, and who face an increased risk of depression, suicide and homelessness in the absence of supportive social environments. Other community members focused on the needs of queer seniors, who are at increased risk of social isolation.

"Queer youth and seniors often share similar life experiences, such as discrimination and daily micro-aggressions in heteronormative environments, and yet each person and each subpopulation (lesbian, trans, gay, genderqueer,

asexual, etc.) has specific history, issues and needs. How can we counter the vulnerability of queer seniors and queer youth here on Salt Spring Island, and in Canada?" the organizers ask.

For other members of the Salt Spring community, empowering queer folks in danger internationally is an important focus. In many countries around the world, LGBTQ2SIA+ people are facing extreme violence and state-sponsored persecution. The DAISSI evening will ask "How can we help?"

Tuesday night's dinner will be a chance for conversation about — and meaningful contribution to — all the noted areas of concern. DAISSI encourages all members of the LGBTQ2SIA+ community to come enjoy the fun, weave social connection and take the chance to make a difference, practising the work and play of queer liberation within a social justice framework.

READING

Fall months beckon voracious readers

Latest selections from the New Shelves

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

If you are like me, you like to listen while you work, play, or drive; look over the audio-book selection at the library where hundreds of classic and new titles are available on CD for your enjoyment!

On the New Shelves this month there is so much to read and savour. New books are kept on the New Shelves for six months before they find their way to the stacks, so all the latest and best titles are easy to find in one place.

Understanding Northwest Coast Indigenous Jewellery will catch your eye if you like art, jewellery, or First Nations' culture and history. This beautifully illustrated book by Alexander Dawkins explains specific design elements and commonly used animal symbols. It also provides step-by-step illustrations and explanations of various jewellery-making techniques. The text covers the history of the evolution of West Coast native jewellery and the artisans who have developed the art form and made it famous.

The Art of Diplomacy: Strengthening the Canada-U.S. Relationship in Times of Uncertainty, written by former Ambassador Bruce Heyman and his wife Vicki, is the story of happier times when the bonds of friendship and history were foremost between the two nations. The Haymans came to Ottawa in 2014 and left in 2017 as the Trump administration put a chill on the long-enduring special relationship. This is the story of the ambassador's hands-on

approach to diplomacy and partnership building, and his call for diplomacy that is needed more than ever between our countries and everywhere else.

Indecent Advances: a Hidden History of True Crime and Prejudice Before Stonewall carefully catalogues and reviews the sad history of crimes against men, especially homosexual men, in our culture. This systematic abuse, even murder, of the defenseless under the guise of normalcy and decency has been exposed and examined at last. James Polchin has given the victims names and life stories, and calls upon society to right the wrongs of past decades.

The story of the Hudson's Bay Company is largely the story of Canada, and **Bush Runner: the Adventures of Pierre-Esprit Radisson** is the story, both brave and disturbing, of the Hudson's Bay Company and its influence on the discovery and development of 17th-century North America. Though he's a minor character in the larger picture, Radisson's impressive storytelling ability, as well as his explorer and adventure's experiences, bring to life this era in history. Radisson's first-hand account of history in the making is very special.

The Fiction Shelf, too, has lots on offer. Santa Montefiore's latest novel, **The Temptation of Gracie**, is a delight to read. This multi-generational tale of love, romance, tragedy, history and redemption brings together three women of seeming independence and fortitude. Set in an Italian castello, the tale unfolds as each woman finds views of herself and her family changed, enhanced and enriched, and finds that love, forgiveness and acceptance can be found at any age in any place.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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

Scorpio's influence began early this year with Mercury and Venus there since October 3 and 8, respectively and will continue strong well into 2020. The Sun enters Scorpio on October 23, officially marking 'Scorpio time'. It does so while the Moon is in its late waning - the Scorpio phase. October 27th is the actual Scorpio New Moon launching cycle with its seed. Mercury meanwhile is moving slowly in Scorpio prior to turning retrograde on October 31st, Halloween Day. It will take until December 9 when Mercury enters Sagittarius, completing its retrograde cycle in Scorpio on November 20. Mars enters Scorpio on November 18 where it will remain until January 3rd. So, 2020 begins with Mars in Scorpio, a very potent sign placement indeed. Saturn conjunct Pluto, which rules Scorpio, occurs on January 12th lending a powerful Scorpio theme to the launch of the year. Scorpio is symbolic of purging, purification, transformation and death and rebirth. Resistance is futile. Cooperation is... encouraged. P.S. Tricky Halloween!

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) Scorpio time is inviting you to enter your lair. Taking space for the sake of investigation and research to get to the bottom of things is likely. Creativity and design are also featured. Your focus may also emphasize cleaning and clearing away the old to make way for the new. In any case, allowing for quietude and privacy will meet your needs.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) A deep dive into relationship waters has begun. This cycle will continue for several weeks. Circumstances are pushing to work harder or smarter, probably both. You want more and so do the significant others on your stage. Deciphering what more means is important for you to decipher. It likely includes a blend of tradition and innovation.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Your focus has shifted from simply entertaining ideas to a more serious tone. Hopes, wishes, and ideals do have their place, yet your focus now is upon more sobering realities. These may literally include life and death themes. On the other hand, big changes are happening and you want to know what you can do about it.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) Playing with ideas and possibilities is capturing your imagination. This could swing either way between lofty inspirations to dark scenarios. The latter can be understood as negative hallucinations. Direct your focus to the positive and to what is true and real right now, in the moment. Balancing between higher ideals and harder realities will continue.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) Dreams of accessing and exercising latent powers are dancing in your mind. To this end, you are willing to do the research and make investments to. This is a time of planting seeds of power with the objective of greater returns. The power focus includes money but also emphasizes your skills, talents and natural-born gifts.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 24) Your focus has become sharper than it has been all year. This began early in the month, actually, and is destined to continue all year. All being well, you are currently confronting your fears head-on. Alternately, you could be downward spiraling into escape patterns. If so, there remains time to turn things around. Stepping into your power implies action.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Financial concerns, considerations, and responsibilities are on your mind. You began to take a more assertive approach in this regard already. Now you have entered the next phase of getting to the bottom of things. These things may include a clearer assessment of your needs, values, and priorities.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) The Sun in your sign signifies a pioneering push. Mars still in Libra does suggest that you could opt for the slow lane or even park it, altogether. Yet, Venus also in Scorpio indicates that you are in a curious mood and would make the effort if you could add something of value to your lot. Mercury is poised to turn retrograde also in your sign which may actually help to sharpen your focus.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Although expansive Jupiter is in your sign and has been all year, you are happy to take some time out for a while. This could manifest as a creative period, if behind the scenes mostly. Yet, it could also lead you to simply lay low and to rest deeply, a mini hibernation of sorts. You may feel that you have less to give now and you are wise to trust that.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) Striking a balance between dreams and realities and deciphering the difference between friends and foes is a central focus now. This is a time of decision. Yet, things may not be quite as you perceive them. On the other hand, you may see quite clearly indeed but are surrounded by people who do not, in your opinion; a soul-searching time indeed.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) Something is shifting within you. Although the process may be slow, it is sure. It is not simply a matter of choice, although how you respond is an important factor and does matter. The flow of destiny is always in motion like the currents of the ocean. Yet, along the way, cross-currents of destiny cause a turn, a change of direction and allegiance.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20) As we approach Mercury's retrograde cycle which begins on October 31st, you are wise to have a clear sense of your goals and objectives, if you want to be productive. If you do, you could get even more done than usual. Otherwise, you could find yourself spinning your wheels or feeling a bit lost. If the latter is the case, flow with it by seeking guidance and wisdom from outer sources.




Where is it on Salt Spring?
Send your answer to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com or watch for the photo to appear on our Facebook page.

Last Week's Answer: Last week's winner was Esther Sufady, who correctly identified part of the wall in Upper Ganges Centre near the Thrift Shop and Driftwood.

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

Joan McConnell



Joan has expressed her love of and support for the arts by providing the funds for the top prize in the Salt Spring National Art Prize exhibition since its inception in 2015. The Joan McConnell Prize winner, chosen by SSNAP jurors, receives \$15,000 in cash and a residency valued at \$5,000. Joan, who is in her early 90s, also willingly shares her lovely personality and sense of humour, which was on display on Saturday night when she announced the prize winner at Mahon Hall.



SPORTS + RECREATION

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ENDURANCE SPORTS

Islanders compete in Victoria and Hawaii events

Kona Ironman and Victoria Goodlife races

Driftwood readers might remember reading about Marion Young's age group second-place finish in the Whistler Ironman Canadian championships on July 28.

This performance qualified her for the Kona Ironman World Championships in Hawaii, which unfolded on Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend. Marion started at 4:30 a.m. for preparations and actually launched just before 7:30 in the morning with a nearly one hour and 45-minute, 2.4-mile ocean swim. Little did she know that the subsequent 112-mile bike portion, usually one of her strongest events, would turn into a seven-hour and 40-minute struggle to keep her bike from being blown over in serious cross-winds. Finishing the bike portion as sunset approached, she launched into a six-hour, 21-minute marathon in the dark; although under a mostly full moon. She finished at 11:30 p.m. Hawaii time (2:30 a.m. on Salt Spring) after 16

hours, three minutes and 48 seconds of continual motion, an hour before the race cut-off time, to earn 35th place out of 44 in her age group.

Five and a half hours later, 24 Salt Springers who had travelled to Victoria for the Thanksgiving Sunday's four Goodlife road races began to muster for the start of their races. The first race to offer finishers was the newly named "Turkey Trot" 8K, and the first finishers from Salt Spring were Emerson and India Hayden, children of Richard Hayden and Janine Fernandes-Hayden, who had 50 minutes earlier started the event's half marathon. Emerson finished third of 48 in the male 12 and under age category, in the top 7.5 per cent of all males and 86th place overall, and then went immediately to enter the children's fun run where he finished first. India finished five minutes later in the top 20 per cent of her age group category (F13-15), and the top six per cent of all females.

The third Salt Springer to cross the finish line seven minutes later in the 8K was Sneakers club member



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Eric Ellis in the Victoria Goodlife half-marathon event, where he finished first in his age category.

Donna Cloete, whose time of 47:52 earned her an eighth place of the 43 members of her age group.

Two minutes later, Salt Springer Wayne North crossed the finish line in 50:23, earning a 33rd place of the 56 in his age group and 487th of 821 men.

Laura Sheppard crossed the finish

line five minutes later in 25th place of the 61 women in her age group, 784th woman and 1,378th overall.

Mary Rose MacLachlin was the final Salt Springer in the 8K, her time of 55:49 earning her a top 60 per cent place in her age group and among all women.

The second group across the finish line were the half-marathon (21.1K) competitors. The first Salt Springer was Richard Hayden, whose time of 1:23:21 earned him 58th place of the 2,887 runners who finished, a top two per cent finish, third place of 92 in his age group and 46th of 1,200 men.

Second Salt Springer was Sneaker Duncan Elsey in a personal best time of 1:43:57, which earned him a top 20 per cent finish in his age group, a top 25 per cent of all males, and a top 15 per cent of all runners. Janine Fernandes-Hayden was the third Salt Springer to finish. Her time of 1:45:18 earned her a top 20 per cent finish of all runners, a ninth place of the 179 runners in her age group (top five per cent) and a top 10 per cent of all women running.

The fourth Salt Springer to finish the half-marathon was Sneaker Eric Ellis. His time of 1:46:56 earned him a first place among the 34 men in the 70 to 74 age group who competed and is the fastest time recorded in that age group in Canada this year. He placed in the top third of all males who competed and the top 20 per cent of all finishers.

The fifth Salt Springer to finish was David Collombin, whose time of 1:52:53 earned him a 54th place of the 121 men in his age group.

John-Phillip Ritson was the sixth Salt Springer to finish. His time of 1:58:58 placed him 54th of the 121 in his age group.

As the interval from the starter's gun passed two hours, Kathy Kendall finished in a personal best time of 2:04:28, which earned her a top 20 per cent placement in her age group.

She was followed 20 seconds later by Liam Lenihan Wright, whose 2:04:51 earned him 18th place among the 31 finishers in his under-19 age group, 767th place among the 1,200 males who finished and 1,389th place of 2,887 overall.

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