

inside:

gulfislands REAL ESTATE
OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2020

HOMES • ACREAGES • COMMERCIAL
RESIDENTIAL • TOWNHOUSES • LOTS

www.gulfislandsrealestate.ca
Your trusted Real Estate sourcebook on the Gulf Islands for over 20 years

fall fix-up

A focus on products, ideas & service providers to help you with fall home & property improvement projects!

- Acorn Extrusions
- Removal Callers
- Event Booking & Planning
- Screen Repairs
- Full Bath
- Regional Courier
- Real Estate
- Green City Builders
- Gulf Islands Sea & Ski
- Leitch's Carpet, Drapery, Upholstery
- Real Estate
- Real Estate
- PC Plus Computer Services
- Paint Touching
- 24 Hour
- Construction
- Auto Spring Commercial Services
- Seafish Seafood
- Stromberg
- Plumbing Ltd.
- Pro Services
- Van Services



16 Anthony's art: curator shares his collection

Arts & Entertainment..... 16
Classifieds..... 19
Editorial 4
Fall Fix-Up 7
Letters..... 5
Island Life 18
Sports & Recreation 20
What's On 17

- INSERTS:**
- Country Grocer
 - Pharmasave
 - Thrifty Foods
 - Buckerfield's
 - The Local Liquor St.
 - Cabela's

BIPOC VOICES
20% OFF

Salt Spring Books

WE'RE OPEN
9am - 4:00pm - with closed door / Monday to Friday

Driftwood

Driftwood

GULF ISLANDS

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020

60th year
Issue 41
\$1.50

Your Community Newspaper Since 1960 • gulfislandsdriftwood.com • 250.537.9933



PHOTO BY DAVID DENNING

FORWARD THINKING: Deborah Miller, left, and Carol Ennis participate in Saturday's rally supporting the concept of a completed Salish Sea Trail and the need for a cycling and pedestrian path between Vesuvius and Fulford, plus safer roads for multiple users in general on Salt Spring. The event was hosted by community group Salt Spring Solutions.

WILDLIFE

Island deer disease detected

Risk to humans, other animals deemed low

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who have been wondering why so many dead deer have been turning up on Galiano Island received confirmation last week that a new disease is most likely at work in the Gulf Islands.

Provincial wildlife veterinarian Dr. Helen Schwantje is waiting for definitive results of testing, but says an outbreak of Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease (AHD) is suspected as the cause of death of over 60 deer. Most of the dead animals have been seen on Galiano. Some suspicious deaths have also occurred in deer on Parker, Mayne and Pender islands.

"It would be very odd for it to be located on just one island," Schwantje told the Driftwood. "Disease in wildlife can be very subtle and it can be very silent. We could have animals dying in the back country and we would never know about it. This summer is very unusual since we had more people in the bush hiking around, so maybe we are just seeing it more. But it's very rare that animals die suddenly with no signs of ill health, so that's what got my spidey-senses up."

While there is no known human health risk from the virus, and there is no evidence that it can be transmitted to humans, hunters in the area are being advised not to consume meat from animals found dead, obviously ill or acting abnormally prior to death. Research indicates AHD is not transmitted to livestock or pets.

DEER continued on 3



7 93573 83518 5

Driftwood GULF ISLANDS

For breaking news:
gulfislandsdriftwood.com

PUBLICATIONS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - VISITORS VIDEO - OBITUARIES - CLASSIFIEDS - SUBSCRIBE - ABOUT US - CONTACT US

COVID-19

COVID-19 Rate Comparison

Friday COVID-19 Roundup: Next Two Weeks A Critical Time, Says...

COVID-19: How Island is Handling

COVID-19: Salt Spring Foundation sets Up Emergency Prep And Relief Fund

HARRASSMENT

Jewish women targeted via mail

Anonymous campaign triggers fear and anger

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring women who have received anonymous packages in the mail over the past month report they have apparently been singled out for being Jewish — an experience that has some feeling unsafe in their own community.

Salt Spring Arts Council director Yael Wand is one of the women who received a large envelope in the mail last week.

"It looked sweet, with my name handwritten and some stickers added. [There was] no return address or who it was from, except signed 'Salty' with a heart," Wand said.

Inside the envelope were two packages of printed materials that promoted belief in Jesus as being compatible and preferable to Judaism. The material included lists of Rabbis who had purportedly converted or found renewed faith in Christianity. The materials also went so far as to call Rabbis liars and to blame Jews for killing Jesus.

As Wand wrote in a Facebook post, "This anonymous package touched a painful nerve. It showed me that despite living in Canada for nearly my entire life I am still 'other.' It showed me that people still believe it is plausible to suggest that some of us need to change who we are: perhaps a bit less queer, a bit less coloured, a bit less Jewish."

Wand said her ancestors and living family members suffered persecution, hatred and racism because they were Jewish. Many of her ancestors were murdered for it.

After Wand posted her experience to Facebook she heard from four other women who received similar packages.

All but one of them are ethnically Jewish, and all but one has school-aged children.

Salt Spring's Claire Sicherman is a published author whose 2018 book *Imprint: A Memoir of Trauma in the Third Generation* specifically deals with the deep grief and pain caused by her family's persecution by the Nazis. She received a similar package to Wand earlier in the month, on a date falling right after the Jewish New Year.

"I think this is ignorance and hate disguised as love."

CLAIRE SICHERMAN
Anonymous mail recipient

Sicherman said she was working on something when the mail arrived so her husband opened the package. At first they were both shocked, and then Sicherman got angry.

"This isn't my first time dealing with hate. It triggered for me a lot of the Holocaust trauma," Sicherman said. "It becomes a question of safety because someone compiled a list of the addresses of Jewish people on Salt Spring Island, which means they know where we live."

As Sicherman notes, that is something the Nazis did too: "My son was there when we opened it and his first words were 'Am I safe?'"

She added physical safety is not the only consideration.

"This is about who we are. This person is saying it's not okay to be who we are, there's something wrong with us and we have to change."

Wand does not actually subscribe to a religious practice but she is very open about her Jewish cultural roots. She said the sender seems to be confused about the difference between Jewish religion and ancestry and has made assumptions about her because she's out in the world as a Jewish person.

"I talk about it if people ask me; I speak Hebrew to my children in the street. I've always had warm responses. This is the first time something like this has ever happened to me, something so off the scale in the other direction," Wand said.

Wand said she can't fathom the motivation: perhaps the sender believed they were doing God's work or the envelopes were sent as an attempt by an island organization to make converts.

"If it's intended as a joke, that's really alarming because someone is picking out Jewish women on the island," Wand observed.

Whatever the reason, Wand feels the sender has a total lack of understanding of what it means to be part of an oppressed group that has been persecuted through history. The fact that person acted anonymously is a particularly troubling aspect.

"If someone had written down their name or come to talk to me I could have sat down with them and explained why this doesn't work for me. So why this person is sending this anonymously is a really interesting question," Wand said. "I would really like this person to hear that although they might have had good intentions it landed in the most hurtful way. If they have a positive message to deliver, this is absolutely not the way to deliver it."

"I think this is ignorance and hate disguised as love, because there were hearts on that envelope," Sicherman said. "I think this person does not think they are actually hurting people."

CONSERVATION

Legal review finds Trust needs stronger powers

Provincial law reform urged

A new report by the Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victoria has found changes to provincial law are necessary to give the Islands Trust the powers it needs to protect forest ecosystems.

The ELC undertook a legal review on behalf of the Rainforest Conservation Foundation. The resulting report includes 10 regulatory recommendations for improving forest governance in the Islands Trust Area, and concludes provincial law reform is ultimately necessary.

As noted in a press release issued by the Rainforest Conservation Foundation, the Islands Trust was created by the B.C. government in 1974 with the sole purpose of preserving and protecting the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of its residents and residents of British Columbia, but the Trust was not given the same legal tools as municipalities or regional districts. The review finds attempts by local trustees to implement tree protection through development permit areas have sometimes been denied in the past, and the implementation of tree protection bylaws is currently outside the Trust's jurisdiction.

"In essence, the province has set the Trust up, if not to fail, then at least to flail, by charging them with environmental care without providing the tools to fulfill that obligation," said Shauna Doll, Raincoast's Gulf Islands Forest Project coordinator. "However, according to the ELC's report, the Trust mandate has court recognized legal effects and puts Trust Council . . . in a unique position to protect some of the rarest forests and habitats in the county."

The full report is available at www.raincoast.org.

TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

OCTOBER 2020 PST (UTC-8h)

When using Daylight Saving Time, one hour must be added to the predicted time in the table

DAY	TIME	METRES	FEET	DAY	TIME	METRES	FEET
7	0140	1.0	3.3	11	0516	1.0	3.3
	0956	3.0	9.8		1353	3.2	10.5
	WE 1433	2.7	8.9		SU 2029	2.5	8.2
ME 1827	2.8	9.2	DI 2223	2.5	8.2		
8	0222	1.0	3.3	12	0623	1.0	3.3
	1108	3.1	10.2		1429	3.2	10.5
	TH 1612	2.8	9.2		MO 2035	2.4	7.9
JE 1823	2.8	9.2	LU				
9	0312	1.0	3.3	13	0015	2.6	8.5
	1215	3.1	10.2		0723	1.0	3.3
	FR 1215	3.1	10.2		TU 1459	3.2	10.5
VE			MA 2055	2.1	6.9		
10	0410	1.0	3.3	14	0144	2.7	8.9
	1309	3.2	10.5		0816	1.1	3.6
	SA 1309	3.2	10.5		WE 1525	3.2	10.5
SA			ME 2123	1.8	5.9		

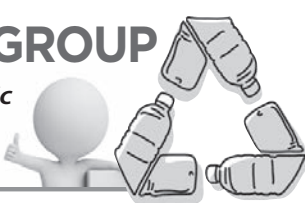
Full Service Marine & Equipment Repairs

MID-ISLE MARINE & EQUIPMENT

248 Upper Ganges Road • Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
250-931-4020 • www.midislemarine.com

SUPER GROUP

• Single Use Plastic Elimination and Recycling



WATER BOTTLES

We have all seen pictures of single use plastic beverage bottles clogging waterways and defacing beaches. Many of these are from single use bottled water containers, which are totally unnecessary.

What you can do: It is so simple to use a refillable bottle (e.g. metal, reusable plastic) instead and fill it up with tap water or, if safe, good-tasting tap water is not available, with water from large reusable purified water containers. *Look out for our Water Refillery Map - coming soon!* Refilling not only reduces single use plastics, you are also cutting down on the greenhouse gases produced in the transportation of the bottles and water and on the depletion of community water supplies. Additionally, a June 2019 study found that individuals who drink only bottled water substantially increase their microplastic ingestion over those who drink only tap water.



Paul supports this
SUPER IDEA!

250-526-2626
paul@paulzolob.com
www.paulzolob.com

Paul Zolob Duncan Realty
Salt Spring Office
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED
AND OPERATED



SD64

School buses limited

Flexible drop-off and pick-up times instituted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring school families had three operating school bus routes as of Monday as drivers on the other five routes still felt unsafe about getting behind the wheel without additional COVID protections.

"We recognize that the sudden cancellation of routes on Salt Spring Island has a significant impact to families during an already complicated time. We want to assure parents that we are working closely with our employee groups, local CUPE representation and relevant regulatory agencies," states a message sent to families by the school district's secretary treasurer Jesse Guy last week.

Drivers have asked for barriers between themselves and students to reduce disease transmission risk. However, the district has determined there is no barrier currently

on the market that it could purchase and install and still meet federal regulations such as the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and School Bus manufacturing standard D250.

WorkSafeBC has reviewed the case and has found that all safety measures are being properly met.

Guy said the school district has done its best to have educational assistants on shift one hour before and one hour after the school day for families who need more flexibility with drop-off and pick-up times.

"Everyone's working together to find a solution and we understand it's difficult for parents," Guy said Monday.

She said the district is committed to having the extra EAs on shift on all affected routes until the situation is resolved.

Transport Canada reports that according to National Collision Database statistics, school buses are the safest means of transporting students. As of 2018, Canadian students were about 80 times more likely to get to school safely on a school bus than by car.

NEWS BRIEFS

All-candidates session online

The Salt Spring Forum has arranged a local all-candidates meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. via Zoom. See www.saltspringforum.com for the Zoom link.

The video will also be on the Salt Spring Forum's YouTube channel the following day.

Confirmed participants so far are Green party incumbent Adam Olsen, Liberal candidate Stephen P. Roberts and Zeb King of the NDP. Tarah Stafford will moderate. People are welcome to send in questions for the candidates to forum@saltspringforum.com or during the event during the Zoom chat portion.

Ship security

BC Ferries has hired temporary security staff for Salish-class vessels and other ships where Transport Canada regulations have recently changed.

During the height of the COVID pandemic response, the federal government had allowed an exemption to its rule requiring people to leave their vehicles and go up to the passenger decks during sailings. That exemption ended as of Sept. 30.

BC Ferries communications director Deborah Marshall said the extra security guards have been hired to assist staff enforce the regulation over the next one to two months.

While the vast majority of customers have been complying, staff are reporting those who refuse to Transport Canada.

"We ask customers to be respectful of staff. It is Transport Canada's regulation, so our staff are just doing their jobs," Marshall said.

FOR THE RECORD

The Viewpoint article on the Rally for the Salish Sea Trail was written and submitted by Salt Spring Solutions and the Cycling Committee of Island Pathways, not Darlene Gage or Bob MacKie.

FIRE DISTRICT

Budget meeting nets low response

First reading on track for Oct. 19

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An open house session hosted by the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees to discuss the 2021 budget on Sunday attracted only a handful of people to the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute.

The proposed budget for 2021 includes a tax requisition of \$3.83 million, coming in nearly 10 per cent higher than the current year.

Plans to stream the meeting on Zoom were cancelled a couple of days earlier because the district decided it did not have the technical expertise to meet security concerns, so it's unclear how that may have affected participation.

The few people who did attend in person had some questions for the trustees but no suggestions about changing the draft budget. The board will therefore go forward with first reading of the taxation bylaw at their next regular meeting on Oct. 19.

"As you know we like to keep our budget public, as we did last year. We had a town hall meeting much like this and there



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
Salt Spring Fire Protection District chair Per Svendsen at last month's fire board meeting.

were some recommendations from the public about allocations to certain areas, and we took that into consideration and did review our original amount," said chair Per Svendsen, after calling for any suggestions or critiques.

Trustee Rollie Cook, who chairs the board's finance committee, explained that while the 2021 operating expenses have been budgeted for a small increase in line with inflation, most of the \$340,150 increase has to do with transfers to capital reserve funds. In particular, \$300,000 is proposed for immediate reme-

diation of the Ganges fire hall. The hall will need an estimated \$932,000 in repairs if the community does not support plans to build a new fire hall near Brinkworthy, Cook reported.

"We have not been spending money on operating costs; we have been putting money into reserve funds."

ROLLIE COOK
Chair, SSIPD
finance committee

Cook said the benefits of the board's decision to start saving money in reserve funds for equipment replacement and facility needs include the fact the district will be able to pay cash for a new fire truck next year. The board will save money that in the past would have been needed for a ratepayer approval process, and they also received a discount on the truck price amounting to \$12,000.

Despite adopting the practice

of putting aside funds for capital needs, Cook acknowledged there is a limit on how far the board can go in that direction.

"I think there was a sense in the finance committee this year that we are now reaching the upper levels of what is fiscally permissible by the ratepayers," Cook said. "We have increased the budget from approximately \$2.5 million two years ago to just shy of \$4 million.

"We have not been spending money on operating costs; we have been putting money into reserve funds," he continued. "If we have the discipline to continue to do that, we will . . . have an adequate fund for equipment, we will be able to fund a new fire hall, we will be able to solve all the problems we have been left with. But I think it is also true to say that the fire department has now reached the point where we have to be very disciplined and prudent going forward."

The board will have the opportunity to amend the budget before it is finalized. The taxation bylaw may be approved on Oct. 19 or at a special meeting to be held soon afterward if changes are needed.

Disease easily spread through dense populations

DEER continued from 1

Information from the B.C. wildlife health branch states cervids (mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and caribou) are all susceptible to the disease, but members of the black-tailed deer family appear to be most severely affected. Fawns are far more susceptible than adults and suffer much higher rates of death. The disease course is usually rapid and fatal as the virus damages small blood vessels in the lungs and intestines.

Schwantje said with the over-population of deer in the Gulf Islands, it's not surprising that disease would travel quickly and hit hard.

"Any time an infectious disease occurs in a high-density population you will see a far wider spread than if the population density is low. If there were controls such as predators on the islands, we probably wouldn't see a disease spread like this," she said.

Detection of a new disease is also not surprising to experts who have been studying the impact of deer on local ecosystems. That work has been led by Salt Spring resident Tara

Martin, a professor in the University of British Columbia's forestry faculty.

"We have been predicting such an outbreak for some time as a result of hyper-abundance. Perhaps now that it's clearly an animal welfare issue along with it being a key ecological issue driving the loss of rare plants and ecosystems in the islands, we can begin to discuss deer management across the islands," Martin said.

Parks Canada has contracted Martin and her colleague Peter Arcese to develop such a plan for the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

AHD was initially discovered in California and outbreaks are recorded annually in some parts of the western United States. No outbreaks are currently underway in California and Oregon. However, B.C. has never documented the disease and there is no outbreak recorded happening in Washington state or in the nearby San Juan Islands.

Schwantje said it's therefore unclear how AHD made its way to the Gulf Islands. Since the disease is carried in body fluids, it's possible that it was transferred from an infected carcass or hunting equipment.

"It may always be a mystery," she said.

A network of wildlife professionals has assisted provincial wildlife health staff to investigate the possible emergence of AHD since deer were discovered dead on Galiano in September, with participation from the RestQ Animal Sanctuary being a particular help. Schwantje said she suspected the disease was the culprit after seeing photos of the dead deer. She then asked a veterinarian colleague on the islands if he would mind taking samples. Those samples were sent to Canadian and United States laboratories to confirm the disease.

"None of this would have been possible without the diligent work of the rescue organization and that particular veterinarian, and some dedicated people in the background," Schwantje said. "That's how a lot of my work gets done — by networks of people bonding together and helping."

Acute signs of the disease include difficulty breathing, foaming or drooling from the mouth, diarrhea (sometimes bloody) and seizures. More chronic symptoms include ulcers and abscesses in the mouth and throat. Anyone observing deer displaying these signs should report it to the Wildlife Health Laboratory at 250-751-7246.



ADAM OLSEN
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS

The **BC NDP** made their **\$6 billion taxpayer-funded subsidy of LNG Canada** law.

Adam voted against the bill 14 times.

Every single **NDP MLA** and **BC Liberal MLA** voted for it.

Authorized by Marcus Redivo, Financial Agent, 250-984-2835

OPINION



2019 CCNA Awards
 Gold - Best Editorial Page | Gold - Best Feature Series (Gail Sjuberg)
 Bronze - Best News Story (Elizabeth Nolan) | Bronze - Community Service

2019 BCYCNA Awards
 Gold - Best Arts & Culture Writing (Elizabeth Nolan) | Silver - Best Environmental Writing (Gail Sjuberg)
 Silver - Best Multimedia Feature (Marc Kitteringham)
 Silver - Community Service | New Journalist of the Year (Marc Kitteringham)



Driftwood

Published every Wednesday by Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

Tony Richards, MANAGING DIRECTOR



Amber Ogilvie
PUBLISHER

aogilvie@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Gail Sjuberg
MANAGING EDITOR

news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Lorraine Sullivan
PRODUCTION MANAGER

production@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



JOHANNA WALKNER
ACCOUNT CO-ORDINATOR

jwalkner@driftwoodgimedia.com



Elizabeth Nolan
REPORTER

enolan@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Dennis Parker
CARTOONIST

news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



D. W. Salty
HISTORY REPORTER

dwsalty@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

EDITORIAL

Voter prep

British Columbians may not have wanted or needed an election in 2020, but now that it's here, please take the time to vote.

Despite the cautions related to COVID-19 hampering most activities that take place indoors, voting could in fact be easier this year: That's if people take the time to learn about and take advantage of the options available.

People can already vote at district electoral offices throughout the province on Mondays through Saturdays. (A list of office addresses with more details is posted at elections.bc.ca.)

More advance voting dates have been promised this time, which will reduce the potential for crowded conditions at polling booths. While exact dates have not yet been released, Elections BC has indicated that advance polls could be open from Thursday, Oct. 15 through Wednesday, Oct. 21. The general voting day is on Saturday, Oct. 24.

THE ISSUE:

B.C. election

WE SAY:

Take advantage of different ways to vote

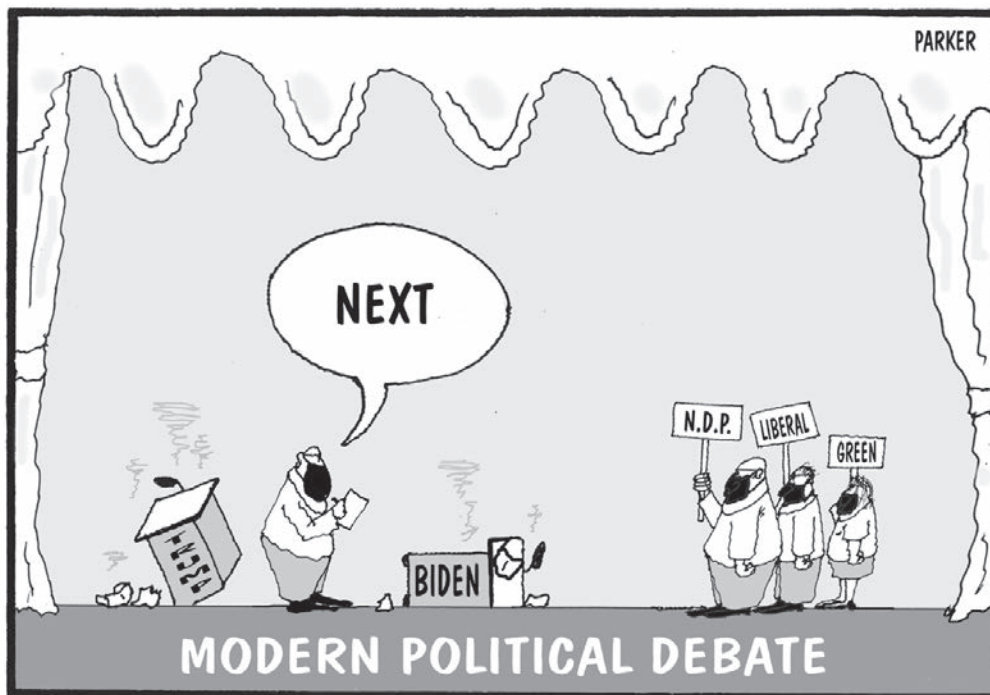
A third option that requires swifter action is voting by mail. A vote-by-mail package can be requested by calling Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683, or through the elections.bc.ca website. People should read what information is needed before making the request, as ID numbers from one piece of government identification must be provided.

Qualified voters must request the vote-by-mail package in time to return the ballot by Oct. 24. Elections BC recommends that package requests be made by Oct. 17 to ensure adequate turn-around time.

Voter qualifications remain the same as in past elections. Individuals must be 18 years or older by Oct. 24, a Canadian citizen, and have been a B.C. resident for the past six months as of Oct. 24.

Islanders who are used to attending an all-candidates meeting might be disappointed that COVID-19 has derailed that tradition. Thankfully the Salt Spring Forum has stepped up to arrange an online version with links through its website. As of Monday the forum had confirmed participation from the NDP, Liberal and Green candidates for the Saanich North and the Islands riding. People can check out the forum's website for all the details about the Oct. 14 event and even send in their questions for candidates.

Democracy only works with a healthy level of participation. Don't let apathy or the fear of COVID-19 become a reason to not vote in person or by mail this month.



A daughter's Green primer

BY JAN SLAKOV

This is an open letter to my dad about the B.C. election.

Dear Dad,
 Thanks for sharing that you're so ticked off with the snap election that you're voting Green this time.

Since you don't know much about other reasons to vote Green, here's a primer: The NDP and Liberals voted to double down on fossil fuel subsidies. And they green-lighted the Site C dam, despite multiple warnings.

Better late than never: Former BC Hydro president and CEO Mark Eliesen, former chair of the Site C review Harry Swain, and many others say it's "folly to allow [the river] diversion to occur . . . The prudent course of action — one that respects Indigenous and treaty rights as well as the interests of all taxpayers and hydro ratepayers — is to immediately suspend all construction activities at the project." According to Dave Mills Site C electricity would cost "more than double what wind power is going for next door in Alberta".

The foreign-owned LNG Canada plant would require massive amounts of electricity to convert

VIEWPOINT

fracked gas into LNG. And the NDP's Bill 17 would undermine our renewable energy sector, in favour of buying Californian solar electricity. Question: "How's that going to work when California's transmission lines are hanging limply from burnt poles?"

Pushing LNG means pushing the Coastal GasLink pipeline through unceded Wet'suwet'en territory. The company is violating environmental laws and Indigenous rights, but that's business in B.C., eh?

Just since 1988, humanity has pumped more than half its GHG emissions into the atmosphere. Now the reserves left to exploit are more costly, ecologically and economically; there are better options. But entrenched interests are hard to buck. It's like when slavery was outlawed in Britain, British investment in U.S. slavery persisted and even increased.

And the forests we love! Successive B.C. governments continue to "log and talk," holding consultations even as hundreds of soccer fields of old growth are clearcut each day.

Thank goodness for efforts like the "oldgrowthblockade" to protect what few remnants of these ancient forests are left.

Your grand-daughter, our beloved Sophie, described how she went to a climate protest years ago and was in tears to think of what's at stake. She finds it healthier not to think about it much.

As for me, I've been lucky. Some land defenders lose their life's savings, sometimes even their lives.

I think you sense an underlying meaning in our efforts. For many Indigenous people, the land is part of who they are, maybe even for some of us settlers too. What we're asking for may seem impossible, but that's only because all these good people go along with plunder. It's not sarcasm when I speak of "good people"; to some degree, all of us go along with things we know are wrong. But we won't give up on the struggle to bring our lives in line with what we know is right.

So yeah, glad you're voting Green and let's keep on with our other efforts, as much as we can with the time we have left.

Love and best wishes, Jan

328 Lower Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3 | PH: 250-537-9933 FAX: 250-537-2613 TOLL FREE: 1-877-537-9934
 Email: driftwood@gulfislandsdriftwood.com | Website: www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

SUBSCRIPTION RATES PER YEAR:

Digital Edition with Print Edition: \$85.00 | Elsewhere in Canada \$115.00
 Foreign: \$248.00 | Digital Edition: \$45.00 anywhere | Prices include GST



Funded by the Government of Canada



Canada Publication Mail No.0040050837 | International Standards Serial Number 1198-7782
 Member of: Canadian Community Newspapers Association, B.C. & Yukon Community Newspapers Association, B.C. Press Council

THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Are you interested in the Salt Spring fire district budget? Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is your vote in the B.C. election already decided? NO YES

28 NO 114 YES

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday 2 p.m. or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 2 p.m.

OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

“If they have a positive message to deliver, this is absolutely not the way to deliver it.”

Yael Wand, Islander who received anonymous mail

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *Why are you out supporting the bike rally for the Salish Sea Trail?*

STEVE NEW



I'm here to support better roads for Salt Spring, for safety.

KATE NASH



I bike a couple of days a week and all three of my kids do as well, and cars don't have eyes. The easiest solution is sharing the road.

PIERRE MINEAU



We need more bike trails and bike awareness. It should be an ideal place for bike riding, but it's not.

NIAM TYRRELL RATHJE



Cars aren't doing much for the planet and not doing much for the community, and cycling is really fun.

PETER LAMB



It's good for the environment and climate change, and to demonstrate we need more safe bike lanes on Salt Spring.

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

Fire board committed

As many members of the Salt Spring community already know, two fire district trustees, Ron Lindstrom and Jo MacDonald, recently resigned from the board. Also, our chief administrative officer Laurie Taylor put in her resignation a month earlier.

We wish to thank Ron and Jo for their work on the board and Laurie for her service. We wish them all the best in the years to come.

We also want to assure islanders that their fire board operates in ways similar to thousands of other boards across Canada. There is a very democratic process at the heart of its decision making. A topic is presented, studied at length by members both at home and at board meetings. A vote is then taken on the issue and the motion either passes or fails. And, as

is sometimes the case with many boards, those on the losing side sometimes feel so strongly about the issue they feel they must resign. One can only respect their views.

Current fire board members include Howard Holzapfel, Andreas Gedeon, Rollie Cook and Mary Lynn Hetherington with me, Per Svendsen, serving as chair. We are all community members with a wide mix of backgrounds and experience who serve as unpaid volunteers. All of us have served on the fire board for some time and we are fortunate that Andrew Peat, our first CAO who held the position for five years, has come out of retirement to once again assume his past role.

As a group we are committed, first and foremost, to continuing to provide Salt Spring Islanders with a professional and competent fire department. We will do this by setting appropriate policies, spending taxpayer

money wisely and moving projects along.

Working with the public is another priority, both through appointing community members to our various committees and through citizen input received at our various open meetings. We also urge interested islanders to consider standing as candidates for the fire board election this coming December.

PER SVENDSEN,
CHAIR,
SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

Finding wisdom

In this society, while some self-reliance is a good thing, we depend directly and indirectly on thousands of people every day for pretty much all the necessities of life, and on rules that have been developed over time, often by bitter experience, to keep people safe and living more or less in

harmony. These are necessary because wisdom is neither universal nor do even the wisest possess wisdom in all circumstances or about all things.

Jaqui Roussin, in her recent letter, claimed that the wise and self-reliant did not need such rules and that they constituted censorship that intruded on their rights. Ironically, it is those she called unwise that set up the rules that keep everyone safe while those "wise" ones are wondering what to do in an easily preventable emergency.

Will Rogers wrote: "Good judgement comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgement."

I would add that good judgement sets rules that protect everyone, even those who selfishly object to them. And, isn't the first step on the path to wisdom recognition of one's ignorance?

ANDREW OKULITCH,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 6

From an empty vessel to silicon chips in the head

If you want my opinion (you're going to get it anyway), children today are just too full of themselves. Altogether too smart.

My grandsons, for instance. When I was their age, at least 125 years ago by their reckoning, I don't think I knew anything about anything. And if you wanted to know stuff, you had to read a book, which wasn't especially high on my list of priorities as a burgeoning teenager. Consequently, if a busybody adult asked you, for instance, "What's the capital of Canada?" you gave them a blank stare and went back to picking at the scabs on your knees or punching your brother and whining about being bored.

Not so today. Given their access to the internet, television and even books, they are neither interested nor impressed by any clever gobbets of acquired knowledge I might throw their way.

I enjoy pontificating and if you can't pontificate to your own grandchildren, who can you pontificate to? I think I've earned the right to impress them with my very cleverness since my actual children, their parents, stopped paying me any attention in a previous century.

But how do you impress an eight-year-old who debunks the Star War movies because "Einthein pothtulatthe (alright, "pothtulatthe is fictive but the rest is gospel) that you can't travel fathter than the thpeed of light. E equals em thee thquared." Yeah, right. So Einstein knew more than Steven Spielberg? I don't think so! Einstein may have been good at sums but he knew diddly squat about getting about the Galactic Empire.

I've tried the obtuse and utterly incomprehensible to illicit at least a jot of admiration ("Gosh! Don't grandpas know a lot of interesting things") but that was a dead end. For some reason or another



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

we'd recently been considering how best to cook beetroot and I threw in (by way of a jolly interesting if not entirely true fact) that my mum regularly cooked and served mangel-wurzel, a close relative of the beet.

My other almost-but-not-quite-teen-aged grandson ruined my impressive fantasy by pointing out that mangel-wurzels were only ever used as cattle fodder and that it was therefore unlikely that his great grandmother served it to her children even if we had been raggedy-arsed paupers living six to a bed in a one-roomed hovel (which we weren't, by the way). And that was that... I went into a sulk and didn't think to ask how the hell he knew what a mangel-wurzel was in the first place!

When I was 12 years old, well over half a century ago and counting, my own chief interests, as I recall, were jam sandwiches and Louise Norbury, the local GP's daughter. Beyond that I suspect that I was pretty much an empty vessel. My grandsons (and their peers too, presumably, because it doesn't do to brag) are intellectual sponges with almost instantaneous access to an inconceivable amount of information. Once upon-a-not-so-distant time if you didn't know something it mostly stayed unknown unless you were a swot, and nobody wanted to be a swot — except swots. Cogito, ergo sum? Nope, you didn't even know what you didn't know.

But if you DID need to know what the currency of Mauritania* was, say, you had to wait for the library to open, get on a bus, go into town and spend at least an hour in the reference section, all of it wasted time that could have been better spent looking for something to eat. And even then there's no guarantee the library would have the relevant information because its collection of encyclopedias was 20 years old and Mauritania hadn't been invented when they were published.

I was reading something the other day (round of applause) written by a fellow who was bylined as a "Political Philosopher." I don't know if that's his day job or whether it's something he does in his spare time, but it occurred to me that anyone with those credentials is less likely to brook any argument from his grandchildren.

Neither would Elon Musk. Brainy or what! Cars that drive themselves and only occasionally collide with other cars, rockets that go up AND down and now a pig with a silicon chip in its head. Now that's a young man my mum would have quite rightly labelled "a clever clogs."

But it's the chip in the head that most speaks to me. A smart pig is all very well but you don't want it clever enough to put up an argument against becoming a pork chop, while a smart grandad would never lose a debate with his grandchildren. Great chunks of interesting information instantly fired straight into the cerebral cortex, ready to dazzle even the smartest smartiepants. I want one.

*The currency of Mauritania, by the way, is the ouguiya, which is equal to five khoums. It isn't much use for paying the electricity bill but it's a game changer in Scrabble.

paulmcelroy@shaw.ca

Everyone needs to be on board to repair harm

BY ROBERT BIRCH

After the initial shock and nausea of reading the lead article in the Driftwood three weeks ago, "Bad behaviour mars school return," outrage turned to confusion: was this a hazing ritual, an intentional, orchestrated act by presumably entitled, white, heterosexual kids partying and seeking negative attention? I was left wondering how social media underhandedly plays out in their young lives.

How we address this incident (or not) is worthy of a national news story. Revealing our historic wrongs, while directly addressing ablest, racist, classist, homophobic and misogynistic "behaviours" as teachable moments, are only as effective as our willingness to admit to and resist structural ignorance and violence in all our island institutions, this paper included. No tolerance policies toward violence must also mean "no more minimizing, no more denial."

Addressing this incident as "behavioural" is a form of scapegoating. As a community we are both culpable and capable of meeting the needs of our troubled times. All too often we expect youth to shoulder inherited burdens of bias and disinformation. Collectively, doing the necessary work of deconstructing oppression has tremendous social, ecological, health and economic benefits. What brings us together has value.

I confronted racism in my family as a teenager. When I told my grandfather, "If you ever use that racist term again, you will never see me again," his love for me took a backseat to his own ideological, supremacist conditioning. The rude awakening that he was a racist came with the realization that I had been raised by a traumatized, post-war immigrant who was ineffectively struggling to find dignity by outsourcing his pain. He stereotypically projected his hurt and shame towards other representative populations. As we re-established a relationship of mutual respect and trust, our healing was part of the inoculation needed to begin repelling the social virus of hate.

Violence costs. Prevention pays. One-off workshops don't work. Inter-cultural educational frameworks are needed. As a social educator and former Respectful Relationships facilitator and provincial trainer, I remember co-facilitating one particular session on sexism. At the beginning of the annual 12 hours of curriculum the female-identified teacher said defiantly, "I've never experienced misogyny." Half-way through the sessions she had an awakening of consciousness. A few male teachers and parents actively resisted our efforts. They refused to participate in the evolving process of social education.

INDEPTH

Accountability is a hard-earned choice. When the social contract is fundamentally shaken in our society we all have reason to be angry and/or afraid. For those most vulnerable, especially victims of ideologically propped-up, corporate-sponsored state violence, the social contract has been long broken, and in fact never existed. For too many there is only terror, the need to defend or lash out. Accountability is a revitalizing pathway to repair and has real potential for healing harm.

How must a child in our school system, who in any way perceives themselves as or is deemed different by the inner sanctum of the not-so-silent majority, feel when their peers and adults minimize the impact of such a shame-inducing event? If I were one of their parents my head would spin looking for allies in this community to demand action. Timely responses and ongoing communication from school administrators goes a long way to reassuring us that actions are being taken. Given the multiple stressors faced by schools, parent and students, important questions might include how do we as a community offer role relief to those most impacted? How can effective responses to this situation not only relieve stress but also improve learning outcomes?

Crises are challenging that often trigger

fundamental changes. How we handle violence matters. Ignoring it, at whatever perceived degree, puts us all at risk. Dismissing violence as either a one-off incident or as "a joke" further perpetuates social illness by making excuses for it. Lack of meaningful response has dangerously real consequences on the bodies, hearts and minds of the children and parents, friends and neighbours we care about.

The offending youth need support to make repair themselves; those most impacted must be given space or rather take the space needed to come together to identify negative impacts, make victim statements if they deem necessary, and have the adults in the room sit down and listen. I encourage staff, teachers, teaching assistants and school administrators to demand help from unions, governments and fellow citizens. Demanding change is our work as allies in the making.

Raising children to be socially caring actors isn't solely on the backs of educators. As an island population, how do we extend our compassion and capacity to listen to the needs and dreams of our most vulnerable and at risk? At the bare minimum we have been asked to educate ourselves. One suggested resource is, "So You Want to Talk about Race" by Ijeoma Oluo. When the most vulnerable thrive the world transforms.

MORE LETTERS

continued from 5

Green solutions

In reply and in addition to the "Dangerous Arguments" letter of Sept. 30: All of us deserve respect for our opinions.

I feel empathy for everyone who clings to their masks (are they N95s?) in fear and so believe and maybe rightfully so that they and/or their loved ones do not have good enough health and strong immune systems to survive COVID-19.

The mask and other protocols were put in place to flatten the curve. It can be debated whether the micro-sized COVID could escape the fabric and paper masks seen worn around here.

We are blessed with a healthier eco-system here than parts of the world that suffer high levels of pollution and thus (evidence-based science tells us) high mortality rates due to COVID. I am told by health-care workers that very few people to date have even had to deal with strong COVID-19 flu symptoms and no one has died here because of it.

This virus is reflecting the consequences of our polluting the air, water and soil. Are we going to accept band-aid solutions to this crisis or take the necessary steps to clean up our environment and implement good health choices that lead to a strong immune system?

It is near election time and I encourage everyone to take a deep breath and realize that we can continue to elect our Green party representative whose party mandate is to support right action with new green solutions for a healthier planet, using evidence-based ecological wisdom, social justice, participatory democracy, non-violence, sustainability and respect for diversity.

Laurie Steffler,
SALT SPRING

Institute support needed

I missed the fall fair. Did you?

Sadly, this year's fair had to be cancelled. By the time a decision to cancel was made by the board of the Farmers' Institute, much work had already been done in preparation of the annual event. This work is all done by a large group of dedicated volunteers. Our

fair is widely recognized as one of the finest small fairs in the province and we all hope that it will continue next year for its 125-year celebration.

In the meantime it is important that the property be maintained and cared for and the Farmers' Institute needs our support to cover the reflected costs. Any amount you can give will be appreciated. I have sent my cheque.

Patrick Lee,
SALT SPRING FALL FAIR CHAIR AND
HONOURARY FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEMBER

Read Coastal Douglas-fir report

Thanks to Raincoast Conservation Foundation and the University of Victoria's Environmental Law Centre for exploring the tension between the Islands Trust object to "preserve and protect" and the present state of the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem, which botanist Andy MacKinnon describes as "by most standards, the most threatened and endangered ecosystem type in Canada."

In January, Raincoast asked the ELC to assess the legal tools the Islands Trust has for implementing and enforcing the preserve and protect mandate. At 33 pages, the ELC report illustrates the legal constraints trustees face when ideas about restricting logging and tree cutting capture the attention of conservation-minded Gulf Islanders. The report ends with a summary list of 10 regulatory recommendations.

Last September, Shauna Doll, project coordinator for Raincoast's Gulf Islands Forest Project, presented the main recommendations to Islands Trust Council via Zoom. The establishment of development permit areas to protect forest ecosystems and regulate forest practices on private lands comes first. Enforcement of the DPA comes second. I encourage anyone interested in the contents, such as what changes the Private Managed Forest Land Act should undergo to reflect the urgency of preserving the Coastal Douglas-fir forests, to look at the full report.

Ian Peace,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 15



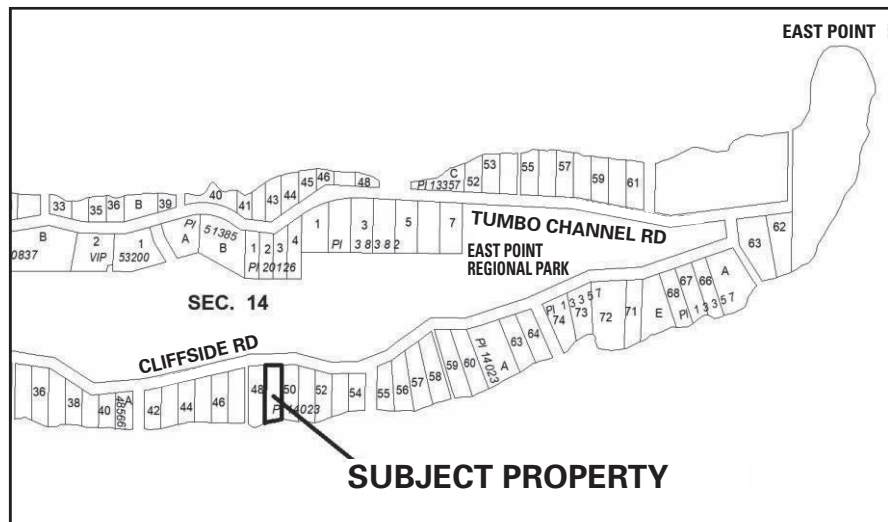
NOTICE SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE SA-TUP-2020.1

NOTICE is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to:

198 Cliffside Road, Saturna Island, BC
Lot 49, Section 14, Saturna Island, Cowichan District, Plan 14023
PID: 001-386-450

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit the operation of an offshore cabled hydrophone/oceanographic system that extends upland from the marine environment to the subject property, and for the onsite processing and management of data collected by that system. The establishment of the temporary use would be subject to conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, **September 25, 2020** and up to and including **October 7, 2020**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494(1) (a) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing **September 25, 2020**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Brad Smith, Island Planner at 250-405-5194, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before **4:30 p.m., October 7, 2020**. The Saturna Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **11:30 a.m., October 15, 2020**, to be conducted electronically.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Jas Chonk
Deputy Secretary



fall fix-up



-  **Accent Exteriors**..... pg 13
-  **Bernard LeBlanc**..... pg 10
-  **Dave's Drilling & Blasting** pg 11
-  **Dennis Maguire Architect**.....pg 9
-  **Dogwood Lumber**pg 8
-  **Frank Simpson Roofing**..... pg 12
-  **Green City Builders**.....pg 9
-  **Gulf Islands Deck & Rail** pg 10
-  **Laurie's Garbage, Recycling, Organics** pg 12
-  **Paul Zolob Royal LePage Realty** ... pg 13
-  **PCS Pest Control Services** pg 11
-  **Prism Plumbing**pg 9
-  **S R Design Construction** pg 11
-  **Salt Spring Communication Station**..... pg 14
-  **Smythe Roofing** pg 10
-  **Streamline Plumbing Ltd.**.....pg 8
-  **Wey Mayenburg Land Surveying Inc.**.....pg 8



A focus on products, ideas + service-providers to help you with fall home + property improvement projects!



GARDENING

Local food security rooted in island growers

Farmers and seed merchants give tips for home gardeners

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic include a number of positive results, such as a renewed interest in gardening and food production that has swept across Canada and beyond.

Garden centres around North America and in the United Kingdom reported immediate agricultural product shortages once lockdown restrictions on certain businesses eased. Here in B.C., plant nurseries and garden stores were recognized all along as the essential services they are. Local suppliers had a hard time keeping things like seeds and bags of soil and manure in stock, while online orders to off-island companies were reportedly backed up for weeks.

Salt Spring Seeds founder Dan Jason said he and his wife Celeste were run off their feet this spring trying to keep up.

"It was crazy for us, just like every other seed company," Jason said. "We were going pretty much 12 to 15 hours a day just to keep on top of the orders."

Some larger seed companies that are well-known in B.C. faced shortages in the spring, in part because they don't grow crops themselves but order from the same global mega-



PHOTO COURTESY HEAVENLY ROOTS FARM

Ben Corno and Kaleigh Barton of Heavenly Roots Farm, who are members of the BC Eco Seed Co-op. Heightened interest in gardening due to the coronavirus pandemic saw B.C. seed sales increase dramatically in 2020.

suppliers. Jason said Salt Spring Seeds had enough stock to keep customers supplied, even though time was an issue.

Marsha Goldberg's island-based company Eagleridge Seeds was also happily equipped to meet the demand.

"I'm glad so many local people are reaching out to me. It's been fantastic," said Goldberg, who reported her sales tripled this year. "It's a worldwide phenomenon, but here on

Salt Spring we've already stepped up."

Goldberg noted she's now at work on her biggest harvest ever, so the seed stock for next year should be plentiful.

The BC Eco Seed Co-op is a cooperative of 18 seed growers — including Kaleigh Barton and Ben Corno of Salt Spring's Heavenly Roots Farm — who provide B.C.-grown seed that is ecologically grown, open-pollinated, regionally selected and free of genetic

engineering. Their mission is to increase the quantity and improve the quality of ecological and organic seed grown in the province.

The cooperative reported this month that its sales from January to Sept. 1, 2020 went up 109 per cent from the same period of 2019, while the total number of orders went up 143 per cent. The period from April 1 to Aug. 30 saw a far more dramatic result, though, with an 847 per cent increase in sales and the total number of orders up 515 per cent. The co-op's sales increase represented both consumer seed packets and bulk commercial seeds for farmers whose regular supply chains through the United States were interrupted.

"Currently, ecologically and locally grown B.C. seed is often difficult to source by farmers and home gardeners alike. Every year, B.C. organic/ecological farmers spend \$7.79 million on vegetable seeds, the highest of any region in Canada, but there is no large-scale vegetable seed production in B.C.," explained the seed co-op's engagement coordinator Lisa Furfaro.

Furfaro said demand for local organic products is increasing, but the supply had not been keeping up even before this year, which is why the BC Eco Seed Co-op was created. Bringing together many small seed producers allows members to utilize co-op staff to take care of packaging, marketing, selling and shipping for them.

➤➤➤➤

STREAMLINE PLUMBING LTD.

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS
BONDED GAS FITTERS

- Water Treatment, specializing in custom designed systems and installation.
- Viqua UV certified installers.
- Licensed BC pump installers.
 - Rain water collection, Arcsa accredited professional.
- Hydronic heating, in-floor and baseboard systems.
 - Daikin Altherma air/water heat pumps.
 - Solar hot water systems.

250.653.2026 streamlineplumbing@shaw.ca
Jay Bourdin
Serving Islanders since 1980

• Siding • Decking • Flooring • Fencing • Post & Beams • T&G Soffit • Custom Cutting

RED CEDAR	FULL DIMENSION
DOUGLAS FIR	ROUGH SAWN
YELLOW CEDAR	LUMBER/TIMBER

DOGWOOD LUMBER

Call Murray Logan 250-715-1678 • yeolddogwood@hotmail.com
6537 Cowichan Valley Hwy, Lake Cowichan

WEY MAYENBURG

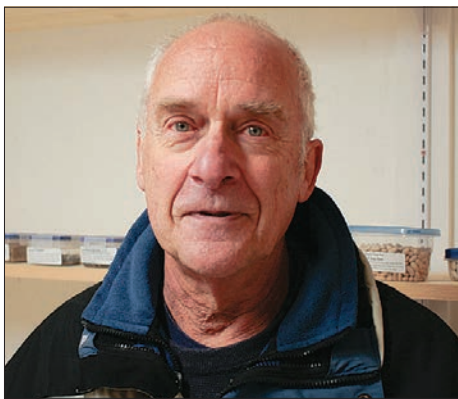
LAND SURVEYING INC.

BRENT MAYENBURG, BCLS
250-656-5155
www.weysurveys.com

Long time land surveyors of the Gulf Islands and southern Vancouver Island

**LEGAL, ENGINEERING & TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS
SUBDIVISION PLANNING**

FALL FIX-UP



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTOS, EXCEPT PHOTO AT FAR RIGHT COURTESY HEAVENLY ROOTS FARM

From left, Marsha Goldberg of Eagleridge Seeds; Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds at the island's seed sanctuary; bean varieties grown at Heavenly Roots Farm.

For producers like Corno and Barton, whose main concern is their market garden, there is much to be said for handing off those other chores while having access to the varieties the rest of the group is growing. At the same time, producing plants for seeds as well as for food has become something of a passion. Barton and Corno are now producing much of the seed they need to grow their crops themselves. They have ambitious plans ahead to grow their market crops entirely from B.C. and Cascadia-region seed in 2021 and, if possible, to grow their 2022 crops entirely from the seed that comes out of those plants.

"It's an idea we hit upon as kind of a fun challenge. I liked the idea that it's something really different, but it's within our grasp," Corno said.

The unknowns of longer supply chains during the pandemic is one reason why sticking close to home is a good plan when preparing for next year, for farmers and home gardeners alike. Another reason is the longer-term

benefits of investing in local food security.

"We should be starting to think in terms of acquiring things locally because we don't know what's going to start to happen to the supply chains. We haven't fully seen the ramifications and the repercussions of what's been happening," Jason said.

"Community resiliency is really important. It starts with food," Goldberg added. "The more food security you experience, the happier your family will be."

Corno points out that North America's seed supplies tend to come from specific areas where they produce well: the Middle East for onion seeds, or Oregon's Willamette Valley for spinach seeds. The latter was recently hit by forest fires and unexpected rain downpours, which put the seed crop for most of Canada and the U.S. at risk.

"That's why Kaleigh and I feel pretty chuffed, because we have spinach seed at our house," Corno said.

One of the things home gardeners can do, as well as farmers, is get their seed orders in

early to prevent any shortfall when it's time to get going in early spring. Corno said he and Barton employ a strategy of ordering seeds in October or November for things they want to get started in February, March and April. Then a second order can go in later for things that will go into the ground in the summer or early fall.

It's also not too late to get into the seed saving practice oneself, with plenty of varieties still in the garden through October. In addition to collecting and selling their own seed, local seed growers can be huge advocates and educators for people who want to learn how to do it themselves.

Goldberg's main tip is to start with simple plants that self-fertilize and whose seed is

easy to collect. Beans, peas and lettuce are all good starting points, while peppers and radishes can also yield good results for newbies. Leaving the best examples of your crops to go to seed will ensure the best strains carry on their lineages.

Seeds need to be gently cleaned of flesh or chaff and then thoroughly dried before storage. Goldberg said at this time of year, that likely means bringing them inside and drying them on trays. After that, she says the age-old mantra of "cool, dark, dry" is essential for successful storage. Seeds can go into plastic containers or glass jars, hopefully to be stored in a cool basement or storage room.

SEEDS continued on 10

PRISM
PLUMBING

250-538-2465
prismplumbingssi@gmail.com

Green City Builders
General Contractor | Expert Builder | Project Manager

250.537.6296 www.greencitybuilders.ca

Architecture in Nature

Dennis Maguire Architect
Serving the Gulf Islands with experience, imagination, and professionalism.

PH: 604-902-0702
See our website for contact and portfolio information:
www.dmarchitect.ca

FALL FIX-UP



PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

Dan Jason's hands while processing seeds in a past fall season.

SEEDS

continued from 9

Goldberg took an apprentice under her wing this summer, and says she will entertain taking on more apprentices in 2021 as well as offering gardening workshops. She's also open to help anyone who asks her.

"I have people reaching out to me from all over, and I'm available," Goldberg said, adding that's somewhat more the case in the winter months.

Jason is a prolific author on all sorts of farming and food sustainability topics. His popular book on seed saving has recently been re-released by Harbour Publishing under the title *Stocking up on Seeds*, and has become

a best seller to boot. The user-friendly resource is available along with most of Jason's titles at Salt Spring Books.

Corno and Barton have organized the annual Seedy Saturday event, put on by Island Natural Growers at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute, for the past five years. This is usually the place to find seed from local and regional growers, buy living plant stock and attend workshops and talks.

It's unclear if the usual format will go ahead in February or not with the COVID situation unknown, but Corno said the organizers are optimistic they will come up with some way to distribute local seed and plants, although they may have to get creative. Stay tuned for announcements over the coming months.

DECKS

Prepare decks for winter

Must-do tasks from removing potted plants to repairing damaged boards

Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outside of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

- Inspect the deck for problems. Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to

harsh conditions, so make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to fix any issues on the deck.

- Clear the deck of potted plants. Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

- Store unnecessary furniture. Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

- Remove snow, but do so carefully. Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a result, homeowners should clear snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk of damaging the deck.

Bernard LeBlanc

FINE FURNITURE & MILLWORK

Doing small things in a great way.

FINE MILLWORK, CARVINGS & TURNINGS

- Specialty doors • Creative cabinetry
- Storage space/work stations
- Traditional joinery techniques
- High quality hardware & materials
- Pieces may include other mediums such as stained glass or sandblasting

CUSTOM FURNITURE & CABINETS

- Solid construction
- Pieces may involve carving, inlay or lathe-turning
- Built for comfort, durability & beauty
- Simple & satisfying furniture

PH/FAX: 778.353.1963 CELL: 250.538.7570
bernardleblanc@me.com

BernardLeBlanc.com

Over 30 years of roofing experience

Serving the Gulf Islands since 2003



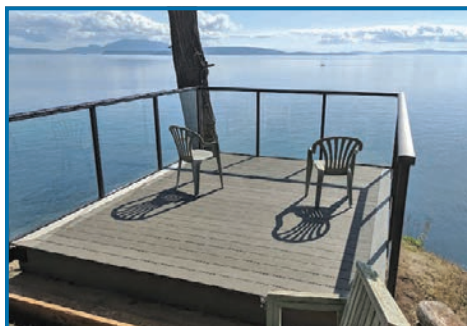
Free Estimates

Quality Workmanship, Reliable Service



SMYTHE ROOFING

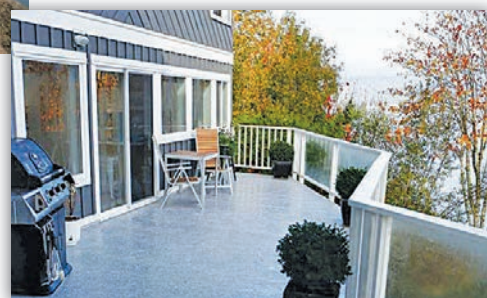
ALL TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
Vince Smythe • 250-213-6316 • info@smytheroofing.com



Outdoor decking & waterproofing specialists

Picture the possibilities for your home!

We are general contractors with a focus on the professional installation of DuraDeck vinyl products, Flexstone deck coatings and Excell aluminum railing systems.



Gulf Islands Deck & Rail is fully prepared to handle all aspects of any job related to your deck including demolition, new builds, rot repair, waste removal and design while respecting you and your home. Okay, maybe we are mostly about decks.

Finding a solution that works for any surface!



Gulf Islands Deck & Rail
250-655-0666 gulfislandsdeck@gmail.com • www.gulfislandsdeck.com

FALL FIX-UP

ISLAND HOMES

Real estate booms and renos slow amid COVID

High lumber prices a possible factor in slowdown

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Living in the Gulf Islands has always been an attractive prospect, and since COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on movement started in March, more people than ever are looking for ways out of the city.

The pandemic shift has also seen many people working from home, so those who find themselves able to do so have even more impetus to make a lasting lifestyle change.

Island realtor Li Read reports that inventory has thinned right out in all rural regions in British Columbia, and the Gulf Islands are no different, experiencing low listing inventory for high buyer demand.

"That province-wide 10 week shut-down that began on March 12 created a huge desire on the part of city dwellers to get to rural/secondary home regions. The Sunshine Coast, the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, the Interior communities ... all of them experienced a strong real estate sales uptick as soon as the government allowed phase one recovery," Read said in her October market conditions report.

Sales really started to increase after June 20, when the B.C. government encouraged people to visit their own province and it once again became possible to take non-

essential ferry trips. The market picked up even more in the summer months.

"Very strong provincial home sales continued in August," said Brendon Ogmundson, chief economist for the British Columbia Real Estate Association. "While pent-up demand from the spring is driving much of the increase, we anticipate a sustained strong level of sales through the fall."

The BCREA reports that a total of 10,172 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service in August 2020, an increase of 42.8 per cent from August 2019. Total sales dollar volume in August was \$7.8 billion, a 61.1 per cent increase over 2019.

Year-to-date, B.C. residential sales dollar volume was up 15.8 per cent to \$40.4 billion, compared with the same period in 2019.

According to Read's analysis, most city buyers are looking for a move-in ready residence and not a building project, although some people have also been investing in bare land.

The real estate boom has so far not translated into a construction boom. The most current data available from the Capital Regional District shows building on Salt Spring slowed down from January to August as compared to the previous year. In 2019 there were 83 open residential building permits for that period, while there were just 56 in 2020 in the same months. The construction value was down to about half of the previous year,



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS PHOTO

CRD building permit data indicates construction activity slowed down on Salt Spring from January through August in 2020 compared to the same eight-month period in 2019.

with \$9.357 million in 2020 year-to-date compared to \$17.883 million for the same period in 2019.

The slowdown in building may have something to do with high B.C. lumber prices, which came about through a combination of high demand all across North America and lower regional supply following the shutdown of multiple mills in the province.

According to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, spruce, pine and fir

2x4s were sold at an average \$459 US per thousand board feet for the year to date as of Sept. 21, compared to an annual average of \$372 US in 2019. Prices jumped to record highs in the late summer, reaching an average \$801 US per thousand board feet in August and \$960 US for the weeks ending Sept. 11 and Sept. 18.

Those prices — which could add tens of thousands of dollars to a building project — may have impacted the start date for island building projects that would have been ready to go in late summer/early fall.



RODENT SEASON IS UPON US, call PCS for professional solutions for all your pest problems

PEST CONTROL

- Carpenter Ants
- Rats & Mice
- Wasps & Hornets
- Bed Bugs & Fleas
- Spiders & Sowbugs
- Rodent Cleanups & Exclusion
- Household Pests
- Odour Control

RODENT CONTROL

- Control of existing rodent populations
- Inspection & Exclusion of entry points
- Clean Ups of Insulation and Droppings
- Monthly Service - Residential & Commercial

PCS PEST CONTROL SERVICES 250-537-0089
info@nobugs.ca




Mark Saunders
Licenced Residential Builder
250.538.8880
SR-Design@shaw.ca - www.sr-designstudio.com



ROCK BLASTING!

Call us for all your:

- * Blasting * Cutting
- * Coring * Breaking

SAFE INSURED
rock blasting is our specialty

DAVE'S DRILLING & BLASTING
PH: 250.537.2618 CELL: 250.537.7481



OVER 40 YEARS ON ISLAND, INSURED
DAVE'S BLASTING
Division of Blue Spruce Resources
250.537.2618

FALL FIX-UP

LAWNS

Lawn care should continue through autumn

Removing leaves important part of routine maintenance

Spring and summer may be the seasons most often associated with landscaping and lawn care, but tending to lawns and gardens is a year-round job. If lawn and garden responsibilities dip considerably in winter, then fall is the last significant chance before the new year that homeowners will have to address the landscaping around their homes.

Fall lawn care differs from spring and summer lawn care, even if the warm temperatures of summer linger into autumn. Homeowners who want their lawns to thrive year-round can take advantage of the welcoming weather of fall to address any existing or potential issues.

- Keep mowing, but adjust how you mow. It's important that homeowners continue to mow their lawns so long as grass is growing. But as fall transitions into winter, lower the blades so the grass is cut shorter while remaining mindful that no blade of grass should ever be trimmed

by more than one-third. Lowering the blades will allow more sunlight to reach the grass in the months ahead.

- Remove leaves as they fall. Much like apple-picking and foliage, raking leaves is synonymous with fall. Some homeowners may wait to pick up a rake until all of the trees on their properties are bare. However, allowing fallen leaves to sit on the ground for extended periods of time can have an adverse effect on grass.

Leaves left to sit on the lawn may ultimately suffocate the grass by forming an impenetrable wall that deprives the lawn of sunlight and oxygen. The result is dead grass and possibly even fungal disease. Leaves may not need to be raked every day, but homeowners should periodically rake and remove leaves from their grass, even if there are plenty left to fall still hanging on the trees.

- Repair bald spots. Summer exacts a toll on lawns in various ways, and even homeowners with green thumbs may end up with a lawn filled with bald spots come September. Autumn is a great time to repair these bald spots. Lawn repair mixes contain mulch,



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS PHOTO

Raking leaves is an important part of fall lawn care.

seed and fertilizer to repair bald spots, which can begin to recover in as little as seven days. Before applying such products, remove dead grass and loosen the top few inches of soil. Follow any additional manufacturer instructions as well.

- Aerate the turf. Aerating

reduces soil compacting, facilitating the delivery of fertilizer and water to a lawn's roots. While many homeowners, and particularly those who take pride in tending to their own lawns, can successfully aerate their own turf, it's best to first have soil tested so you know which amendments to

add after the ground has been aerated. Gardening centres and home improvement stores sell soil testing kits that measure the pH of soil, but homeowners who want to test for nutrients or heavy metals in their soil may need to send their samples to a lab for further testing.

Frank Simpson Roofing

Quality workmanship for 30+ years.
Pro-lock standing seam steel roofing,
lifetime warranty.



Serving Salt Spring Island, local references available.

CALL TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

We were very happy with Frank Simpson roofing when they replaced our roof recently. They came when they said they would and the crew were quiet and hard working. We have recommended them to friends and neighbours and will do so again.
-NORMAN & SHEILA TWA.

1-250-217-9232 • fsimpsonroofing@gmail.com

HOME HEALTH

Reduce moisture and mold growth

Allergies suffered by some

As winter approaches and the great outdoors becomes less welcoming, basements once again become popular places to relax and spend time with loved ones. That's why fall is such an ideal time to address mold issues in a basement.

According to WebMD, exposure to mold can irritate a person's eyes, nose, throat and lungs. That's true whether a person is allergic to mold or not. Even people who are merely sensitive to mold can experience sneezing and runny nose, and some may even develop red eyes and skin rash if exposed to mold. Reactions are much more severe for people with mold allergies, who may experience

shortness of breath or suffer from asthma attacks if exposed to mold. Molds require moisture to grow, and basements may provide ideal growing conditions for mold. Mold spores cannot grow without moisture, so dehumidifiers can help homeowners effectively reduce the risk of mold growth.

WebMD advises homeowners keep indoor humidity levels, which can be measured with an inexpensive instrument known as a hygrometer, below 60 per cent.

In lieu of wall-to-wall carpeting in basements, install concrete floors and area rugs to make mold growth less likely. Basement floors also should be routinely inspected for leaks, as leaks can promote mold growth.



LAURIE'S

Garbage,
Recycling, Organics
250-653-9279

COMMERCIAL • CONSTRUCTION • RESIDENTIAL • STORAGE

Pick Up & Drop Off / Clean Ups
Containers / Scrap Metal Recycling



DROP OFF HOURS:

Summer: Monday - Saturday 8am-5pm
Winter: Monday - Saturday 8am-4pm
Next to Country Grocer



An Island Family since 1861 working with the community.

FALL FIX-UP

SPACES

Creative use of outdoor living space encouraged

Additions can help families continue to socialize outside

COVID-19 has meant people are spending more time outdoors than ever, so this fall is the perfect time to think about how to make your space comfortable and inviting both for your own family and for your guests. With the West Coast's mild climate, some of these features can be enjoyed nearly year-round.

The popularity of outdoor living spaces has actually been growing for years, long before the pandemic hit. A 2014 study from the home remodelling and design platform Houzz found that 56 per cent of homeowners were making updates to improve their yards for entertaining. Similarly, nearly 60 per cent of architectural practices surveyed by the American Institute of Architects in 2016 said outdoor living spaces were popular features in the homes they built.

Outdoor living spaces may also be sound investments for homeowners looking to improve the resale value of their properties. According to Remodeling magazine's 2017 Cost vs. Value report, outdoor living spaces returned between 55 and 71 per cent of home-

owners' initial investments at resale.

When planning an outdoor living space, homeowners with ample backyards have much to work with. However, to make the most of the space while simultaneously hoping to get as strong a return on their investments as possible, homeowners should look to create spaces that offer broad appeal and are not too personalized. The following are some popular outdoor living space features homeowners may want to consider.

Outdoor kitchens

Outdoor kitchens allow homeowners to prepare more than just traditional backyard barbecue fare. A standalone charcoal grill in the backyard might get the job done, but a built-in gas grill complete with burners and surrounding granite countertop makes for a more functional outdoor entertaining space.

Bars

Indoor entertaining areas often include bars, so it makes sense that homeowners want to include a place to prepare and serve beverages to their guests. Homeowners with room in their budgets may want to install wet bars where they can rinse mixers, glasses and other items needed to prepare drinks for their guests. Under-utilized outbuildings can easily be transformed.



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS PHOTO

An outdoor kitchen allows for expanded cooking and socializing opportunities.

For example, an open-sided shed and a high work bench provides cover and the perfect height for bar stools.

Warming features

Features that can keep homeowners and their guests warm after the sun sets include outdoor fireplaces

and firepits. Formalized features can provide a focal point in the backyard while also extending the outdoor living season into autumn and even early winter. Propane heaters are meanwhile not reserved for restaurant patios. They can be an attractive feature of a personal deck space as well.



250.526.2626

Serving Salt Spring Island & the Gulf Islands

Call Paul
"Let's get you moving"

email: paul@paulzolob.com

Selling your home ... thinking about renovating?

Homeowners choose renovation projects for a variety of reasons. Many improvements are made to increase functionality and comfort of a home, others are seen as worthwhile investments. Investments can add up to a higher resale value when the time comes to sell a home. Certain projects have a history of providing a greater return on homeowners' investments than others.

The following renovation tips add beauty to a home and generate good returns when selling:

- **Invest in your kitchen.** Kitchen remodels are a safe bet when it comes to putting money into improving a home. Homeowners tend to spend a great deal of time in their kitchens, & a dated, poorly functioning kitchen can detract from the value of a home, even if the rest of the home is in good shape. The goal is to more than recoup between 60 & 120% of your kitchen remodel investment, especially if the kitchen matches up well with the rest of your home. Homeowners should know that a deluxe renovation may not be necessary, as relatively moderate improvements can create a whole new look for a kitchen.
- **Look to paint.** One of the least expensive improvement materials, but one that has a significant impact, is paint. Neutral, modern colors can easily liven up any space. If you paint with low-VOC paint, you also can advertise an eco-friendly home, which is very desirable these days.
- **Put in another bathroom.** Multiple bathrooms are an attractive selling point, particularly in older homes that may not have been equipped with more than one bathroom. Finding extra space for a bathroom can be tricky, but consider closets, areas under stairs or even taking some space away from another room. Popular home-improvement television channel HGTV advises that half-bathrooms require at least 18 sq ft of space, while full baths need 30 to 35 sq ft for a stand-up shower or bathtub.
- **Renovate the HVAC system.** Aesthetic improvements aren't the only ones that add value to a home. Many home buyers are eager to purchase a home that has a new heating & cooling system, as buyers understand that furnaces & air conditioning units or heat pumps are substantial investments that can last for years. Other improvements, such as adding attic insulation or replacing older windows & doors with more energy efficient options, also are smart bets.
- **Add illumination to rooms.** A dark home is a dreary home. Adding light can mean including more overhead and accent lighting. Under-cabinet task lighting is a nice touch. Inclusion of skylights & sun tubes can bring natural light into rooms that may not have south- or west-facing windows.
- **Put a deck addition outdoors.** Outdoor living spaces have become more desirable, especially as the "staycation" has grown in popularity. Decks & patios can make backyards more appealing. The scope of your investment will depend on the size of the deck & design. Doing the work yourself can cut the cost of decks in half, but only if you have the specific tools or experience to tackle such a project.
- **Improve curb appeal.** Adding attractive landscaping & freshening up the entryway to a home can add considerable value to your home, as buyers judge homes by their exteriors. Completely renovated interiors may never be seen if buyers pass up your home because of a less attractive exterior. Classy, subtle changes, like well-placed shrubbery and a green lawn or a clean yard free of fallen branches that looks appealing can work wonders. An inviting front door & well-lit entryway also add curb appeal to a home.

Before making improvements, homeowners should determine if a given project will provide a solid return on their investment. In some circumstances it is best to make no changes at all. If you are thinking of selling your home contact me for a free consultation.

STOP BY OUR OFFICE AT 342 LOWER GANGES ROAD

Paul Zolob
BROKER/REALTOR®

Duncan Realty
Salt Spring Office
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED
342 Lower Ganges Road



Salt Spring's full service gutter contractor

25 years of excellence from consultation to system design and installation.

PRODUCT LINES INCLUDING:

- ✓ European half round systems
- ✓ Structural eavestroughs
- ✓ Aluminum 5K continuous gutters and low maintenance solutions debris management

Our custom cut corners and high volume outlets set us apart with clean crisp lines that accent the look of your home and take the water away efficiently all at competitive pricing.

Our services include repairs and maintenance, new construction and retro fit applications. We can handle it all with our mobile workshop and fast friendly expert service.

ACCENT EXTERIORS
Gutter Division

250.537.7965
kirk@accentexteriors.ca

KIRK MASON

FALL FIX-UP

salt spring COMMUNICATION STATION

346 Lower Ganges Road in the Upper Ganges Center • 250.537.8371

NOW OFFERING MORE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

HOME SECURITY

Ask us about our SmartHome security packages

- Monitor and control your home from anywhere. Door locks sold separately.
- 24/7 real-time professional monitoring for fires, floods, carbon monoxide, and break-ins.
- Secures your home with reminders and notifications.

NOW AVAILABLE:

- **CELL PHONE REPAIR** - for iPhone and Android devices. We can replace screens, parts including charging ports and batteries.
- **COMPUTERS** Sales and Service.
- **SALT SPRING COMMUNICATION STATION has partnered with Lenovo Computers** and now offers both computer sales and service. Additionally we have several other computer brands to choose from including; HP, Dell, and Asus.

- **KODOO** - cell phone packages to compliment our TELUS cell service on Salt Spring.

KODOO
Choose Happy™



Come see what we have to offer for all your electronics needs.

TELUS
authorized dealer®

KODOO

346 Lower Ganges Road in the Upper Ganges Center
250.537.8371

HOME HEATING

Dry wood burns best

Tips for getting and keeping firewood dry

A fireplace or a wood stove is a cozy and warm spot around which a family can gather.

The home and real estate resource HomeGuides.com indicates that 60 per cent of new homes have a fireplace, which is up from 36 per cent in the 1970s, while many homes in the Gulf Islands rely on wood stoves as their primary heating source.

Naturally, fuelling for the season requires these homeowners to keep an ample supply of wood at the ready. How that wood is stored is important, as properly stored firewood can prevent waste and other issues around the house.

Wood that is freshly cut has a water content of 60 per cent or more. Yet, for best burning ability, wood should be near 20 per cent in water content. Green wood is hard to ignite and will not burn nearly as well or as efficiently as seasoned wood. Another concern associated with green wood is that it can contribute more to creosote accumulation in the flue of a fireplace. Creosote is a combustible material that may lead to fires if left unchecked.

According to BioAdvanced, a science-

based lawn, garden and home improvement innovator, seasoning wood typically takes six months to a year. Homeowners may opt to purchase seasoned wood that has already sat and dried.

Homeowners who have an abundance of firewood have to store it somewhere. Log Splitters Direct suggests choosing a dry, breezy area of the property that is about (six metres) 20 feet from the nearest door to the house. This helps avoid hitchhiker pests from coming inside with the wood, such as termites, ants, spiders and mice. Do not stack the wood flush against a structure. It should be at least a few inches away to allow airflow behind the stack.

Stick to organized rows of wood no more than 1.2 metres (four feet) high. Log racks and pallets and posts will keep the wood up and off of the ground where moisture and rotting can develop. Placing the logs in an unorganized pile will impede air flow and cause the wood to rot rather than continue to dry and season even more.

Homeowners also should use a cover to protect seasoned firewood from the elements. Position a tarp or plastic sheeting so it blankets the top of the stack and extends a few inches down the sides. Keep the sides mostly exposed to air. Others prefer to stack it in a barn or shed or under an overhang.

SAFETY

Smoke alarm maintenance crucial

Fall's the time to take care of basics

Each year, many people in Canada die in fires that can be prevented with working smoke alarms. It's not enough to just install smoke alarms; it's important to have them where they are needed and to make sure they will work properly if there is a fire in your home.

Below are some general guidelines on the proper maintenance of your home's smoke alarms.

NEW SMOKE ALARMS

When purchasing new smoke alarms, make sure you buy the right type for the right locations in your home. Generally, a photoelectric smoke alarm will not cause problems near the kitchen area.

Make sure to read the instructions! Location, maintenance, and proper usage information is included in the instructions with a new smoke alarm.

Contact your local fire department if you have questions about purchasing new smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms should be placed on every level of the home, and preferably in every bedroom. Consider interconnected smoke alarms (when one sounds, they all do). There are both hardwired and battery operated options available.

EVERY MONTH

Test your alarm whether it is battery powered or hard-wired by pressing the button on your smoke alarm and keeping it pressed down. The alarm should sound.

If your alarm has no button, it is outdated and must be replaced.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions on testing and maintaining your alarm.

Check the expiration date on hard-wired smoke alarms.

TWICE A YEAR

Change the batteries in all smoke alarms twice a year or follow the manufacturer's recommendations for changing the battery.

EVERY TWO YEARS

Take the cover off and clean it with a damp cloth.

Carefully vacuum the inside of the alarm.

Put the cover back and make sure the alarm is working.

EVERY 10 YEARS

Replace your smoke alarm. Some models last as little as 5 years.

This includes battery operated and hard-wired alarms.

All smoke alarms have an expiration date.

IF THE SMOKE ALARM IS NOT WORKING

Is the smoke alarm making a chirp every few minutes? Read the instructions; it may be faulty or need a new battery.

Try replacing the battery.

Check fuses and circuit-breakers, or call an electrician. There may be an electrical problem in your home.

If these steps do not help, the alarm may be defective. Replace it immediately.

When you take out the alarm battery, always replace it with another one immediately.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety also depends on every member of the household knowing what to do and having an escape plan. If you do not have an emergency plan, take a few minutes to create one today.

These tips have been brought to you by Public Safety Canada in cooperation with the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

To learn more about how to prepare for a range of emergencies, visit GetPrepared.ca, or follow @Get_Prepared on Twitter.

Anti-racist education needed in community

BY KIRAN DHINGRA

I was disheartened to hear about recent events at our high school, in which a group of Grade 12 students, on the very first day of school, deliberately chose to create and wear T-shirts that displayed words and slogans that were racist, homophobic and sexist.

As the story goes, the school administration didn't become aware of it until later that day when another student came forward to make a complaint, prompting some swift action on the part of the school: parents were notified; an urgent student debrief was had; anti-racist training was scheduled; and a parent Zoom meeting planned.

First off, I want to applaud the efforts of the administration team for taking the situation seriously and for being transparent. That's an important first step. However, I am left with the distinct feeling that we were caught off guard. I think this incident

has brought to light how unprepared our schools have been when addressing the systemic racism, homophobia and sexism that exist in our community.

I have recently finished reading Ibram X. Kendi's book *How to be an Antiracist* and in it he makes a strong point: We live in a racist society. Therefore, we are racist. This same mantra could also be applied to homophobia and sexism. I think as responsible citizens we need to come to terms with this reality.

Racism is like a cloud that blankets all of our human interactions and sometimes it can be obvious, like what just happened in our high school, but often it is hidden, especially to those who don't endure the daily micro and macro aggressions of racism. We shouldn't be fooled into thinking that we are immune in this community because we live on Salt Spring Island. In fact, our community is predominantly white and, in my view,

it is precisely because of this privilege that we have become complacent.

We only need to glance at our news or social media feeds to see the maelstrom of racist and sexist ideology that predominates the political culture. As such, it seems inevitable that there will be some students who have come to believe it is perfectly acceptable and possibly even necessary to wear T-shirts that scream out offensive slogans.

I am not saying those students shouldn't be held accountable for their actions. What I am saying is that we are living in this sickness and if we are going to get better, anti-racism, anti-homophobic and anti-sexism work need to become integrated into our institutions and places of business. This means that in our local school system we need to be doing a thorough systemic analysis through an anti-racist lens. We need to look at school policies; human resources and hiring practices; cur-

riculum; and extra-curricular opportunities and who has access to those opportunities.

Anti-racist work is about ongoing systemic change and it doesn't stop after a few training sessions and it doesn't happen without difficult conversations and a commitment on the part of students, parents and leadership. While a main objective of our educational institutions is to prepare our young people for the world they will live in, we must remember that it will also be our young people who actually shape the kind of world it will become. Isn't it then our responsibility to help them see past previous generations' ignorance and create more equitable and just communities themselves?

The writer is a Salt Spring BIPOC community member, parent of two children and the former executive director of SWOVA (now The Circle).

Volunteerism deserves elevated profile

BY BOB WEEDEN

Your Aug. 26 editorial about two timely island volunteer projects brought to mind the scores of others I know of, reminding me how vital volunteers are in human society.

Our first need is biological survival. Helping each other is that basic. But long before we inched into what we call civilization, and emphatically since then, we've felt a strong urge toward something beyond survival. After fumbling for years for a word for that something more, the best I can do is "meaning." We're here. We want to keep on keeping on. Why?

We've invented governments and businesses to help with both survival and beyond. They are essential, but both have flaws. Business can bring goods and services only to folks who can pay for them. Government can't do everything people want with the taxes they will pay. Beyond that, what governments decide to do comes out of layer after layer of compromises. Somebody always gets left out or short-changed. And when agencies take on the challenge they quickly centre on process instead of outcomes. They design rules for equity, uniformity and efficiency geared to statistical averages instead of the patchwork of variation that is reality.

All this lays out a huge arena for volunteers.

The heart of volunteerism is one person propelled by a passion to do something for other people, often for neigh-

bours in an intimately known community and its landscape, and sometimes for folks far away. That person will find others to work with. They will organize to get things done. Sometimes that process results in enormous organizations. The Red Cross is an example in the arena of survival; organized religions help us find that "something more." With luck the essence of volunteerism — people wanting to help real people in real places — is preserved.

Government, business and volunteers aren't three separate spheres, of course. One example will show what I mean.

In the mid 1950s, a college student thought it would be worthwhile to have a non-governmental counterpart of the Great Depression's Civilian Conservation Corps. She and a friend interested the National Park Service, and in 1957 the first crews of young volunteers worked under NPS direction in Grand Teton and Olympic national parks. The experiment was a success, and Liz Putnam set to work in earnest, starting the Student Conservation Association. Incorporated as a non-profit, SCA raised private and corporate donations to organize work projects and give volunteers enough money to cover travel expenses to sites where federal and state agencies housed, fed and supervised them. By 2017, SCA's 60th anniversary, the group had placed over 80,000 young interns into seasonal work on public lands. During the celebration, by the way, Liz Putnam walked to the

podium to tell of her 65 years with an idea and a reality.

SCA gives young people an experience of a lifetime. For most it's a life changer, as evidenced by the fact that one in every eight people on the National Park Service's staff is a one-time SCA intern, and other federal and state public land agencies employ many. As each helped to revitalize and repair the nation's wilder lands, their relation to our planet changed forever.


In North America, more and more people leave the work force with much of their active life still ahead. Caring for kin, working for supplemental income, travel and pursuing a long-neglected interest can fill many retiree days, but it's a time when many can and do make volunteering a big share of their life.

We should give it the prominence and respect it deserves. Among other things, we should talk with school kids about the volunteers important in their life. Make volunteerism part of classroom discourse and an after-hours opportunity in high school. In college, offer volunteerism as a serious study, preparing thoughtfully for the post-career one-third of your life.

To work skillfully to provide the day's necessities is where it all starts. To work lovingly to help others brings something more. A life combining both is the greatest gift of all.

The miracle is that people we see every day have created that kind of life for themselves — and for us.

Rants + ROSES



- Roses of many varieties to all those who entered the Fun Fair! The photos in the Driftwood were fun and interesting. It looks like everyone worked hard on their different entries. Fiona W-M
- Beautiful rosette ribbons to everyone who contributed their photos to the Fun Fair and to the Driftwood for printing the 2020 edition that spread warmth and smiles to all of us. Diana
- Huge multi-coloured quilted roses to Island Comfort Quilts, who delivered a beautiful quilt to my home. And a huge thank you to my awesome Salt Spring Island dragonboat team for their thoughtfulness and caring. The quilt will be well used often and provide much comfort. Lynda
- Huge bunches of fragrant, multi-coloured roses for the young women at Barb's Buns who had my wallet safe and waiting for me when I realized, hours later, that I'd left it behind after getting my take-out order. Joi

IWAV supporters thanked

In the past four years, IWAV has hosted our successful farm-to-table dinner fundraiser called 10,000 for Change. This year our fundraising team considered options that could bring people and food together to support our vital work. The end result was a home delivery picnic with meat, cheese, veggies and other delights created by local chef Haidee Hart.

On Sept. 10, IWAV board members, staff and volunteers delivered food and goodies to over 25 households who hosted their own local small group "picnic." This event was inspired by our local champion, Chental Wilson, and her team, supported through the generous donations of our sponsors and donors. As well, IWAV wishes to thank local chef and IWAV supporter Haidee Hart. In addition to our fundraiser, Haidee also prepared charcuterie boxes that were sold at her amazing farm stand on King Road.

This year's picnic fundraiser has raised over \$13,000 with all proceeds to be used to directly support IWAV's anti-violence programs that include the transition house, counselling and outreach. Check out www.iwav.org for more information about IWAV's programs or to see photos of our fundraiser.

KISAE PETERSEN,
IWAV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Currently, the Salt Spring Island shelter is closed to walk-in business.

Staff is responding to voice mails/e-mail daily and are able to set up appointments if you need to come in to the shelter.

Even though COVID has restricted our in-branch volunteer opportunities, the Salt Spring BCSPCA is in need of volunteers for jobs outside of the shelter. We are currently in need of foster homes for kittens and adult cats as well as help with our new TNR program.

If interested, please visit
<https://spca.bc.ca/ways-to-help/volunteer/>

To see available animals for adoptions, please visit spca.bc.ca/adopt

BCSPCA SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS **Contact the BCSPCA at 250-537-2123**


MURAKAMI
COLLISION & AUTO REPAIRS
191 RAINBOW RD. 250-537-2239

Serving Salt Spring's Community for 48 Years

Advertising Deadlines Change

.....

Please note that the **Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving** and will reopen 9am - 4pm on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday Oct. 14 edition will be as follows:

Display Advertising deadline: **Wednesday, October 7, 12 noon**

Classified Display Deadline: **Wednesday, October 7, 12 noon**

Classified Word Deadline: **Wednesday, October 7, 12 noon**

Driftwood GULF ISLANDS
gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Here's My Card

SAM ANDERSON APPLIANCE REPAIR

- Prompt, Reliable & Professional Service
- Authorized Warranty Technician
- Hot Water Tank & Appliance Installation
- Licensed Refrigeration
- Fully Insured & Security Screened
- Kenmore Service Technician



250-537-5268

EMERGENCY SERVICE

124 Lawnhill Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1M9

ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT

SALT SPRING INN

Happy Thanksgiving
Turkey Dinner Sunday, Oct 11 & Monday, Oct 12
Daily Specials & Sunday Brunch

EXHIBITIONS

Island curator shares collection

Anthony Matthews at Mahon Hall from Oct. 9 to 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Art lovers will get a rare and intimate window into the artwork that's captivated one local curator when Anthony Matthews brings his private collection to Mahon Hall this month.

Matthews' show iCollect: An Exhibition opens Friday, Oct. 9. It will feature some favourite paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, craft and curiosities that Matthews has collected during his past dozen or so years on the island. While much of the work represented is by contemporary Salt Spring artists, the collection spans back to Vancouver artists working in the late 1960s and early '70s plus a few international names, with 46 different artists included.

The premise for the show sprang in part from an idea Matthews had around creating a series of exhibitions featuring island art collections.

"We always see what's for sale, but we never see what's been purchased already, and where people sit as collectors," Matthews said.

Matthews has worked with multiple island art venues, both community and commercially based. He was with the Venter Gallery prior to the pandemic shutdown and has been a key member of Salt Spring Arts Council projects, including the Salt Spring National Art Prize and the annual Easter Art Show, which he curated for a number of years.

Matthews also works with clients who are building their personal collections, connecting them with local artists. His passion for the art surrounding him has extended to building his own collection, which consists of unique pieces he's connected to personally. The upcoming show marks the first and probably last time that members of the public will get a chance to see that collection and also to acquire many of the works on display.

"The exhibition takes a glimpse into the private collection I have formed on Salt Spring over the last decade resulting from my diverse activities in



PHOTO BY DAVID BORROWMAN

Anthony Matthews holds the rope back for a surprise tango performance at the Salt Spring Arts Council's 2019 Easter Art Show at Mahon Hall. Matthews will be showing some of his personal art collection at the hall starting this Friday, Oct. 9.

the community as an art curator," Matthews explained. "It's not a comprehensive collection and it's not important. It is rather an intimate look at the art and mementos which spoke to me personally and which I have lived with joyously."

One of the lessons Matthews hopes to impart with the show is that it's possible to own original artworks even if you don't have a big budget. His pieces were acquired with very modest means, many times through payment by installment.

"If you love something you can usually buy it on time, and there's almost no one who will say no to you," Matthews said. "What I advise people when they're young and want to start collecting, but they always say no because they don't have the money upfront, is figure out how much you can live without per month and put that aside for a year. It's more about the dedication to buying art rather than the individual purchase."

Matthews notes he's made a lot of personal sacrifices for his own collection. He doesn't go away for vacations, for example, and he's chosen to invest in artworks rather than the stock market.

"It might be risky, but I get to enjoy it. It's part of who I am," Matthews said.

Sharing the actual pieces that sacri-

fice has earned is a big step for Matthews, because the collection is so personal in nature. Many of the pieces are ones he wouldn't have recommended to his clients but are more quirky or unique. Some were not even intended for sale but he convinced the artists to let them go.

"The works I have are, for the most part, ones you can't get again," he said. "I have Diana Dean's best lake landscape, for example. I had to arm wrestle her for almost a year to get her to sell it to me."

In addition to Dean, artists who feature prominently in the collection include islanders Eric Klemm and John Macdonald, the late Indigenous artist Norval Morrisseau and Nicolai Howalt, an internationally known photographer.

Some of the artworks being shown were gifts from the artists. In those cases Matthews will not be making the pieces available for sale, but he has asked the artists to supply something comparable in case people want to buy something along the same lines. He has also invited some of the artists included to provide additional work outside of what he owns for the exhibition.

The show runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to Sunday, Oct. 18. Matthews will be on hand to speak with visitors.

FABRIC ARTS

Weavers and spinners celebrate cloth

Weekend sale sets up at ArtSpring

COVID-19 has not stopped a popular annual artisans' event from running this Thanksgiving weekend.

The Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild hosts its 2020 Show and Sale in the ArtSpring gallery from Oct. 10 to 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

"Cloth is so commonplace that it takes a conscious effort to recognize how essential it is to life itself," a press release from the guild explains. "We wake up between sheets, step from the shower wrapped in a towel, dress in shirt and trousers, pull back the curtains. Can you imagine what life would be like without those

pieces of cloth? They add warmth, colour and texture to our lives. Individual choices express our style and cultural connections."

The guild points out that cloth made by someone we know is extra special.

COVID safety precautions for retail sales are in effect during the weekend event. Hand sanitizing is required, but wearing masks is optional. People should bring masks in case two-metre distancing becomes awkward in the gallery. Access to the ArtSpring gallery is from the rear parking lot only.

More information about the guild is available through saltspringweaversandspinners.com.

individual
innovative
inspired
in your home...

for something lasting

Gulf Island Picture Framing

#3203 Grace Pt. Sq. 250-537-1299
gabriellejensen@shaw.ca



Vasili Skrivanos
Licensed Home Inspector
CPBC license number 78827

Call or Text 250 812 5335
vasili@maxinspection.ca
maximumhomeinspections.ca



Vince Smythe

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

SMYTHE
ROOFING

Ph: 250-213-6316
Fax: 778-746-7310
info@smytheroofing.com

"Quality Workmanship - Reliable Service"

Residential &
Commercial Glass

Shoreline Glass

Julian Cronin

250-537-7858

juliancronin@icloud.com

GET YOUR VEHICLE READY FOR FALL & WINTER DRIVING

Items geared toward winterizing:

Tire chains • Batteries • Antifreeze • Wipers • Headlight upgrades
Battery Chargers • Led Lights • And more...

Bumper to Bumper® Saltspring
CANADA'S PARTS PEOPLE
106 JACKSON AVENUE 250-537-5507

This high profile advertising space
is available,

call

250.537.9933

CONCERT PREVIEW

Award-winning Cuba at ArtSpring

World music performer brings exciting show to island

SUBMITTED BY ARTSPRING

What does Smithers, B.C. have to do with Latin music?

A whole lot, it turns out, because it's the home of multiple Juno and Latin Grammy winner Alex Cuba, who comes to ArtSpring on Oct. 15, 16 and 17.

Cuba's music has been beguiling concert-goers, streamers and critics alike for nearly two decades. He has over 20 awards and nominations, including four Latin Grammys, two Junos and three Grammy nominations.

Cuba has created his own genre, incorporating jazz influences, pop-soul hooks and rock chords in songs that seem to touch only lightly on traditional Cuban music.

Born Alexis Puentes in Artemisa, Cuba, he was immersed in music at a very young age, joining his father's



PHOTO BY ALVARO NATES

Alex Cuba, who will perform at ArtSpring in COVID-safe style on Oct. 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

group of 24 guitarists. He went on to study electric and upright bass, touring and recording nationally and internationally.

In 1995, while touring Canada with the family trio, Puentes flirted with a young Vancouver university student named Sara Goodacre. They fell in love, got married in Cuba, and eventually

relocated back to her home in Smithers. It was an unlikely place from which to run their independent label, Caracol Records, and even film most of their music, but it seems to be working brilliantly.

ArtSpring concert-goers will get a rich taste of Alex Cuba's musical repertoire, which includes stunningly beautiful, compelling melodies combined with guitar riffs reminiscent of Hendrix and soul-inspired jams that blend all kinds of world music into an exotic dish with a special Latin flavour.

Keep in mind that there are only 50 seats available for each performance, making this an unusually intimate experience. Also, please remember that the performance will be one hour long, with no intermission and no concession. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

How fortunate we are to have a visit from such a unique international musical talent of this calibre. This is a great opportunity to get out of your lockdown and into the groove.



Here's My Card

Dan's **CRANE SERVICE LTD.**

Mobile: 250-221-9875
Dan Child, Owner/Operator SaltSpring Island BC

The numbers don't lie
It pays big dividends to have a reliable accountant

SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Tax preparation (personal, corporate, estate)
- Tax planning
- Auditing not-for-profits charities/stratas/corporations
- Consulting for buying/selling/starting a business

MLW
MCLEAN, LIZOTTE, WHEADON AND COMPANY
Chartered Professional Accountants CPA

340 Lower Ganges Road
250-537-9742

Your "clear" choice for glass.

• Auto Glass • Residential & Commercial
• Aluminum Fabrication • Custom Skylights
• Mirrors & Shower Doors
• Custom Sunrooms • Free Estimates

TROY KAYE

Kapa Kai Glass 250-653-4148

UNITED Floors

Serving the Island since 1975

101-2700 Beverly St. Duncan, 250-746-4851
www.unitedfloors.ca
ucduncan@shaw.ca

Open Mon-Fri 8:30 to 5, Sat. 9-3

- Area rugs
- Laminate
- Hardwood
- Vinyl
- Luxury vinyl plank
- Carpet
- Ceramic
- Vinyl decking
- Window coverings

Dan Hardy Denturist

Salt Spring office located at the **Gulf Clinic**
241 Lower Ganges Rd.

- New Dentures
- Reline & Repairs
- Home & Care Facility Visits

For appointments call 1-250-710-1884

Crofton Shop & Wash

Community Thrift Store & Laundromat

- Affordable drop-off services • Large capacity machines
- Ask about pick-up service

OPEN: 10AM TO 7PM! CLOSED WEDNESDAYS
1606 Joan Ave., Crofton 250.324.2249

Collectibles • Eclectibles • Estates & More!
Come Snoop Around!

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

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at:
250-537-9933 or
dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com

what's on this week



Thur. Oct. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Mic & Jam.
At the Legion. 7 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 9

ACTIVITIES
Weekend StoryWalk.
This week's story is Treasure. A self-guided activity through Mouat Park. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Monday.

ASK Salt Spring.
This week's guest is provincial election Saanich North and the Islands NDP candidate Zeb King. United Church meadow (or Portlock Park pavilion if it's raining). 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any question, anytime: ask@asksaltspring.com; All ASK Salt Spring reports: asksaltspring.com

Fri. Oct. 9

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Museum.
See Thursday listing.

Sat. Oct. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Mic - Blues Edition.
At the Legion. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.
Vendors set up in socially distanced fashion in Centennial Park, as well as in the adjacent Ganges Alley parking lot/waterfront area. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum.
See Thursday listing.

Weekend StoryWalk.
See Friday listing.

Sat. Oct. 10

VIA ZOOM
Author Reading With Naomi Steinberg.
A Salt Spring Public Library presentation. 7 p.m. Join the Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82752234483, Meeting ID: 827 5223 4483.

Sun. Oct. 11

ACTIVITIES
Weekend StoryWalk.
See Friday listing.

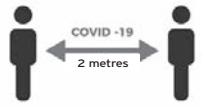
Mon. Oct. 12

ACTIVITIES
Weekend StoryWalk.
See Friday listing.



Tue. Oct. 13

ACTIVITIES
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Produce and food-products market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols in place.



Send your calendar submissions to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com or drop them off at the Driftwood office.

Tue. Oct. 13

VIA ZOOM
Talking Heart Circle. Star of the Sea offers a confidential gathering to share how we're living with COVID-19 restraints, and the impact on our spiritual and emotional lives. Free event on Zoom. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register at staroftheseassi@gmail.com.

Wed. Oct. 14

ACTIVITIES
What's In Your Name? A free presentation by Clayne Conings. Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

All-candidates Meeting. Salt Spring Forum will present a Saanich North and the Islands all-candidates meeting (with no live audience). 7:30 to 9 p.m. See www.saltspringforum.com for Zoom link. A video of the event will also be accessible afterwards.

Salt Spring Poems in Calligraphy

Exhibit at SS Library Program Room
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 30

THRIFTY FOODS

Ganges, Mouat's Centre • 7:30am to 9pm • Customer Service 250-537-1522

THE FRITZ CINEMA

• **Jurassic Park** runs Friday, Oct. 9-10, and Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 12-13 at 7 p.m. The theatre is closed on Thanksgiving Sunday. Rated PG. Running time is 121 minutes. For more movie info, visit *The Fritz* at www.thefritz.ca

EXHIBITIONS

• Community curator **Anthony Matthews** presents **iCollect: An Exhibition at Mahon Hall**, featuring treasured pieces from his personal collection plus additional works by Salt Spring artists by invitation. Show opens Friday, Oct. 9 and runs through Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

• **The Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild** hosts their 2020 Show and Sale at the **ArtSpring Gallery** from Saturday, Oct. 10 to Monday, Oct. 12 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. COVID safety precautions for retail sales are in effect.

• **Free Fly**, new abstracts by **Lisa Lipsett**, shows at the **Salt Spring Gallery** until Oct. 21. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday.

• **Salt Spring Poems in Calligraphy** - a celebration for environmental awareness and the appreciation of nature runs in the **Salt Spring Public Library's Program Room** Monday to Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Oct. 30.

• The 20th anniversary show of **Photosynthesis** is a new virtual presentation online at www.photosynth.ca/gallery/ featuring an image from 31 participating photographers.

• **Trash Prints** is an online show of original prints by the **SSI Painters Guild printmakers group** at www.ssipaintersguild.ca/trash-prints/ Trash as a medium or concept!

• **Avril Kirby** shows photographs at **Gallery 8** and via **YouTube** at <https://youtu.be/uDNwWYSAk9w>.

• **Judy Weeden** and **Mel Williamson** present new works in their **Oil + Clay** show at **Steffich Fine Art**.

• **Sheri Standen** is exhibiting her first solo watercolour show at **Fernwood Road Cafe** (open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Wednesdays) for the months of September/October.



ISLAND LIFE

stay safe

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

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



CONSERVATION

Money family leads Saturna donation

Largest island park to be created

The Capital Regional District has acquired some invaluable Saturna Island land for watershed protection and community park use thanks to a long-time island family and another donor.

Some 30 hectares of land near Money Lake was owned by Money Family Projects Ltd. since 1945. The land was valued at \$759,300 and MFPL donated

the majority of the value to the CRD subject to receiving a donation receipt for \$506,000 and financial compensation of \$253,000. The CRD said it was pleased to receive a cash donation of \$253,000 from a separate donor to enable the acquisition to be completed.

Ten hectares of the property will be managed by the CRD's Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service and the remaining 20 hectares will be used for a community park managed by the Saturna Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

"The Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service is now able to manage the forested lands around the Money Lake Reservoir and the additional lands within the John Money Watershed immediately west of Harris Road," explains a CRD release. "The Saturna



PHOTO COURTESY CRD

John Money points to a map showing land sold and donated to the CRD for community park and watershed protection purposes on Saturna Island.

Island Parks and Recreation Commission is excited to be able to manage the remaining 20 hectares of the forested Island."



Islanders Working Against Violence

SAFE • FREE • CONFIDENTIAL

Salt Spring Transition House & Help Line
250-537-0735 or toll-free 1-877-435-7544

Women's Outreach Services
250-537-0717 or toll-free 1-877-537-0717

Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women
250-538-5568

Program for Children and Youth Experiencing Violence
250-538-5569

Transitions Thrift Store
#119-109 McPhillips Ave.
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

www.iwav.org

CHARITY

Christmas Child project kicks off

Community Gospel annual event

Salt Spring Islanders are invited to share a little Christmas cheer with underprivileged children from far away through Operation Christmas Child 2020.

Gail Neumann spearheads the local Operation Christmas Child effort. She said it is easy to participate and adds that involving one's children lets them experience the joy of giving.

"With your children select the gifts and fill a shoebox with toys, and school and hygienic supplies.

Make it a meaningful experience with a letter and picture of your family for the recipient child."

People should mark the box with the age group and gender of the child to receive the gift, and add a donation of at least \$10 to cover shipping. They should then contact info@communitygospelchapel for touchless drop-off details and deadlines.

People can also access the interactive site and shop virtually at <https://packabox.samaritanspurse.ca/>.

More details are available at www.samaritanspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/.

LITERARY EVENT

Nautical travels set to thrill

Author reading

Islanders can enjoy an evening with internationally recognized artist and storyteller Naomi Steingberg through a special Salt Spring Public Library Zoom presentation.

On Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., Steingberg will share the travel memoir arising from a 382-day nautical adventure called *Goosefeather: Once Upon a Cartographic Adventure*.


Since 2001, Steingberg has brought traditional folk stories, fairy tales and community-based art projects to life in countries around the world. In 2015 Steingberg covered 55,965 kilometres in a journey around the world by road and rail, land and sea, performing a playful and profound one-woman show called *Goosefeather*. She has now written a book about the experience. Her candid and compassionate travelogue and memoir shares the ups and downs of an extraordinary year of global travel.

People can join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82752234483>. The meeting ID is 827 5223 4483.

Cowichan Petroleum Sales 2007 Ltd. monthly \$150 draw winner is...

Dan's Crane Service

Give us a call for Heating Fuel, Gasoline or Diesel. We also carry lube oils, fuel tanks & pumps.



1-877-715-1019
KEN & TRACY BULCOCK

IS YOUR WELL WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

Contamination can occur without changes in colour or taste.

\$50.50 per test • Results in 24 hours
Be Safe • Test Annually!



4-2062 Henry Avenue W. Sidney, B.C. V8L 1Y5 **656-1334**

DISCOVERIES

Salt Spring-made fiddle found in Phoenix

Island musician delighted by Musical Instrument Museum

BY VALDEMAR HORSDAL
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Being met at an airport is one of life's greatest joys; being met by an old friend is a degree more joyous.

So it was when Brian Forbes picked me up at the Phoenix airport on Feb. 9 this year. My friend Brian is a retired Moncton lawyer, with a daughter completing a PhD in sports journalism at Arizona State, with whom Brian and wife Leslie, and that night myself, stayed.

Ever the planner, Brian had committed us to visit the Musical Instrument Museum (mim.org), which occurred after my gig two afternoons hence.

Entering this museum with less than seven hours open proved to be folly. We moved through the displays

separately, and I was barely a third of the way through when closing time was drawing nigh.

Brian found me in the South Asian instrument section, saying, "Hey, there's a Salt Spring fiddle on display, and you've got to see the Martin guitar window."

I followed him, moving diagonally to the string section, missing the Mongol, Russian, Slavic, European and Celtic displays, and there was a violin built by Alfred Ruckle on Salt Spring Island in 1949. (Alfred Ruckle also built Beaver Point Hall, I later learned.)

After witnessing this fine instrument, a twinge of pride lifted my day. It was the only violin and bow on display.

So all you islanders who drift by the Phoenix Valley in Arizona, please attend the MIM, at around 9 a.m., and spend a day immersed in this comprehensive collection of our world's instrument heritage.



PHOTO BY VALDEMAR HORSDAL (VALDY)

Fiddle made by Alfred Ruckle of Salt Spring Island seen in the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, Ariz.

DRIFTWOOD Classifieds

WWW.GULFISLANDSDRIFTWOOD.COM • OVER 20,000 CLASSIFIEDS ON-LINE UPDATED DAILY

250-537-9933

PLACE AN AD:
 In person at 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Ganges
 By telephone 250-537-9933 or fax 250-537-2613
 By email to driftwood@driftwoodgimedia.com
 By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3

PAYMENT:
 By cash, debit, Mastercard or Visa. Classifieds are prepaid.

DEADLINES:
 Class. display deadline: **Wednesday 4pm**
 Word ad deadline: **Wednesday 4pm**
 Too Late To Classify: **Monday 1pm**

WHAT IT COSTS: 3 LINE CLASSIFIEDS:
 \$14.00 - additional lines \$1.00 ea

EMPLOYMENT/ LEGAL ADS:
 3 line rate \$16.75 - additional lines \$1.00 ea

DISPLAY ADS:
 \$14.00 per col. inch

YOUR AD ON-LINE
 All liner ads booked in the Driftwood Classifieds appear on-line at www.bcclassified.com
 Auto ads also listed on line at www.bcautocentral.com
 All ads are posted to BCclassified.com

BOOK YOUR AD ON-LINE
 Book your classifieds online - open 24 hours a day
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com
 or bcclassified.com

Please check your ad after the first insertion. Should an error appear in an advertisement, Driftwood Publishing Ltd. is only liable for the amount paid for the space occupied by the portion of the advertisement in which the error occurred. Driftwood Publishing Ltd. will accept responsibility for only one incorrect insertion.


Obituaries

Sheila Fraser
 April 19, 1926 – September 14, 2020



Sheila was born in Ottawa, Ontario and passed away peacefully at Victoria Hospice. She was a wife, mother, wren, school board trustee, actress and a lover of dancing and music. She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by her friends and family. The family would like to thank all of those that supported her care and life at home.

A small Graveside Service will be held at Royal Oak Burial Park, Section Q on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 1:00 pm with an announced reception to follow. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallgardens.com.



McCALL GARDENS
 FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE

In Memoriam



Looking for GRIEF SUPPORT?
 Hospice offers 1-on-1 and group help.
 Call for info 250-537-2770
[250-537-2770 - saltspringhospice.org](http://250-537-2770-saltspringhospice.org)



SUPPORTED BY COUNTRY GROCER

Words are few, thoughts are deep. Memories of you we will always keep.

Coming Events

Capital Regional District **CRD**

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission - Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 10am -12 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Liquid Waste Service - Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 1 pm to 3 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Highland Fernwood Water Service Commission and Maliview Sewer - Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 10 am -2 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Beddis Water Service Commission - Monday, November 2, 2020 from 10 am -1 pm
 Meeting location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Fulford Water Service Commission - Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 10 am - 1 pm
 Meeting Location: Fulford Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road

Cedar Lane Water Service Commission - Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 9 am - 12 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission - Thursday November 5, 2020 from 1-3 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

COVID PLAN:
 All meeting attendees are expected to wear a mask and follow established COVID plans at each of these community facilities. Space is limited to 50 people and subject to Covid distancing protocols. Please arrive a little early as contact tracing is mandatory and we will need to collect attendee information.

Should you be unable to attend you are welcome to submit your questions in writing two days prior to the meeting. Submissions should be directed to the SSI Electoral Area office at 108 121 McPhillips Ave, V8K 2T6 or by email at saltspring@crd.bc.ca.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED??
 We are seeking volunteers for a term which begins on January 1, 2021. These Local Service Commissions advise and make recommendations regarding the supply, treatment, storage and distribution of water and or sewer within the service area. These volunteer positions are open to a resident or property owner within the Service Area and have a two year term. The Commissions include the CRD Regional Director and are supported by local CRD Staff Members. Nominations will be accepted at the Annual General Meetings as shown above for two year terms beginning in January 2021.

Contact 250.537.4448 for more information or email: saltspring@crd.bc.ca

Coming Events

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY

Wednesday Oct. 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the lower hall at 901 North End Road.

Public welcome.

Computer Services

CALL BOB'S COMPUTER

Service for troubleshooting, software & networking support. Remote desktop support available.

250-537-2827
 or cel. 250-538-7017
rcmtech@shaw.ca

Please back-up your important data now!




In Memoriam

Ira MICHAEL Friedman
 1945 - 2019

You were such a bright light in our lives. A wonderful son, a beloved brother, a generous uncle, a treasured nephew and a great and loyal friend. You have left a gaping maw in our hearts and we miss you terribly.

"Home is the Sailor, Home from the Sea and the Hunter Home from the Hill"

May Your Memory be a Blessing.




In Memoriam

In Memoriam

Business Opportunities

DAVISON ATTENTION INVENTORS! Ideas wanted!

Call Davison today! 1.800.218.2909 or visit us at inventing.davison.com/BC

Free inventor's guide!

Business/Office Service

GET RESULTS!
 Post a classified in 95 newspapers in just a few clicks. Reach almost 2 million people for only \$395 a week for 25-word text ad or \$995 for small display ad. Choose your province or all across Canada. Best value. Save over 85% compared to booking individually. www.bccommunitynews.com/advertise or 1-866-669-9222.

Concrete & Placing

GULF COAST MATERIALS

Serving the Gulf Islands

- Concrete
- Concrete Pumps
- Sand/Rock
- Colour & Sealers

Call to schedule material.

All payments to be made by credit card over the phone.

345 Rainbow Road
250-537-2611

Financial Services

GET BACK ON TRACK!
 Bad credit? Bills? Unemployed? Need Money? We Lend! If you own your own home - you qualify. Pioneer Acceptance Corp. Member BBB. 1-877-987-1420 www.pioneerwest.com

Medical Health

GET UP TO \$50,000 from the Government of Canada. Do you or someone you know Have any of these conditions?
 ADHD, Anxiety, Arthritis, Asthma, Cancer, COPD, Depression, Diabetes, Difficulty Walking, Fibromyalgia, Irritable Bowels, Overweight, Trouble Dressing...and Hundreds more.
 ALL ages & Medical Conditions Qualify. Have a child under 18 instantly receive more money.
 CALL BRITISH COLUMBIA BENEFITS 1-(800)-211-3550 OR Send a Text Message with Your Name and Mailing Address to (604) 739-5600 For Your FREE benefits package.

Storage

PACIFIC RIM STORAGE CO.

SALTSRING SELF STORAGE IS NOW PACIFIC RIM STORAGE CO.

347 UPPER GANGES RD
 250-537-5888
PACIFICRIMSTORAGE.CA

Coming Events

WHAT'S IN YOUR NAME

A **FREE** presentation by Clayne Conings

Wednesday Oct. 14 • 7pm
 Salt Spring Centre of Yoga
 355 Blackburn Road

250-931-1956 • clayne@shaw.ca
miracleofnames.org



YOUR COMMUNITY
Your Classifieds

Celebrations

Happy 90th Birthday Bob Rush
 Born on Salt Spring Oct. 11, 1930
 from your daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Drafting & Design

LET'S GET STARTED

Bring your sketches & ideas and together we'll design (or upgrade) your dream home. Through the use of computer-aided drafting, we'll quickly produce the working drawings you'll take to your contractor.

HELSET DESIGN
 250.537.1037
 Ask for Jim

Legal Notices

Please be advised that a Notice of Application, filed August 14, 2020 and a Requisition, dated September 29, 2020 have been filed by Dean Andrew Malpas in the matter of Bank of Montreal v. Salmond et al, in the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, action no. VIC-S-H-170331.

If you are Marcia Lane Salmond, or the representative of Marcia Lane Salmond, please contact Kahn Zack Ehrlich Lithwick at 604-232-7252 by no later than November 9, 2020.

Legal Notices

Franchise

Canada-wide franchise operation for sale. Hair, wigs and aesthetics. Possible partnership available. Own product line as well. Call Francois 250-371-4756.

PROTECT OUR PLANET... RECYCLE THIS NEWS PAPER.



SEE WEEKLY HOROSCOPE ON PAGE 20



SPORTS + RECREATION

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

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



BIKING

New island cycling map released

Latest pathways project

SUBMITTED BY ISLAND PATHWAYS

Island Pathways is pleased to announce the completion of their new cycling map called Salt Spring on Wheels.

The map is a companion to their Salt Spring on Foot hiking map that was launched two years ago and sold out almost within its first year. Maps are for sale in newly designed and hand-crafted wooden map holders in many locations around town. With these two maps in hand any resident or visitor can plan a full and active time on our island and have the most accurate road map available.

For over 20 years Island Pathways has produced a map that started out as a "heritage/cycling" map. Four years ago the IP Board made the decision to make two maps: a desperately need comprehensive hiking map and a cycling map that would include all the Salt Spring roads with a street finder index, as well as suggested cycling routes and information.

Salt Spring roads can be narrow and meandering, which is a part of their rural charm, but when travelled by bicycle require caution. Much of the included



IMAGE COURTESY ISLAND PATHWAYS

Salt Spring on Wheels promo materials.

information is intended to aid cyclists in planning a cycling experience on Salt Spring that will match their abilities, experience and expectations. Hopefully this map will assist cyclists to plan ahead and make the best decisions they can. Included are route descriptions, route profiles giving elevations, slope and lengths, chevrons indicating locations of major hills, photos illustrating a variety of roads and safety tips.

Island Pathways is a registered charity

that relies on grants, donations and its volunteers for all its projects. This map is no exception.

"We can't thank the CRD active transportation department enough for giving us a Active Transportation and Healthy Communities People Power Program grant, and the 100+ Women Who Care for their extremely generous donation," said map committee member Jean Gelwicks. "Maps are costly to produce and print and we could not have done this map without these supporters."

They also thank map committee volunteers Gary Gagné, Jean Gelwicks, Brenda Guiled, Charles Kahn, Peter Lamb, Bob MacKie, Peter Meyers and Wendy Webb, and their graphic designer Pat Walker for going beyond her "job description."

Anyone interested in purchasing a map can find them at many locations around town. They can also be ordered online by going to the Island Pathways website. All proceeds go towards Island Pathways programs and projects and to regularly updating and printing their maps.

The next map committee task is updating Salt Spring on Foot and getting it on the shelves as fast as possible.

Driftwood
Your Community Newspaper
Since 1960

SUBSCRIBE NOW

Subscribe now for important up-to-date news, including information on how Covid-19 is affecting our community.

Subscribe to the Gulf Islands Driftwood and we'll deliver it to you and send you the online edition

\$85⁰⁰

Driftwood
Call 250-537-9922
gulfislandsdriftwood.com
inquiries@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM CHECK-IN WITH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

The Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership wants to hear from you if ...

- You worked this summer for a business that relies on the visitor economy in the Southern Gulf Islands (Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Salt Spring, or Saturna) or
- You own or manage one of these businesses.

It's an understatement to say that this year's challenges are many and still overwhelming. We want to document your experiences while they're fresh in your mind.

Please take 5 minutes to click this link to share your wisdom before the October 30 deadline.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SGITourismWorkforce>

If online surveys are not your thing, please email info@sgitourismpartnership.ca or call 250-537-7087 to set up an appointment for a telephone interview.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

The Tourism Partnership will align future community destination management (CDMO) work in direct response to the survey responses. They are also compiling a report to the Province about the unique circumstances we faced in an effort to enlighten the conversation and advance discussions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
<https://sgitourismpartnership.ca/2020/09/25/workforcesurvey/>

EXPLORE
SUPER, NATURAL
BRITISH COLUMBIA
CANADA

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

Michael O'Connor - Life Coach Astrologer

www.sunstarastronomy.com
1-800-836-0648
sunstarastronomy@gmail.com

READ MORE IN MY NEWSLETTER. SIGN-UP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE.

TIP OF THE WEEK:

Mars retrograde square Pluto is the big news this week and it occurs on October 9. It is not the final square for this pair this round. The final one will occur on December 23. However, this is the one that deepens the plot regarding the themes destined to manifest. Whatever else may be said about it, and there are ever other angles and layers, it is linked to the current revolutionary, tumultuous process of an economic reset.

Government authority will remain inordinately authoritarian. This will synchronize with people becoming increasingly skeptical, perhaps awakening to the realization that left has become right and right, left... The result will be growing unrest of the public and a steadily increasing outcry for justice and reform as fears of corruption activate a collective realization of the threat against their security. This will lead people to seek alternate sources of knowledge and information. In time, these events and developing themes will be recognized to have been the foundation for revolution on a mass global scale.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)
A process of review and reconsideration of prior steps and actions is in the spotlight. Your ruling planet Mars, retrograde, is the main player. This attitude will become increasingly apparent this week. You may have to unravel and redo decisions and actions made this summer. This naturally implies more attention to the details so you will be investigating them.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)
It is likely that you have entered a cycle that is leading you to do some inner work. This may manifest as a soul-searching process. The goal is to increase your sense of courage to be true to what your instincts are telling you. Others may react skeptically, however. If so, be willing to engage them in a dialogue to both hear them out and to be heard. See the creative middle ground.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
Getting your affairs in order is a central focus now. Positively, this is already activating a creative focus. A rebellious mood all the while is percolating. Yet, you are being guided to carefully consider your perspectives and interpretations, especially those you have deemed to be final. If engaged sincerely, a steady process of reinterpretation will guide you to see anew.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)
The urge to huddle close to home continues. Yet, from this place, you yearn to be comfortable, safe, and secure. However, there are some disruptive and possibly disturbing influences that are also at play. These may have to do with how you feel at home. Both inner feelings and outer circumstances are leading you to reconsider where how is and/or how it is arranged and organized.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)
A steady stream of creative thoughts and ideas are flowing through your mind. As willing as you are to give, you also feel determined to get returns on your investments. Meanwhile, you feel compelled to follow rabbit holes leading you down to much deeper perspectives. Freedom is among your prime objectives but outer circumstances are requiring consistent effort.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
The process of completing projects continues. These are leading you to review and refine previous efforts. Positively, doing so is proving to empower and energizing, despite the additional efforts required. As well, the process is giving you the opportunity to express a more exact and, thereby, satisfying result. Fine-tuning your perspectives is the reward for your efforts.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
Venus in Virgo continues to lead you into some measure of retreat mode. Mars in Aries, however, does indicate a combative mood. At worst, others may deem you belligerent. Ironically, that is what you perceive them to be. So, you are challenged to find the middle ground. Mercury in Scorpio, meanwhile, is leading you to dig deeper to see a bigger picture.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
Laying low works for you too these days. At worst, you feel scattered and stretched. However, you also feel compelled to share your views and to be heard and heeded. Sharing intellectual exchanges with others is a source of pleasure all the while. Yet, you are wise to listen and be willing to learn, as well. Otherwise, you may feel energetically depleted due to intellectual resistance.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
The Sun in Libra is bringing all your beliefs and principles to the fore. Yet, challenges from others are either leading you to escape into the security of your existing convictions or to do your own research and investigations. Either way, themes of truth are a central theme. Practical concerns and considerations are also featured and obtaining new tools and skills are appealing.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
Circumstances of late have ushered you back onto the stage. Positively, you are enjoying the cultural exchange and others are impressed by your ability to reveal subtle truths and emotional intelligence. However, you remain challenged to keep an open mind and this will prove increasingly true over the coming weeks. What are the sources of your perspectives?

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)
With each new day, you yearn to see a bigger picture and more clearly. Previously help values and priorities are undergoing a steady purification process. More important than being right, you want to feel secure. Cultivation of your skills and resources plays a key role in this regard. Directing your time, energy, and focus to your sphere of influence will strengthen your confidence.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
Libra time is ever one of change and transformation for you. Striking a balance between what you need to do to feel healthy and how you can still feel creatively inspired is a common theme. Currently, as the pendulum swings, the focus is on creative expressions. Positively, the process of engagement is also serving to open you to deeper levels of awareness and insight.