

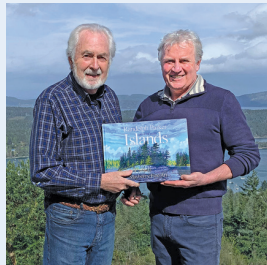
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EASTER EGG-CITEMENT: Woodrow and Hudson Oakes check out the Easter Bunny's basket at the annual easter egg hunt event at the Salt Spring Cheese site on Sunday. For more photos, see page 3.

## HOMELESSNESS

# Loss of shelter facility confirmed

BC Housing to fund only Drake Road site

BY EMELIE PEACOCK DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Housing says it is committed to ensuring no one ends up on the streets once a supportive housing development is built on Salt Spring, but Rob Grant says its decision to also close the existing emergency shelter will be problematic for the community.

Grant is executive director of Salt Spring Island Community Services (SSICS), the organization that operates the In From the Cold emergency shelter at 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. While BC Housing has hinted at some shelter capacity at the planned supportive housing building on Drake Road, they have made clear that the current shelter will close. When these plans are finalized, Grant said there will still be an unmet need in the community.

"Nothing around the new housing on Drake Road is going to change the need for shelter capacity, the need will still be very high," he said. "All the data shows that, and our experience as well."

There is a "years-long trend on Salt Spring Island in rising homeless counts far outpacing the services available," SSICS program director Annika Lund stated in March. A 2021 point-in-time count conducted by Community Services on Salt Spring found 146 people experiencing homelessness, with 37 of those sheltered and 109 unsheltered.

To meet some of this need, BC Housing plans to erect a modular building of up to 28 units of supportive housing at the 161 Drake Rd. Capital Regional District (CRD) property.

The province is proceeding with urgency on the build, hoping to have the development ready by late summer and using its powers under the Interpretation Act to fast-track the project past the normally required development approval processes.

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ANIMAL HEALTH

# Kitten a reminder of need to vaccinate cats

'Wobble' copes with cerebellar hypoplasia

BY EMELIE PEACOCK  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Jen MacLellan says she's not quite ready to post videos of Wobble, who at eight weeks is an adorable kitten with piercing

green eyes and soft reddish tinted brown fur.

Wobble, who Jen and her daughter are fostering, likely has moderate cerebellar hypoplasia (CH) said veterinarian Dr. Kirsten Oliver. The condition is also known as spastic cat syndrome and wobbly cat syndrome, names that gives more indication of how this condition affects cats. While Wobble is not in pain and can continue to live with CH

in the right home, seeing how she attempts to stand, eat and play can look very sad, McLellan said.

"It's dramatic," she explained. "She's lucky she survived because she really had trouble latching on to her mother to feed."

Wobble gets intention tremors when she goes to eat, Oliver explained. Tremors occur when CH cats focus on something and become more severe with their attempts to focus. She's also ataxic: she sways side to side and her legs splay out.

"She doesn't stand straight and tall like a normal kitten," Oliver said.

"The suspicion is that her mom was infected with feline panleukopenia. It's a viral infection that when the mom has it, she passes it onto her kittens either in utero or postnatally," said Oliver. "With feline panleukopenia, it's extremely common for kittens to get cerebellar hypoplasia."

A cat's cerebellum, the part of the central nervous system that deals with involuntary movements, is maturing and developing up until birth and even in the first few weeks after birth. This, the website Veterinary Partner noted, leaves the cerebellum vulnerable to toxins. The feline distemper virus, also known as the panleukopenia virus, can cause CH if the mother cat is infected with it.

The good news is that CH is not painful for Wobble and she can live a happy life in the right home with owners who know how to manage her condition. Ideally Wobble is adopted into a single-floor household with no stairs she could have issues with, and one where there is someone who can be present rather than her being alone for the day Oliver said. She will also need supportive care, which will include play and rehabilitation.

"I'm ridiculously invested in her, so if I found something I'd drive her pretty much anywhere for the right kind of place. She deserves a chance," MacLellan said.

While her cerebellum will not recover and she will never walk normally, Oliver said with rehabilitation Wobble could learn to walk and build her muscles and balance.

MacLellan is looking forward to a rehabilitation visit with Wobble, essentially a physiotherapist but for cats. Up until now, she has gotten a plethora of support from online spaces including Facebook groups and TikTok, and hopes to start sharing her own content to pass on the knowledge she's learned about caring for a kitten with CH.

Wobble has already improved from the time she came to them, when she could not even keep her head up. Now she's building strength around her head and can stand with support, but cannot walk. "It's tough, it's sad but it's also very inspiring," MacLellan said. "She's determined, she's incredibly feisty, she's not giving up. She loves cuddles, she purrs." And MacLellan is totally in love with the little cat.

She hopes this example of Wobble's care and experience helps dispel some who might believe the BCSPCA readily euthanizes animals when in actual fact that occurs very rarely and only in severe cases.

CH is also preventable, and MacLellan hopes this message is heard by the community and especially cat owners. The cat colonies on the island definitely carry the virus and pass it around from pet to pet. "If your cat is going outside and it is unvaccinated, it is exposed to it. But it's the babies that suffer," MacLellan explained. While adult



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Wobble, who has cerebellar hypoplasia, at eight weeks of age.

cats generally survive the virus, if they are unspayed and going outside on the island they could become pregnant and pass the virus to their unborn or newborn kittens, with these devastating results.

Distemper is extremely common, with Veterinary Partner stating virtually every cat will be exposed to the virus to some extent. By vaccinating female cats for distemper, as long as they are not pregnant or nursing kittens under the age of two weeks, the condition will be prevented in any future offspring.

Kittens are vaccinated as part of their core kitten vaccination series, the FVRCP. There are slight risks that cats could get an injection site sarcoma from any kind of injection, Oliver said, a kind of cancer that could very rarely develop in their early years, when they are older or may never

develop. "Because we know that injections can sometimes cause or lead to these sarcomas, we want to be really careful that the risk of the disease that we're vaccinating against is high enough to warrant that vaccine," Oliver explained. "For me, all of my kittens, it's worth the risk. Every single kitten I see should get FVRCP."

MacLellan also works at the BCSPCA as an animal care attendant, but her time fostering Wobble and her cat family are volunteer. MacLellan also shares photos of the cats she and her daughter foster through their Instagram account saltykittycats.

The BCSPCA on Salt Spring is in desperate need of foster families, MacLellan stressed. "We need them for senior or injured cats requiring a safe place to heal or adjust to medications, wild born kittens needing socialization as well as the wee ones just needing care before they are old enough to find forever homes," she stated via email.

Commitments can range from 24 hours to four months, with six weeks being the average. All expenses and supplies are covered by the BCSPCA.

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SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Proposed Bylaw No. 123 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 123 will amend the South Pender Official Community Plan (OCP) to include a First Nation introductory/acknowledgement statement and building design and siting guidelines. The building design and siting guidelines are intended to be used, where feasible, when the South Pender Island Local Trust Committee considers Development Variance Permit applications to vary the maximum floor area of residential buildings.

How do I get more information?

A copy of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the [South Pender Current Project webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after April 19, 2022.

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Submissions

Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca), mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by Thursday, May 5, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing  
Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

South Pender Island Fire Hall  
8961 Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island, BC

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**"She's determined, she's incredibly feisty, she's not giving up."**

JEN MACLELLAN  
Wobble's foster mom

COVID-19

# Fourth shot plans outlined

Phone and online booking options

BY EMLIE PEACOCK  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With the provincial government announcing a spring booster vaccine program April 5, Island Health has clarified how Salt Spring Islanders can access the program.

Seniors over age 70 and Indigenous people over the age of 55 living in the community will start to get their invitations to schedule an appointment for the booster vaccine. This is “a new booster dose for eligible seniors who received their third shot six months ago or more,” the province stated in their announcement of the booster program, and will be either the Moderna or Pfizer mRNA vaccine.

Once they get an invitation, people can book their appointments through the call centre, stated Island Health media and government relations advisor Andrew Leyne. Appointments can also be booked online, the province stated. Vaccinations will be provided at the Ganges Pharmasave.

The public health unit COVID clinic on Salt Spring is for children aged five to 11, Leyne clarified.

Seniors who are in long-term care and assisted living will be given the booster in the facilities they reside, by facility staff. Seniors who are homebound and connected with home support will be provided the booster by their community health nurse.

To reach the provincial call centre, dial 1-833-838-2323.

“The spring booster vaccine program will provide a new boost of immunity for eligible seniors, as public health has indicated immunity in older people can wane in that time,” the province stated. “The new booster will help to maintain and lengthen protection against severe outcomes of COVID-19, especially hospitalization and death.”

Along with the rollout of the booster program, the province has eased restrictions and residents of B.C. are no longer required to show a vaccine card or wear masks indoors. B.C. has very high vaccination numbers, with 93.8 per cent of eligible residents having received a first dose, 91.5 a second dose and 59.5 per cent the third.

Rapid antigen test kits are also available free of charge through community pharmacies to anyone aged 18 and older.

While official test positive cases remain relatively low with 19 cases on Salt Spring and zero on the other Southern Gulf Islands from April 3 to 9, anecdotal evidence is showing community spread of the virus on Salt Spring.



HAPPY  
Easter

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**EASTER AT THE CHEESE FARM:**

Enjoying the fun at the Salt Spring Cheese farm on Reynolds Road for the egg hunt on Sunday are, clockwise from bottom left, a young goat with a cool bandana; Nathan Silva finding a hidden treat; and Woodrow Oakes with Easter Bunny Satya Loo.

## Saturday Market Operation and Management

**The Capital Regional District, at the request of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is seeking an independent entity to assume the operation and management of the Salt Spring Island Saturday Market for a five year term beginning in 2023.**

- An optional information session has been scheduled for Thursday April 28, 2022 from 12:30-1:30pm at the Salt Spring Island Library, 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island BC. Please [rsvp\\_sburnham@crd.bc.ca](mailto:rsvp_sburnham@crd.bc.ca) with your contact information and the number of people attending with your organization or group.
- Inquiries, clarifications, and submissions are to be directed to: Dan Ovington, Manager Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation no later than June 3, 2022 [dovington@crd.bc.ca](mailto:dovington@crd.bc.ca) Submissions are requested electronically to be submitted in Word or PDF format on or before **2:00 pm, PST, June 10, 2022** (the “Closing Time”).
- The full request for information and submission requirements can be found at [www.crd.bc.ca/about/contracts-rfps/current/ssi-2022-015-request-for-information-saturday-market-operation-and-management](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/contracts-rfps/current/ssi-2022-015-request-for-information-saturday-market-operation-and-management)

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Percentage of BC communities that have comparable International Association of Firefighters wages, including Salt Spring Island.

36

Percentage reduction in space for the proposed firehall from 2013 to 2022 (18,000 square feet to 11,500).

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# BC Housing looking at options

## SHELTER

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firmed by email. Requests for an interview about the project were not granted.

"As such, we are exploring the option of having a very limited number of double occupancy units at Drake Road be used as 'bridge to housing' beds," she stated.

These are different from temporary shelter beds, and people wanting to access them would need to apply in advance.

While he supports the construction of supportive housing, Grant said that there will be no additional housing capacity coming out of the Drake Road building.

The In From the Cold shelter had been built up in terms of capacity over the past few years. Before 2015, the shelter was only open during extreme weather as part of BC Housing's extreme weather response program. Between 2016 and 2019 it operated seasonally between Nov. 1 and April 1. After this, the shelter began operating year-round, yet was only open overnight, and it was only in April last year that the shelter became a full-time operation. Rob confirmed that BC Housing funds the shelter's entire \$900,000 annual operating budget, with the largest costs being double staffing 24 hours a day and a food program supplying three meals a day.

There are now 30 spaces maximum at the shelter, Grant confirmed: 22 beds and eight mats on the floor. During the COVID-19 pandemic shelter capacity was brought down drastically, which prompted SSICS to rent rooms at the Seabreeze Inne with 18 rooms currently occupied. Some of those are funded by BC Housing, some by Community Services and some on a subsidy model with individuals paying what they can and having the rest subsidized.

BC Housing has argued that there won't be a reduction in housing spaces in the community as a result of the Drake Road plans. If the extra temporary spaces available at the Seabreeze during the pandemic are not counted, this may be technically true as the 30 spaces at the shelter will now transition to 28 spaces of supportive housing plus a few shelter spaces. Yet, as Grant points out, "It's not a reduction in actual beds, but it's an elimination of a certain kind of service."

People access an emergency shelter for a variety of reasons, he explained, including midnight discharges from hospital or from police, stormy weather preventing people from accessing their boats, and so on.

"With no shelter I don't know where these people are going to go," he said of what might be a reality as early as this fall.

McLeod added that there are no plans to relocate people from the island in order to secure housing

for them. In addition to Drake Road, where the most vulnerable and high-need people would find housing, BC Housing is looking at Croftonbrook's Phase 2, 34-unit apartment building, currently under construction.

"In addition to this building and rent supplements, we are working with Island Health to provide suitable housing for seniors who require more robust medical supports," she stated.

McLeod noted the contingency funding available for extreme weather and winter shelters, which Community Services could apply for. Yet opening such spaces just for the coldest nights of the year would not be feasible, Grant said.

**"It's not a reduction in actual beds, but it's an elimination of a certain kind of service."**

ROB GRANT  
*Executive director, SSICS*

"An emergency weather response means extra beds. You typically add them onto a shelter."

Having an appropriate site and qualified staff on call and ready to work only for the nights of the year when extreme weather response is activated would be nearly impossible, he explained, especially as the weather fluctuates during winters on Salt Spring.

"We have tried that in the past, and it was a challenge to operate and did not meet the need very well."

Grant said he has urged BC Housing to talk to others in the community about the need, the angst that cropped up around the Seabreeze changing hands and the establishment of a warming space in community parks, both of which are issues connected to housing and homelessness.

"Without having an emergency shelter, it's back into the parks, back into Ganges, back into the camps and all the places that have been problematic in the past," he said.

Community Services' position, Grant stated, is that a year-round 24-hour emergency shelter is needed for the health and safety of people facing homelessness and for the community.

"Emergency shelters always have, and will be, a necessary component of an effective continuum of service in a community with a homeless population of the size that exists on Salt Spring," he stated.

Both Grant and McLeod confirmed that their organizations are continuing to work together on this issue.

In a fact sheet, BC Housing stated they will hold a community information session closer to the opening of the Drake Road building. To get in touch directly with BC Housing, email communityrelations@bchousing.org.

## TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

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### Proposed Bylaw No. 122

### Land Use Bylaw Amendments

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Proposed Bylaw No. 122 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 122 will amend the South Pender Land Use Bylaw to include new agricultural regulations to align with the Agricultural Land Commission, reduce maximum floor areas for dwellings in the rural residential zones, reduce setbacks for dwellings and cottages in the rural residential zones, increase the setback from the natural boundary of the sea, include clauses for those buildings or structures that maybe be deemed legal non-conforming due to the new regulations, and other minor amendments.

How do I get more information?

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### Dr. James Buchan Medical School Awards



A trust was created under the will of Dr. James Buchan, providing annual awards to former students of Gulf Islands Secondary School who are attending an accredited medical school on a full time basis. The trustee may review a variety of criteria including:

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This award may be renewable in subsequent years, should the student wish to re-apply. The value of the awards may vary. Final deadline for applications (letter, resume, transcripts of marks, letters of reference and income information) is **June 10, 2022** to the Counselling Office at GISS or electronically to: [mallison@sd64.org](mailto:mallison@sd64.org)



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

**ROOM TO MOVE:** There was lots of space on the first ride of the MV Quinsam leaving Vesuvius on the morning of April 12 with an unscheduled run taking place between the regular 10:50 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. sailings. With the ability to carry 63 cars – 19 more than the Quinitsa, which was used during fall and winter months on the route – and no restrictions for overweight vehicles as was the case with Bowen Queen last summer, the hope is for fewer overloads and delays on Route 6 in coming months. However, a change.org petition titled The Fix For Route 6 and other efforts are still active in trying to get year-round two-ship service on the Vesuvius-Crofton route, as has occurred for Gabriola Island where the Quinsam last served.

**ISLANDS TRUST**

# Policy statement input events completed

Report from consultant expected in May or June

BY EMELIE PEACOCK  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Islands Trust has wrapped up two months of public engagement on its draft policy statement, a high-level policy document meant to guide the organization over the next 30 years.

After public opposition stalled a planned first reading of a draft of the proposed new policy statement last fall, the Trust conducted a public engagement process across the Trust area that wrapped up April 17.

The policy update is the first major one since the 1990s and is meant to better reflect the Trust's priorities of reconciliation, affordable housing and climate change as well as bring the document up to speed to face changing demographics, developments and other challenges.

The policy statement guides the Islands Trust, a governance entity with a unique mandate to "preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment" on the 13 major and 450 smaller islands between Vancouver Island and the mainland. The document impacts the development of official community plans and other bylaws in each local Trust area, as well as informing the advocacy and intergovernmental collaboration work by the Trust.

Concerns were raised by residents last summer around a proposed ban on future docks and desalination plants, as well as sections of the document dealing with agriculture

and forestry uses. Others expressed concerns about overreach by the Trust Council into the affairs of local Trust areas. One of those people was former Saturna trustee John Money, who wrote in a letter to B.C. Premier John Horgan that he believed if the statement was adopted as written it would make community plans and locally elected trustees redundant.

In a mail-out to residents, the newly formed Concerned Islands Residents Association questioned if there had been enough public input to know whether environmental protection, climate change and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples are appropriate for the Trust to tackle, despite being important social matters.

The consultants the Trust hired for the job, ISL Engineering, held 24 in-person community events, three virtual events as well as focus groups and a survey between February and April. This was the third phase of public engagement, with previous public input gathered from 2019 and 2021.

ISL will now analyze the feedback and consolidate it into a summary report to be released in May or June.

The 26-member Trust Council will receive the report at its June 21 to 23 meeting. Trustees will take into account the report plus feedback from First Nations and other agencies. Input from staff, legal and technical expertise and the 26-member Trust Council will also inform the draft policy.

A project timeline puts the approval of the required bylaw sometime from summer 2022 and onwards. Trustee elections will be held in the fall and it is unclear whether the statement will be updated prior to that time.



## NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

### NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

### 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022, virtually through Microsoft Teams, and if Covid-19 restrictions allow for it, at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC. The link to the meeting can be found in the top right-hand corner of our website.

### NOMINEES FOR 2 TRUSTEE POSITIONS ARE:

(Both positions are for a 3-year term)

- David Wardlaw
- Leigh Large
- Michael McAllister
- Richard Swann
- Sandra Ungerson

### AGM Voter Eligibility and Process

Due to COVID-19, the Trustee election will use an exclusively mail-in ballot process. Voting packages will be mailed on March 30, 2022, and ballots must be received at the district office by April 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Per the *Election Act* and the District's Letters Patent, an eligible elector for the purpose of a Trustee election is a North Salt Spring Waterworks District ratepayer who meets the following criteria:

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- Has been a registered owner of a property within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District area for at least 30 days;
- Has an account in good standing;
- Is entitled to be registered as a voter under the *Election Act* and is not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment; and Spouses or partners who are not registered on title per BC Assessment are not entitled to vote.

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## FOR THE RECORD

A photo of a new Fulford bench created in memory of Rosey and Raven in last week's paper incorrectly stated that both dogs belonged to Corrie Hope Furst and Wendy Judith Cutler. In fact, Rosey was their dog and Raven was owned by Mark Stevens and Robert Birch, who were also in the photo.



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Photos of Rosey, left, and Raven, two dogs whose memory is honoured by a new bench on Fulford dock built by Donald McLennan.

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### EDITORIAL

# Inspired to act

Face it: We are living in depressing times.

Between the horrific war in Ukraine, the relentless challenges of a mutating virus and poisoned drug crisis, political instability, inflation, lack of housing and health-care personnel, and the latest dire warnings about climate change, it's natural to want to scuttle into the nearest available cave and forget the state of a rotten world outside.

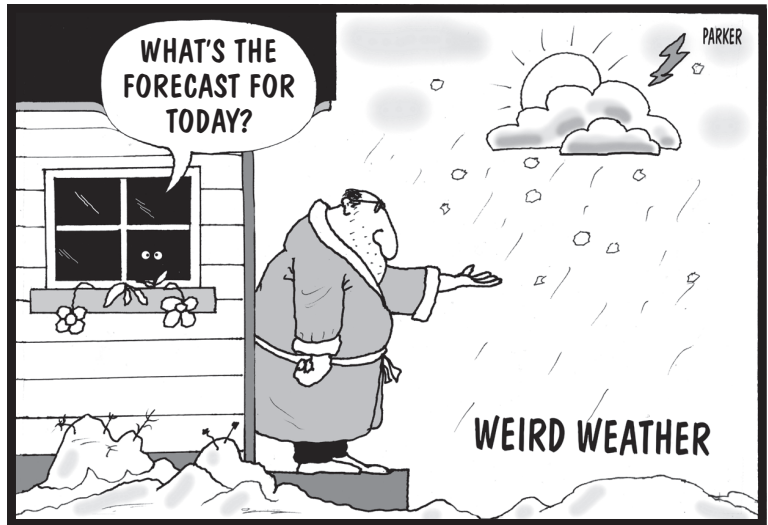
But stepping out of our caves and coming together globally and/or as a community to take action is one of the main ways we can push past the sense of futility and hopelessness. Earth Day, first established as April 22 way back in 1970, is considered by some to have initiated the modern environmental movement and it is more relevant than ever today.

The connection to Earth Day is one of the reasons the Driftwood's island-wide clean-up campaign was first launched in 2018 as an April event. Not only does it make sense to seek out trash before the greenery gets too thick and hides it on island roadsides and in ditches, but making the effort part of Earth Day celebrations is a reminder of why it's important. Among other reasons, keeping plastic debris out of our oceans is critical for the health of our marine ecosystem and wildlife that ingest plastics of all sizes, leading to their death. Thank you to everyone who has so far taken on a chunk of the island to clean up this year. More participants are always welcomed!

This year also sees two gatherings with music and more to mark Earth Day on Salt Spring Island. One is a Walking to Peace event on the afternoon of Friday, April 22 in Centennial Park and the second is titled Come Celebrate Our Earth. It takes place on Saturday, April 23 in the United Church Meadow in the evening. Stay tuned as well for an upcoming important peace book discussion taking place at the library on April 30.

The island is also gearing up for a major fundraiser for humanitarian aid to the Ukraine people. Set for Saturday, April 30 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Fulford Hall, the silent auction and sale of donated items, with live music and Ukrainian food will not only raise money but provide an opportunity to show emotional support for islanders with connections to Ukraine.

When the dire state of the world overwhelms, taking action as part of a broader community effort is one way to make a difference to ourselves, loved ones and everyone we share the planet with.



## Action for GPs needed now

BY CURT FIRESTONE

There is much that can be solved if British Columbia wants to solve the untenable lack of primary care providers in our provincial and local health-care system.

To start with, the "professionals" in the provincial and local health-care arenas need to open up a dialogue with the communities served. Community members who support the health-care system through taxes and patience have a right to fully understand the issues which have led to 900,000 British Columbians being orphaned by the primary health-care community. We should never forget that we live in Canada, where health care for all is considered a basic right. Community members are also a source for solutions to the problem, both by volunteering and by offering creative solutions.

On Salt Spring Island, over 10 years ago a Physician Recruitment Committee (PRC) was created upon the suggestion of one of the local physicians who had recently closed his outpatient practice. The PRC morphed into the Health Advancement Committee, which is now the Salt Spring Health Advance-

### VIEWPOINT

ment Network (SSHAN). During a time when Salt Spring Island had sufficient medical doctors to meet the community's needs, SSHAN shifted its focus to mental health and seniors. Now with the retirement and lack of replacement of three medical practitioners, maybe it is time for SSHAN to return to its original focus of recruiting and retaining primary care providers.

Five years ago, the Salt Spring Community Health Society (SSCHS) was created with the goal of creating a multi-professional community health centre in collaboration with local physicians. During the time when sufficient doctors were on Salt Spring, SSCHS also shifted its focus to mental health issues. Maybe it is time for SSCHS to return to its original focus of working with the community towards the development of a broad-based community health centre.

Housing is always mentioned as a problem for new doctors wanting to move to Salt Spring Island. Right now, the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) has purchased the

Seabreeze motel to create housing as part of Island Health's efforts to fill the 35 vacancies at Lady Minto Hospital. Some island businesses are providing housing for their workers. The SSCHS might consider using their registered charity status to replicate the LMHF efforts by raising the funds and purchasing housing for new doctors and nurse practitioners.

Provincial health authorities do not ask their hospital or clinic staff physicians and nurse practitioners to pay for office expenses. Why can't the province provide the medical facilities and staffing for outpatient services? This will lessen the burden on outpatient practitioners and attract more physicians and nurse practitioners to reside in B.C.

Family doctors and nurse practitioners are critical primary care components of our health-care system. B.C. has focused on the creation of walk-in clinics, which lack clinical continuity.

It is easy to understand why so many people are saying that the B.C. health-care system is collapsing. Solutions are there. The time is long overdue for Salt Spring Island and B.C. to take action.

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### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

## Should Salt Spring's emergency shelter be maintained?

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

## Should the NSSWD reconsider its hook-up moratorium?



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## FROM THE BACK ISSUES

A selection of items published in the Driftwood during the same week of the year noted.

1962

A BC Hydro ad encouraged the purchase of a dryer: "An electric clothes dryer ends a lot of work and worry for the woman — or man — of the house. No more worry about the weather — you can dry clothes electrically anytime day or night, rain or shine! No more back-breaking work of lugging baskets of wet clothes, stretching to hang clothes on the clothesline. With an electric clothes dryer, you just set the dials and electricity does the rest. See your electric dealer about one of electricity's greatest work savers — an electric clothes dryer — another way to live better, electrically!"

1982

The Driftwood editorial praised the April 17th proclamation of the Constitution Act, which contained the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and guaranteed rights for Canada's Indigenous peoples. "Long after the present economic slack has been taken up; long after the interest rates have been forgotten, the Constitution Act will remain. And the sense of maturity and the awareness of responsibility which it carries will be a part of the heritage of Canadians yet to come."

1992

The process of regulating the Saturday market by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) was not going smoothly as both market vendors and a downtown merchant were threatening legal action, and a fractious meeting also took place with a CRD lawyer in attendance.

"There is less freedom on Salt Spring Island than there is in the former Soviet Union to gainfully make a living," said one angry meeting attendee. "In Moscow you can sell anything you want on the streets. What does the PRC want to do? Create a sterile wasteland downtown? Rob the island of another form of uniqueness?"

2012



Marking the 100th anniversary of the Titanic sinking on April 14, 2012 with a cake at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop were, clockwise from bottom left, Molly Booth, Usha Rautenbach, Norm Page, Jean Williams and Erin Ellis Kelly. The cake was made by Embe Bakery and a special Titanic-items silent auction was ongoing at the shop through April.

## LETTERS to the editor

### Keep north end rural

Last week's Driftwood article on the water controversy suggested that lifting the moratorium, as proposed by Leigh Large and others, would allow for 700 more water hookups in the district and pave the way for the proposed housing development on Park Drive.

The Channel Ridge housing development could also be back on the table.

It seems that the upcoming election is an opportunity for NSSWD ratepayers to choose whether the northern portion of the island remains rural, as it has been since settlement in the 1860s, or becomes urbanized.

I hope that ratepayers will

give this dimension of the issue due thought when voting.

RILEY DONOVAN,  
SALT SPRING

### Drake water clarified

Thank you, C. Howard, for expressing your strongly held views regarding the decision by NSSWD trustees to temporarily grant potable water to the supportive housing project on Drake Road ("Unacceptable" letter in the April 13 Driftwood). I feel the need to clarify at least one misconception you stated so emphatically.

This decision actually benefits ratepayers since the provincial government will be paying for all the upgrades to our system to increase fire flows

(water pressure and volume) in that area and extend our water line to that project. We rarely, if ever, have the benefit of government support for any of our works and so this is really a win for the district and a major win for our ratepayers as it constitutes a very substantial investment on the ministry's part.

I would also like to point out to you that we were very careful not to jeopardize our availability of water during the drought season by limiting the time of this temporary measure to end by May 31, 2023. In fact, the officials from the government ministry who came to our meeting to request this temporary measure were fairly positive that they would be able to get a timely approval from the other government ministry, which is required for using their drilled wells as potable

water for the residents, before anyone moves into those units and therefore will not require NSSWD water at all. And yet we still get the benefit of these major upgrades!

By the way, this decision was made in a public meeting, which you and anyone else can attend via MS Teams (our boardroom is too small for guests to come from outside). The agenda is posted on our website several days in advance of the meeting, which generally happens the last Thursday of each month. We do very much appreciate input from our ratepayers.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 10 a.m.

GARY GAGNÉ,  
NSSWD TRUSTEE

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Nothing around the new housing on Drake Road is going to change the need for shelter capacity. The need will still be very high."

ROB GRANT, SALT SPRING COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Circus of politicians causes shame for Britain

BY GWYNNE DYER

It's generally bad form to quote another journalist, but Stewart Lee's day job is stand-up comedian, so we can make an exception just this once. Writing in The Observer on Sunday, Lee offered a summary of Britain's Conservative government as its twelve-year reign stumbles towards its close.

The Conservative politicians making headlines last week, he wrote, were "a child molester, a serial adulterer and compulsive liar, a handsome but morally bankrupt financial whiz-kid, and a bully who sends immigrants to Rwanda."

"That's less like a government and more like a special team of convicted criminals given their freedom in exchange for accepting an impossible mission behind enemy lines in a 1970s Italian-funded war film. Operation Dynamite Bastards!!!!"

Imran Ahmad Khan, a Conservative member of parliament, resigned after being convicted of sexually assaulting a 15-year-old boy, but the real story was that another Tory MP, Crispin Blunt, a former Justice Minister, condemned his conviction as "an international scandal, with dreadful wider implications for millions of LGBT+ Muslims around the world."

The "serial adulterer and compulsive liar" was of course Prime Minister AI "Boris" Johnson, still refusing to deny that he has no more children than the seven he admits to by various mothers. But it was the "compulsive liar" part of the indictment that was getting more attention last week.

That really was a legal matter. For more than a year the Conservative government has been haunted by "Partygate," an ongoing scandal about numerous drinks parties at the prime minister's combina-

## GUEST COLUMN

tion home and office, No. 10 Downing Street, even when the entire country was in Covid lock-down.

The rules at the time, publicized by Johnson himself on national television, said that no more than two people from different households could be together indoors except for work reasons. However, the parties at Number Ten were almost weekly: birthday parties, leaving parties, Thank-God-It's-Friday parties. There was even a drinks fridge in the office.

Revelations about these parties trickled out one by one starting about a year ago, each denied by Johnson both to the public and in parliament (where deliberately lying is a resigning offence). Eventually the police got involved, as these were criminal offences, and the first fines were handed out to Johnson and other senior Conservatives last week.

The police are dealing with the offences one at a time, drip-feed, and Johnson is due for up to five more fines. He is also going to have to brazen it out for lying to parliament, and while the Conservative majority there will save him for the moment, his party has irretrievably lost faith in him.

The "handsome but morally bankrupt financial whiz-kid" is Rishi Sunak, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (finance minister), who was universally seen as Johnson's chief rival and possible replacement, until he fell from grace a couple of weeks ago. He too has been fined for the parties, but his bigger problem is his personal finances.

First it came out that Sunak's wife, an Indian heiress, has been exploiting a tax loophole to avoid paying British taxes on

her dividend income of \$15 million a year. All she had to do was declare that she didn't intend to stay in the U.K. permanently, which may be true, because it then came out that Rishi and she had both kept their U.S.-issued green cards.

That ends Sunak's prime ministerial ambitions. And then there's the "bully who sends immigrants to Rwanda," Home Secretary Priti Patel. She announced the plan last week while handing a £120 million down payment to Rwandan dictator Paul Kagame for taking asylum seekers off Britain's hands.

It's probably illegal, and Patel doubtless realizes that it won't ever really happen. She's just throwing some red meat to the racist and anti-immigrant voters who played a big part in putting Johnson & Co. into power in the last election. But she hasn't solved the bigger problem, which is what to do about Johnson. Nobody has.

Johnson's popularity in the party and in the country has collapsed, and even his recent sub-Churchillian posturing in Ukraine has done nothing to restore it. But following the decline of Rishi Sunak's star, the Conservatives have no other candidate who will tickle the electorate's fancy. Moreover, Johnson certainly won't go without a fight.

The likeliest outcome is stalemate: an unpopular government heading into a cost-of-living crisis with no visible strategy and two years to go until the next election. They had no policy beyond "Brexit," which no longer inspires even its former enthusiasts, and their enemies' fondest wish is that Johnson stays in office until that election rolls around at last.

He probably will.

Gwynne Dyer's new book is *The Shortest History of War*.

# New Ganges fire hall: Six decades in the making

In June, nine years after the last attempt, Salt Spring property owners will be asked to vote on whether to approve construction of a new fire hall, a vote that is required even though the project can be completed without increasing taxes. This article describes the process that led to the proposed design.

BY BRUCE CAMERON

PRESIDENT, RETURN ON INSIGHT

In 1959 when Fire Hall #1 was completed in Ganges, archive photos show that it sat alone at the entrance to a road leading to Mouat's and the coast guard dock, with the harbour beach on either side.

In front of the fire hall, work would soon begin to fill in the harbour and level the ground in preparation for construction of what is now called Gasoline Alley. Behind the fire hall, truckloads of rock from excavation of the proposed Long Harbour ferry terminal were being deposited to create the commercial area

where Thrifty's, Shipstones and the Tree House Café now sit.

The contours of Ganges Harbour may have changed, but other things have not. Tourists are still drawn to our idyllic laid-back island for its markets and menagerie of colourful characters. We are still debating how we should be governed all these years later. And the need for a firefighting force remains as strong as ever.

The island has changed dramatically over six decades, but the island's emergency response centre has remained headquartered in a building that has steadily become insufficient to the task. The need to build a new modern fire hall has been recognized for many years, but although plans were proposed in 2013, gaining community support for construction of a new facility proved elusive.

The board of trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (also known as Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue or SSIFR) took the lessons learned from the unsuccessful referendum of 2013 to heart, initiating a public review process starting with



IMAGE COURTESY SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE RESCUE

Architect's rendering of the proposed new Fire Hall #1 on donated land on Lower Ganges Road next to Brinkworthy Estates and Kutatás Winery.

convening a Fire Rescue Advisory Committee in 2018. That committee took the first steps toward the goal of building a new fire hall, commissioning an independent third-party expert to assess the state of the current fire hall. The Firewise Consulting Report in March 2018 concluded that, based on operational challenges, space requirements and the location of the old fire hall in a seismically threatened area, which becomes congested at times (think Saturday market days), "the SSIFR move immediately to . . . develop a new fire hall."

Internally, the SSIFPD board began to put plans in place to build for tomorrow, setting aside reserve funds to enable construction of a new fire hall, and initiating discussions with the Capital Regional District to monetize the value of the old fire hall location. By 2021, architects, planners and consultants were engaged to provide the necessary expertise to bring to life practical plans for a new fire hall that the whole community could support.

But what will Salt Spring support? That is where market research comes in. My firm, Return On Insight, conducted a representative survey early in 2022, examining how residents feel about fire services and facilities. Full results can be viewed online at [saltspringfire.com](http://saltspringfire.com), including the survey questions and data for those inclined to pore over cross tabulations. For those not so inclined, here is a summary of what we found:

- SSIFR is well regarded when it comes to responding to emergencies, not only fires, but also medical emergencies, rescues and the response to incidents related to natural disasters like windstorms, wildfires and floods.

- Awareness is lower regarding steps the organization has taken to put aside reserves and manage its budget to enable the building of a new fire hall, so we recommended highlighting those moves, in particular the fact that \$3 million in reserve funds will be available to defray building costs of a new fire hall.

- Almost all islanders acknowledge the need to replace the aging Fire Hall #1.

- Despite a complement of under 100 members, most residents know someone who is on the force, so we are reminding people of that deep community connection.

- When it comes to designing a new firehall, residents are most concerned about costs, but they also care about eco-friendly actions that need to be taken at the site, including protecting riparian zones and incorporating rainwater catchment, and building con-

nective pathways from Brinkworthy through the proposed site, located next to Kutatás Winery and across from Foxglove.

- With respect to the estimated project costs of \$13.7 million, almost three quarters of respondents thought that the range of building costs per square foot for comparable emergency response centre projects (\$900-\$1,350) seemed reasonable.

- The research also provided direction for the skilled team of architects and designers, gauging reactions to several proposed designs and assigning comparative costs and tax implications for each one. While aesthetics matter to many, keeping costs low was the paramount concern.

- Ultimately, the research found that if a new firehall can be constructed requiring no new taxes (which the current board is committed to achieving), a referendum to approve borrowing costs of \$9.7 million will be approved by a majority of residents.

That referendum to approve the project is planned for June, with mail-in ballots going out to all ratepayers early in the month and receipt due by June 30.

The board of trustees, management, architects and project planners have been applying the lessons learned from community feedback, continually fine-tuning plans. Throughout the design process, the floor plan for the new fire hall has been reduced to 11,500 square feet, down 36 per cent from the 2013 proposal.

Public meetings will be held to review detailed cost estimates in May. An ongoing series of meetings is being organized to consult with stakeholders prior to the referendum vote, including discussions with neighbours, business owners, elected officials, public boards and staff, First Nations, emergency response personnel, service clubs and other community organizations.

An open house has been scheduled for Thursday, April 28 from 6 to 9 p.m., serving refreshments and snacks, at the old fire hall #1. It may be a good time to say farewell to the old fire hall as a fire station. However, if residents vote "yes" to building a new fire hall, the old hall may yet live on as a year-round in-door market space in the heart of Ganges Village.

Bruce Cameron, a Salt Spring resident who leads a research and strategy firm called Return On Insight, has been hired to coordinate the referendum campaign on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

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**Respect valued**

Thank you for publishing Tisha Boulter's "Accurate acronyms matter" letter regarding Paul McElroy's April 6 Driftwood column. It is quite humbling that articles like Paul McElroy wrote, which I feel are openly dismissive to the LGBTQ community, are allowed to be published in a generally queer-friendly community newspaper. I really failed to see how this article added any insight or compassion or understanding to the issues. Everyone is already quite familiar with the conservative baby-boom-

er-white-cisgender position on the subject of how we acknowledge each other.

Paul's opinions are definitely indicative of the way humanity (on the left and on the right) in general tends to dismiss, disregard and mock viewpoints and people they don't understand or agree with, instead of listening deeply to each other.

Anyway, I am glad that some of the people who hold responsibility for our children's education have recognized the need for attention and respect in the way we relate to each other. Thanks, Tisha!

**GRAHAM GUENTHER,**  
SALT SPRING

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Rendering of proposed 11,500 square foot firehall

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It's hard enough to go through your day with a disability . . . then maddening to find your limited accessibility blocked by lazy, inconsiderate, able-bodied people thinking of only themselves!

**P. DAVID O'FLYNN,**  
SALT SPRING

## In defence of columnist Paul McElroy

I was disappointed to read Tisha Boulter's letter to the editor in the April 13 Driftwood.

At a time when the serious issues facing humanity are becoming almost too numerous to bear, I am writing to criticize a humour column in the local paper time well spent?

Let's not kid ourselves. Humour is under attack from all sides these days, and we are poorer for it. Mr. McElroy's columns helped get me through the darkest days of the pandemic, and while he doesn't always hit the mark — what comedian does? — I don't think he deserves to be chastised for his attempt to entertain us. Of course there must be limits to free speech but our current proclivity to attack instantly any statement with which we disagree does not reflect well on our claim to be a tolerant society.

I have re-read the column that sparked Ms. Boulter's ire and find little that is con-

troversial to my eyes. Of course, I should disclose that I am a cisgender heterosexual white male in his 72nd year, so my terms of reference probably align more closely with Mr. McElroy's than Ms. Boulter's. (By the way, I Googled "cis-generated" and received no direct response, but perhaps our language is evolving at a faster pace than Google can match.)

In his column, Mr. McElroy advised us that he has neither the time nor the disposition for bigotry. He acknowledged that "Thankfully, society has changed — or at least our corner of society has, and the right to love whoever the hell you want, to be whatever you want, is accepted and enshrined." So what was his sin? Poking gentle fun at the labels we have chosen and the acronyms selected to describe them. Well I too had to research the full description of LGBTQIA2S+ because regrettably my learning had stopped at LGBTQ. (Ms. Boulter omitted the "A," but I'm sure she, like me, holds no bias against the asexual among us.)

**BILL STEWART,**  
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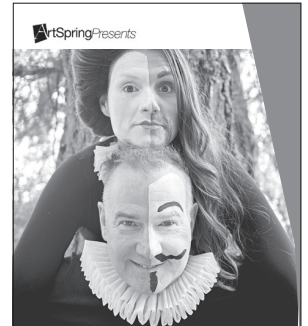
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**SO MUCH ART:** Art shows and activities flourished on the weekend. Speaking at a Saturday talk by artists who created four murals for Mahon Hall's outside walls are, from left, Patrick McCallum, Wendy Taylor, Faevan Barstead and Sibéal Foyle. Below, from left is a small part of the new Symbolically 8 show at Gallery 8 marking the gallery's 13th anniversary; and a "sea urchin" basket by Arlene Ommundsen and crow by Melissa Searcy at the Guilds of Salt Spring show at ArtSpring. The Gallery 8 show continues through May 11 while Mahon (Memorial) Hall: The Nature of Memory exhibit is on until Sunday, April 24, with a number of related events taking place at the hall. See the Salt Spring Arts ad below or the What's On calendar on page 15 for details.



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**ARTS EVENT**

## Parker's Lake of the Woods book shared

Library event with Randolph Parker and Bill Mayberry on April 26

BY GAIL S. JUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island artist Randolph Parker has made his name in Canadian art through his large, breathtaking acrylic landscape paintings of the West Coast, the Rockies, prairies and beyond.

But his most recent major undertaking has put the focus on the Lake of the Woods region in Manitoba. The result is both an exhibition that will take place at the two Mayberry Fine Art galleries in Winnipeg beginning May 14 and a stunning coffee-table book that contains images of all 210 Lake of the Woods paintings, other works by Parker, historical and geographical information, and an index with GPS coordinates for each painting. The all-consuming project was done in partnership with Bill Mayberry, Parker's art dealer of more than 30 years, who also has a home on Salt Spring Island.

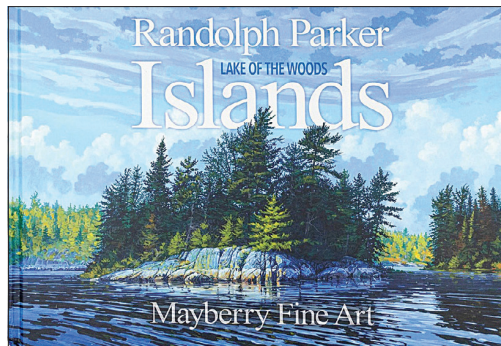
People can hear all about the two men's passion for Lake of the Woods, the paintings and the making of a brand new book called Lake of the Woods: Islands at a Salt Spring Public Library event on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. People wanting to attend must RSVP to rtparker@shaw.ca or call 250-537-1155.

As Mayberry explained, the idea germinated from his experience with an artist named Walter J. Phillips, who did many paintings in Lake of the Woods and whose work Mayberry has specialized in as an art dealer. He said it was always interesting to find out exactly where Phillips did his paintings, and when he took Parker to a place where Phillips had executed his colour woodcut called Sunset, Lake of The Woods in 1928, their epic project was born.

"It started the idea of Randolph doing a whole series of paintings that would all have a specific identification with the GPS coordinates," said Mayberry.

"At the back of every painting, every sketch drawing, they all have the GPS coordinates," explained Parker, "so people can go out and find the exact spot where it was done, and that's I think new in Canadian art. . . I thought this might set a new standard for location paintings."

Five years went into the process of creating 160 paintings



Cover of book featuring Randolph Parker's newest artwork.

on panel and 50 larger works on canvas of some of the 14,000 islands in Lake of the Woods, and making the book.

Mayberry explains that Lake of the Woods is "a maze of waterways and passageways and bays, and it opens up in the larger areas and then narrows down into small inlets . . . it's like the West Coast but you just shrink it down and add a lot more islands."

He said they deliberately didn't include paintings of human activity such as people's cottages or docks, which are evident in only about 10 per cent of the whole area anyway.

"The vast amount of it is basically unspoiled wilderness," said Mayberry. "And I think a desire to see it kept that way is something we set out to do with this work as well."

None of the paintings in Lake of the Woods: Islands resemble another. Vastly different colours and depths of skies, water, foliage and compositions make each one unique.

Parker is from Huntsville, Ont., trained in fine art at Mount Allison University, Banff Centre and York University, and taught fine art himself, but has been a full-time artist since the mid-1990s and based on Salt Spring since 1992.

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A preview of Lake of the Woods: Islands is at mayberry-fineart.com and the book will be for sale at Tuesday's launch.

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**Tracey Braiden (Poole)**  
1957 - 2022

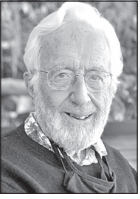


Tracey left us peacefully in the evening of April 8, 2022, following a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Born in North Vancouver in 1957, Tracey spent her childhood at Long Beach, Ucluellet and finally Salt Spring Island. Tracey loved Salt Spring and following her marriage to her life partner, Ross, they decided to spend the rest of their lives here. She leaves behind three sons, Shawn, Ben and Ian, and one grandson, Henry.

Tracey may best be remembered for her role as a teacher at the local high school, where, over many years she had a very strong influence. Everyone respected "Mrs. Braiden" for her caring yet no nonsense attitude that helped change so many lives at the high school. Tracey worked with students, starting in the Gypsy Program in the 1988, right through until 2017 at GISS. Her patience, as a mother figure and as a caring teacher to hundreds of students, left a lasting impression. Tracey was always coming up with ideas to enhance the students' experiences, often making way more work for herself, but never minding. And she never hesitated to speak up for what she thought was right for the kids, no matter who she went toe to toe with!

We would like to express our thanks to Dr. Verheul and the health care folks at extended care, for their wonderful dedication and loving attention during Tracey's time there.

**BASIL FRANEY**  
November 23, 1925 - April 5, 2022



Born in London, England, Basil lost his mother at an early age and was raised by his aunts while attending school in Oxfordshire. He lived through the WW2 London blitz, and served in the British Army, including 2 post-war years as a Royal Engineer organizing the return of troops.



In 1949 he set sail for North America, spending four months touring and deciding where to immigrate. He chose Vancouver, and met his wife-to-be, Helen Margaret Simpson, on the transatlantic sailing back to Britain. Margaret's mother Lena told Basil that he could marry her daughter if he had a viable profession in Canada and asked what he was expert at. The answer was organizing, railways and math, so Lena suggested he enrol in the accounting program at McGill University. Five years later, after travelling back-and-forth between Montreal and Vancouver, he graduated with the highest Chartered Accountant marks in Quebec.

1957 brought eight months of work with the BC RCMP investigating corruption in the Sommers scandal, travel throughout Europe, and the birth of his first son, Alan. In 1958 he was hired as 'VP, Administration' by Grosvenor Laing, a UK-based company that built Annacis Island, SFU, and numerous buildings, bridges and shopping malls in Greater Vancouver and Victoria. Basil and Margaret moved to the Deer Lake area of Burnaby, and 1959 brought the birth of his second son, Ian. In 1973 Basil became 'VP, Administration' of Daon Development, one of the most successful development companies in BC history. Also that year, Basil and Margaret welcomed a foster daughter into their home, Caroline Grieve.

Basil retired in 1980, and with Margaret, purchased a beautiful property at Isabella Point on Saltspring Island, moving back-and-forth between there and Solana Beach in Southern California for 8 years until deciding Saltspring would be their permanent home. Soon after Margaret's death in 2011, Basil worked with the Saltspring Conservancy in placing an ecological covenant on his most treasured section of land right at Isabella Point.

Basil had a keen mind and many interests, including model railways, building, classical music, and travelling. He was fortunate to be able to live a very active life, and that determination continued right through to the end. His last hurrah was driving his beloved Ivy to Medicine Hat just a few months ago. Basil will be very fondly remembered by those who survive him: Alan and Ian and other family members, including grandsons James and Evan; Patricia Colley, his half sister, and her family; and Ivy Anderson, his romantic partner late in life.

Basil was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer last summer, and had prepared for MAID, but was able to die relatively peacefully at home. Special thanks to all the kind caregivers, doctors, nurses, friends, and neighbours who helped us through this challenging journey. A memorial service is being planned for Vancouver this summer.


**Margaret Edith Simons**  
August 4th 1929 - March 18th 2022

Marg passed peacefully with her son Wayne holding her hand. Marg was born and raised in Toronto. While at the Ontario College of Art she met fellow student Arthur, her husband of 67 years.

Marg and Art honeymooned in the Rockies and ran a youth hostel at Miette Hot Springs. Son Bob was born shortly after in 1953. After Ken and Wayne were born (1956 and 1963) the family moved to Salt Spring Island and in 1966 Marg taught art at the elementary school for several years. In the early to mid 70s she taught adults a variety of art subjects including *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*. Marg was an early exhibitor at ArtSpring and in the 70s Marg grew into being a pioneer of social justice on Salt Spring "think globally act locally". She was a founding member of Omerepe Coffee Collective, Raging Grannies, Voice of Women (she was sent to Geneva as a delegate for Voice of Women) and many other causes; example, Arpilleras from Chile.

As family, one of the endearing memories of the last three decades was Art and Marg's magic Tuesdays where they would roam on bicycles, foot and ferry within a 100 km radius of Salt Spring keeping detailed illustrated journals of those journeys. Marg and Art sold the family home in Fulford in 2015 and spent a few happy years in Meadowbrook, then in declining health they shared a room at Extended Care.

A big thank you to the staff of Extended Care particularly in the last 2 years while Marg was alone there. Marg was predeceased by husband Art in 2020 and son Bob in 1999, she leaves sons Ken and Wayne and seven grandchildren.



Friends and family are invited to join us in a Memorial Mass to honour **Barbara "Bo" Pbelan** (July 22, 1928 - Dec 1, 2021) on Saturday, May the 7th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church - 135 Drake Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC

Her ashes will be interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Toronto on May 17, 2022.

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**GLENN ROY CHARGE**

Passed on Monday, March 28 suddenly but comfortably in his 91st year. He is survived by his common law partner Shelagh Tulloch, by two sons, Dic (Ellen) and Lawrence (James) and by five stepdaughters, Allison, Lorraine, Jennifer, Cathie and Mary-Anne and three stepsons Les, Allan and Scott as well as an extensive group of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and their children. Glenn was predeceased by four of his siblings (Dick, Maxine, Diane and Brenda) and is survived by his one remaining sister, Linda (Joe).

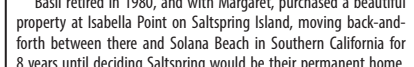


Born in Winnipeg, Glenn studied at the University of Manitoba while serving in Canada's military. He went on to enjoy a career in electrical engineering with General Electric (Schenectady) and Ontario Hydro (Richmond Hill) before retirement. After the heartrending loss of his second wife Jeanne, Glenn moved to the Vancouver Island area and lived first in Duncan before moving to Salt Spring Island to be with Shelagh.

Throughout his life he pursued time in the great outdoors and showed passion and skill at home renovations, curling, and photography. He also enjoyed traveling, seeking out that next photograph or great meal. In later years, Glenn took up running for fitness and even tried golf for several years - he was a frequent tournament marshal at local clubs on the Island to earn tee times. He also spent several years as a community policeman in Duncan and frequented the Legion.

Always quick with a joke or a funny story, Glenn enjoyed having a glass of wine and was always trying hard to make people laugh, to make the right choices and to treat the people in his life fairly. A vigorous defender of his views, you could always count on lively 'discussions' on a wide range of topics and he loved to 'hold court' with family and friends alike. Expressing affection was not his strong point as he was more demonstrative than vocal, but we know he cared deeply for those in his life and he was loved in return. His departure saddens so many, and he will be missed.

By his request, there is no formal celebration. Family will gather in the summer for a private celebration of his life. Glenn asked that in lieu of flowers, donations might be given to the Heart & Stroke Foundation and/or the Salvation Army.



**STANLEY ELDRIDGE WISEMAN**

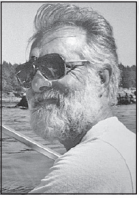
Stanley Eldridge Wiseman born February 1941 passed away at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria surrounded by family on April 13, 2022.

Stanley is survived by his 1936 Ford truck "Freddie", son Chad (Lori), daughter Roxanne (Noel), sister Joan (Herb) and brother Les (Judith), granddaughters Victoria, Courtney, Ashanti, and great-grandchildren.

Stanley was born in Rock Bay and grew up in Port Alberni, moving to Gibsons and finally resided on Salt Spring Island which he loved. Stanley was a veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy, retired from a career with B.C. Ferries and held every other job imaginable in between. Stanley was extremely creative and a master woodworker, he was a friend to many and always willing to help lend a hand. Stanley always had a limerick, a joke or a tall tale to share. Stan loved his family dearly and his children were especially important to him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation.

*In the immortal words of Stan the man... "Taker cool man"*



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Taurus time has begun. The warm days and blossoming beauty everywhere uplifts spirits. The beautiful and fragrant season of buds and flowers and the garden preparation and seed sowing joys becomes a central focus for many people. And April 22 is Earth Day and merits our full respect and acknowledgement.

In the wider, social and political sense, the Sun is now moving towards its annual conjunction with Uranus. It is a very significant contributor to the synchronicity of the changing economy, along with Pluto in Capricorn. As natural as it may seem to some that the time has come, we should also be aware of the very real perils implied in this process.

Every war is invariably linked to land, ownership, access, privilege and power symbolized by Taurus. A digital economy may sound good to some, but the dangers are very real and we are wise to be more awake and aware of the implications. The biggest danger is that artificial intelligence can pose very threats to human life, as many science fiction movies have... warned. Look up the term 'technocracy' to deepen your understanding.

### Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

A time of turning within is upon you. This within can point to your own backyard, literally. Yet, a soul-searching journey is also implied. At least, a time of rest and retreat to commune with your inner voice and to simply be is implied. This time of respite will linger for up to several weeks and you are wise to rest deeply, you will need all your reserves later.

### Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

The powerful combination of Taurus, Aquarius and Pisces is destined to activate your revolutionary spirit. It is likely that it is already activated, in which case, it will serve to catapult you to the next level. Discerning between fact, fantasy, fiction and intentional fallacy is likely, whether it is your own or that of others.

### Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Imagine that it is your job to be a dream weaver! This does not mean you are out of touch with reality. In fact, you are more grounded than some might believe. Yet, you also tend to feel like you are in but not entirely of the world. You see it as a game and a stage and as an adventure to be lived as well as a story to be told and understood. Keep up the good work!

### Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

A kaleidoscope of visions is moving through your mind. Memories, hopes, dreams, realizations and possibly fears and trepidations about the future are converging, each assuming the central position for a while, only to be replaced again. As well, your sights are set on the future and you are inspired and determined to build upon more solid ground.

### Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The Taurus factor finds you focused on very practical matters. The Aquarius influence finds you committed to build upon a more solid future and healthier lifestyle. Yet, it is the Pisces factor currently playing such a strong role that represents a period of limbo between what was and will be. The key now is to be willing to let go of what was. Onward and forward!

### Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Taurus time is one during which circumstances guide you to emphasize the more practical realities of your overall philosophy of life. This year, it is very tightly woven into your relationship life and dreams of creating a beautiful life with the one(s) you love. Yet the challenge to see through and beyond the mirage is very real.

### Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

You have entered a cycle during which time maintaining your centre and equilibrium is extra important but possibly equally challenging as well. Circumstances are causing you to have to give more and work harder somehow. The focus on health does continue to spike on the graph. There is also an emphasis on finances possibly requiring further investigation.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The Taurus factor is shining its light on your relationship life. Venus and Mars in romantic Pisces lend a strong supportive influence. Of course, you have to be in the game to play and win. As well, the finer details of destiny are the deciding factor. Whether it is your existing relationship that enjoys fresh blooms, or new interests are budding, love relationships are emphasized.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Taurus time is directing your focus to the finer details of practical reality. Much of your intention is likely to be on home and family. Realizing the dream, despite the frightful times, and creating order out of chaos are likely scenarios. This is the rebirth or resurrection phase after the death and transformation process.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The earthy element of Taurus aligns with your own, producing an inspirational effect. The strong Piscean influence also harmonizes with it and supports nourishment and growth, especially regarding your perceptions and interpretations. The Aquarius factor is the more sobering theme requiring persistence and follow-through.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

The big emphasis is on your home. Creating a foundation of stability and beauty from which you can grow your garden and your dreams is your main focus. Moves of some kind are indicated and they also imply a whole new set of priorities. Next week's Solar Eclipse New Moon is already actually playing and will continue to play a major role over the coming months.

### Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

This time of year tends to have a powerful effect on you. Like the rising sap, your energy levels are higher and you yearn to reacquaint yourself with the soil. This year, due to the strong Pisces influence, you yearn to dive more deeply and fully into realizing your dreams. Be willing to cash in on your good karma and begin a whole new adventure.

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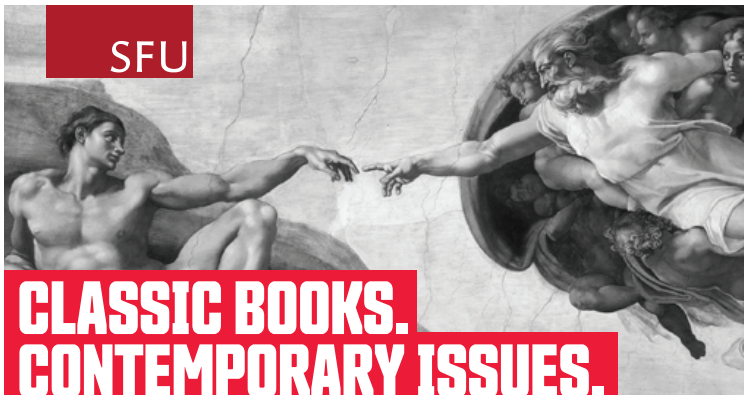
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## CONCERT PREVIEW

# Spanish music on tap



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María Cristina Kiehr and Ariel Abramovich, who will perform on Friday, April 29 at ArtSpring.

Renaissance  
songbook used  
as concept

#### SUBMITTED BY ARTSPRING

It shows huge dedication to your craft to work on a project for 15 years. But that's what it took celebrated Argentinian lutenist/vihuelist Ariel Abramovich to realize *Imaginario: de un libro de música de vihuela*.

The album is an imaginary reconstruction of a Spanish renaissance songbook, based on the seven surviving sources of the era.

"The idea started many

years ago, after working on repertoire by Spanish vihuelistas," Abramovich explains. "Only seven sources were printed between 1536 and 1576, but we know that vihuelas were played before and after that. What happened before 1536 and after 1576?"

Abramovich doesn't consider the research for this album academic, but it did rely on creativity, imagination, and a deep knowledge of the music and literature of the time.

"First, I made a selection of pieces that are related to the seven historical vihuela books, establishing meaningful musical

and literary connections. There are pieces by composers, such as Vásquez, that the vihuelistas liked and included in their books. So I took some of his works and did my own arrangements, turning them into vihuela songs in a way that works well for both singer and player."

The singer on this project is soprano María Cristina Kiehr, one of the leading vocalists in baroque music. Also Argentinian, Abramovich had been listening to Kiehr's voice since he started studying early music in his teens. They first met in 2010 and began working together in 2013. With her broad experience in 16th-century polyphonic repertoire, Kiehr brought her own perspective to the album.

Abramovich thinks that "this music and the way we deliver it requires an active listener. It is not loud, and it is not simple, so it demands your full attention."

It will be Abramovich's first time in Canada, with the duo also playing in Vancouver and Victoria. We hope you'll be here to welcome them.

ArtSpring Presents: María Cristina Kiehr and Ariel Abramovich is on Friday, April 29 at ArtSpring at 7:30 p.m.

## Come tour a brand-new spill response base

Please join us to celebrate the opening of WCMRC's new 24/7 spill response base in Sidney/North Saanich. Come take a tour of the new base and learn about marine spill response along Canada's West Coast. Bring the whole family for food, fun activities and prizes. We look forward to seeing you there!

**TIME:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 4-7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 9930 McDonald Park Road, North Saanich



The Sidney response base is now the primary response centre for spills in the southern Gulf Islands and Haro Strait. It is home to a new warehouse/office and eight new response vessels moored at Van Isle Marina. The base is part of a larger expansion that will double WCMRC's capacity and cut mandated response times in half.



LITERARY EVENTS

# Poetry month celebrated

Special April 28 event via Zoom

BY SANDI JOHNSON  
POETRY GROUP MEMBER

Celebrating National Poetry Month, An Intimate Evening with Salt Spring Poets features readings by Brian Day, Diana Hayes, Sandi Johnson, Karl Meade, Rowan Percy, Murray Reiss and Christine Smart on Zoom next Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

More than 20 years ago, group members Diana Hayes and Christine Smart, subsequently joined by Murray Reiss and Rowan Percy, began meeting to read and critique poems. Percy describes "the conversation with listeners that live poetry provides. Poems are codes for experience. Cords of connection. Poetry is a 'no holds barred' medium for expressing the joy and darkness of living."

Hayes has published six books of poetry, including Labyrinth of Green (Plumleaf Press) and, most recently, Gold in the Shadow: Twenty-Two Ghazals and a Cento for Phyllis Webb (Rainbow Publishers).

Johnson is the author of The Wonderful Naked Man, poetry and line drawings. Her poems have appeared in literary magazines including Prism International, grain, The New Quarterly, The Capilano Review and The Antigonish Review.

Karl Meade is a Salt Spring poet, novelist and non-fiction writer. His work has been long-listed for four CBC literary prizes, shortlisted for Arc Magazine's Poem of the Year and shortlisted for the Malahat Review's Open Season Creative Nonfiction prize.

Reiss' The Survival Rate of Butterflies in the Wild, Radiant Press, won the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award in 2014. Cemetery Compost was published by Frontenac House in 2016. A climate

action performance poet, Murray co-founded Salt Spring's Only Planet Cabaret.

Smart's poems "trace the edge of knowing, note up-close the sensory tangibles of a life bodily-aware and conscious of time's shadow," state reviewers. Her books can be found at Salt Spring Books or Salt Spring Mercantile, Fulford Harbour.

The newest member of the group is Brian Day. His work "aligns with mystical traditions yet manages to be strikingly contemporary." With "a language that is solid and tactile" he achieves spiritual focus. Day is the author of four books, including The Daring of Paradise and Conjuring Jesus (Guernica editions).

Next Thursday's reading is sponsored by Salt Spring Island Public Library, Canada Council for the Arts and The League of Canadian Poets.

People should email programs@saltspringlibrary.com to register and get the Zoom link.

NATURE

# Bald eagle expert visits

David Hancock at Fulford Hall Saturday

BY DAVID DENNING AND KATHLEEN MASER  
NATURE SALT SPRING

Islanders can expect to be richly entertained by David Hancock, one of Canada's best-known wildlife biologists and science communicators at Fulford Hall on the evening of Saturday, April 23.

Fascinated by the magnificent bald eagle at a young age, Hancock has dedicated his life to their study piloting his own float plane the length of the B.C. and Alaskan coastlines many times over. He developed systems of nest monitoring, web cams, and live-tracking satellite and cell tags, which has revolutionized our understanding of bald eagle biology. His research has opened the door to people all around the world to participate in bald eagle citizen science by connecting to his Hancock Foundation website where you can check out the eagle nest cams. The author of several books about eagles and other wildlife, he has published a large collection of nature-oriented books at Hancock House Publishing.

On April 23 Hancock will regale us with his research and no doubt pepper his talk with personal anecdotes and humorous adventures.

The event is sponsored by Nature Salt Spring (NSS), the island's new natural history organization, and is both a fundraiser and membership drive. Memberships will be available at the door.

The talk at Fulford Hall starts at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30. People who arrive early at 6 p.m. can be part of a talk and gawk session viewing an actual eagle's nest. Near to the hall scopes will be in place to enhance views of a nest, inactive at this time, yet very cool to see.

In the interest of health safety for all, wearing a mask in the hall is required.

# what's on this week



Wed. Apr 20	Fri. Apr 22	Sat. Apr 23	Wed. Apr 27
<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Ukraine Silent Auction Fundraiser Donation Drop-off Day.</b> Bring high-quality donations for the April 30 fundraiser to the Fulford seniors room at the south end of Fulford Hall. 1 to 5 p.m. Info: helpukrainess@ gmail.com.</p> <p><b>Life Drawing With Patrick McCallum.</b> Everyone welcome to a drop-in life drawing session. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>No Hall is an Island: A History of Mahon Hall, 1900-1940.</b> Talk by historian Chris Arnett. Mahon Hall. 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Danielle Blackwood Book Launch.</b> Island author presents A Lantern in the Dark at a Salt Spring Public Library event. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo.</b> Every Wednesday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Story Time at the Library.</b> Songs, stories, movement, puppets, voices and story telling at the library on Fridays and Tuesdays at 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>StoryWalk.</b> Follow the trail of laminated signs from a children's book beginning from the Salt Spring Public Library through Mouat Park and toward the Rainbow Road pool. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>VIA ZOOM</b></p> <p><b>ASK Salt Spring.</b> This week's guest is IWAV executive director Kisae Peterson, speaking about affordable housing. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Email ask@ asksaltspring.com for the link.</p> <p><b>Sat. Apr 23</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Hall of a Place: In Performance.</b> An evening of spoken word, song and dance reflecting Mahon Hall as an island landmark of both heart and place throughout the years. With Sue Newman, Chris Arnett and Chris Humphreys. 7:30 p.m. (Doors at 7 p.m.)</p> <p><b>Morien Jones Trio.</b> Moby's Pub. 8 to 11:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Regulars.</b> Live at the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Diemm.</b> Live at Mateada Lounge. 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>SSI Garden Club Plant Sale.</b> Farmers' Institute. 1 to 3 p.m. Bring a box or tote for your purchases. Masks required. More information at ssgardenclub.ca.</p> <p><b>The Amazing Biology of Bald Eagles - David Hancock Talk.</b> A Nature Salt Spring event with one of Canada's best-known wildlife biologists and science communicators. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Doors at 6:30 p.m. As well, an inactive eagle's nest viewing will take place with scopes near the hall at 6 p.m. Masks required.</p> <p><b>StoryWalk.</b> See Friday's listing.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Come Celebrate the Earth.</b> Live music with Barb Slater and Kevin Wilkie followed by a candlelight vigil with readings and a sharing circle to celebrate united purpose in protecting the planet. United Church Meadow. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sun. Apr 24</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>StoryWalk.</b> See Friday's listing.</p> <p><b>Mon. Apr 25</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.</b> Regular monthly meeting in the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 p.m. Zoom options are available by calling the CRD office at 250-537-4448.</p> <p><b>StoryWalk.</b> See Friday's listing.</p> <p><b>Tues. Apr 26</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Randolph Parker Book Launch.</b> Join artist Randolph Parker and art dealer Bill Mayberry for a discussion of their Lake of the Woods: Islands book and exhibition. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m. RSVP required to rtparker@shaw.ca or 250-537-1155. Masks recommended.</p> <p><b>Trivia Tuesday.</b> Every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wed. Apr 27</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Scott Point Waterworks District AGM.</b> Annual general meeting at the RVYC Pavilion. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p>	<p><b>VIA ZOOM</b></p> <p><b>Mental Fitness for Business Resiliency.</b> A Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce workshop. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE FRITZ CINEMA</b></p> <p><b>Sonic the Hedgehog 2</b> shows on Friday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. See <a href="http://www.thefritz.ca">www.thefritz.ca</a> for more movie info.</p> <p><b>EXHIBITIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mahon (Memorial) Hall: The Nature of Memory,</b> a multi-artist exhibit put on by Salt Spring Arts continues at Mahon Hall daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sunday, April 24, along with a youth exhibit called <b>A Rainbow of Friends in A Hall of their Own</b> in the hall annex, plus talks and other events. (See the What's On calendar, above.)</li> <li><b>Symbolically 8</b> celebrates the 13th anniversary of Gallery 8 with work by all gallery artists in Grace Point Square daily until May 11.</li> <li><b>Tossed &amp; Found,</b> an exhibition of artwork by 13 island artists using found objects and recycled materials, runs at Salt Spring Gallery until April 27 (Wednesdays through Saturdays).</li> <li><b>Salt Spring Painters Guild</b> members exhibit work in the lobby of ArtSpring through April.</li> <li><b>Rolando Lampitoc</b> shows prints, paintings and drawings in the Salt Spring library program room through April.</li> <li><b>Peter Levitt</b> has a poetry and art display in the Salt Spring library lobby display case until April 30.</li> <li><b>Carole James</b> is hanging her abstract impressionistic artwork at Dragonfly Art Supplies throughout the month of April.</li> <li><b>Salt Spring Painters Guild</b> member Hazel Gardner is exhibiting pastel art work at Country Grocer Cafe for the month of April.</li> <li>Also through April, <b>Sheri Standen</b> is showing her watercolour paintings at Harvest Moon - a new business in the Country Grocer mall.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thur. Apr 21</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Open Mic.</b> Royal Canadian Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>JP Maurice.</b> Live at Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Fri. Apr 22</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Luke Wallace Concert.</b> Folk singer Luke Wallace and guests at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets through eventbrite.</p> <p><b>Rough &amp; Tumble.</b> At the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Walking to Peace.</b> Bring drums, musical instruments and thoughts of peace on Earth Day to Centennial Park at 3 p.m. A Peace Works! Event.</p> <p><b>Artist Talk: Martin Herbert.</b> Mahon Hall exhibit artist speaks on Leaving Space for the Viewer's Mind. Mahon Hall. 12 noon.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Walking to Peace.</b> Bring drums, musical instruments and thoughts of peace on Earth Day to Centennial Park at 3 p.m. A Peace Works! Event.</p> <p><b>Artist Talk: Martin Herbert.</b> Mahon Hall exhibit artist speaks on Leaving Space for the Viewer's Mind. Mahon Hall. 12 noon.</p>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Walking to Peace.</b> Bring drums, musical instruments and thoughts of peace on Earth Day to Centennial Park at 3 p.m. A Peace Works! Event.</p> <p><b>Artist Talk: Martin Herbert.</b> Mahon Hall exhibit artist speaks on Leaving Space for the Viewer's Mind. Mahon Hall. 12 noon.</p>	<p><b>Metalworkers Along the Salish Sea -- Book Launch</b> Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at Steffich Fine Art With author Pirjo Raits. Celebrate Salt Spring and regional metal artists!</p> <p><b>THRIFTY FOODS</b> </p> <p>Ganges, Mouat's Centre 7:30am to 9pm / Customer Service 250-537-1522</p>

# LET'S PICK IT UP, Salt Spring!

**Driftwood litter campaign enters final phase**



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Caroline Hickman, left, and Mariah Jane Grey with just two of several bags of garbage they retrieved from the roadside and ditches of Fulford-Ganges Road south of Cranberry Road on Saturday.



BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Let's Pick It Up, Salt Spring campaign is heading into its last 10 days, and the volunteer list keeps growing.

Deserving of the medal of fortitude so far this year is the team of Rosamund and Patrick Dupuy, and Caroline Hunt and Mariah Jane Grey. Those four took on a big stretch of "the highway" between Blackburn and Cranberry roads this

year. When I caught up to Caroline and Mariah on Saturday they were feeling the effects of clambering into and out of ditches, but the amount of trash ultimately collected by all four of their team — a pick-up truck load — was worth the effort.

I completed the Fulford-Ganges to Old Divide section of my allotted area of Cranberry Road on Sunday morning and was pleasantly surprised at how little litter required picking up this year. "Only" a dozen discarded drink cans and bottles were found.

I also noticed a bit of tweakiness in my hips from elaborate ditch manoeuvres, including those required to pull some ancient Coroplast Gary Holman provincial election signs out of a wet and muddy ditch.

I must confess that the hunt for trash is almost "fun" and it certainly feels great to clean up an area. Receiving kudos from strangers along the way is also quite nice.

If you want to be part of the positive action, check out the instructions on page 13.

## OUR RUNNING LIST AS OF MONDAY IS:

- Phil Bysher — Ensilwood and LePage roads.
- Karen Hudson + Lynda Nash — Isle View Drive.
- Rosamund & Patrick Dupuy; and Mariah Gray and Caroline Hickman — Fulford-Ganges Road from Cranberry to Blackburn.
- Ken Jackson — Baker Road – the whole thing.
- Tangachee Goebl — Fulford Harbour and Drummond Park.
- Salt Spring Apple Co — Fulford-Ganges Road Cranberry to Arnell.
- Rick and Juliette Laing – Charlesworth up through Wilkie Way.
- Marie Beaudoin – Cranberry Road from Blackburn to Toynbee.
- Anne Parkinson and Transition Salt Spring Marine Stewardship Group – Fulford estuary.
- Illyd and Joanne Perkins – Fulford Ganges Road from Garner to Mereside.
- Bill Goddu — North End Road from Stark's Road to Central.
- Sichertman family — Baker Beach.
- Linda Dares & Susannah Devitt — Robinson Road.
- Krista & Brent Lefler — Ross Road, Walker's Hook Road from Ross Road to Grantville Street and lower Grantville Street to the water.
- Elizabeth Nolan — North End Road from Whims Road to North Beach.
- Amanda McLeod – North End Road from North Beach to Southey Point Rd.
- Salt Spring Sneakers — Walker's Hook Road and North Beach Road; plus Stark's Road and North End Road from LePage to Fernwood. (And more roads may be added!)
- John Howe — Cusheon Lake Road from Fulford-Ganges Road to Stewart Road.
- Nancy Johnson — Fulford-Ganges Road from the Driftwood to Charlesworth Road.
- Angie Bailey — Maliview Drive & Whims Road.
- Gail Sjuberg — Cranberry Road from Fulford-Ganges Road to Blackburn Road.

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