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ROYAL WELCOME: A large percentage of Saturna Island's year-round population of 350 greets the Mayne Queen as the vessel makes her last stop at Lyall Harbour during a "farewell tour" event after 57 years of service and an estimated 40 as Saturna's dedicated ship. See story on page 9.

LAND CONSERVATION

Reginald lands close to preservation

Nature Conservancy of Canada appeals for final \$500,000

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring has an opportunity to preserve 400 acres of rare Coastal Douglas-fir forest with existing trails and connection to other important and well-loved protected lands.

Only \$500,000 is left to raise for a \$7-million purchase of the "Reginald Hill" acquisition, known locally as the Wave Hill Farm property. The preservation project is being undertaken by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).

Lesley Neilson, communications director for the NCC in B.C., said it is rare to have an opportunity to protect such a large chunk of land in the Gulf Islands or southern Vancouver Island.

"That the family had kept it intact, and now are very supportive of this conservation outcome, is just the best of what we all want," said Neilson.

Many people know about and use the existing trails, although the NCC stresses people should not trespass on what is still private property.

Charles Kahn, author of Hiking the Gulf Islands, called the parcel one of the "most beautiful, environmentally sensitive and historically interesting" pieces of land on Salt Spring Island.

"It has extensive wetland, endangered species, incredible 180-degree views, and a wonderful

network of trails on old logging roads," said Kahn. "It is land that has been protected for many years by its limited access and the owners' reluctance to part with it. NCC's intention to buy it preserves one of the last of the island's uplands, from development and for the public."

Neilson said one of the exciting things about this project is that once the land becomes a conservation area, then the trails will be open for everyone to enjoy as part of a wider recreational area.

"Because it connects to the little regional park and other trails, I think it's going to be such a great addition to where you can go walk on the island," said Neilson.

NCC fundraising materials describe the parcel as having dense forest, open meadows, pockets of ancient Douglas-fir, arbutus and Garry oak, "harbouring many plants and animals that rely on this unique ecosystem for survival."

Species at risk identified on the site include band-tailed pigeon, common nighthawk, olive-sided flycatcher, northern pygmy owl, western screech owl, common sharp-tailed snake, northern red-legged frog, propertius duskywing, ribbed vertigo (snail) and batwing vinyl lichen.

The property was selectively logged in the

1940s, and some "eco-forestry" was undertaken in the 1990s.

"Despite past use, the ecosystem continues to support a thriving diversity of wildlife typically found in Coastal Douglas-fir forests," according to the NCC. "Conserving this forest will allow it to continue to mature and build old-growth characteristics over the coming centuries."

The NCC said one of the property's prime values is that it is "largely surrounded by undeveloped land, including conservation covenants to the southeast, de facto protected properties to the east and reserve lands administered by the Tsawout First Nation Lands Department to the south."

Neilson said the NCC is pleased with fundraising results so far and hopes the public will help the conservancy gather the final \$500,000.

"We knew that there was going to be a lot of support for protecting this beautiful forest," she said.

The fundraising deadline is Jan. 31, 2023. Donations — which are tax receiptable — can be made online through a portal for this project at the natureconservancy.ca website. For more information or alternate ways to donate, email bcoffice@natureconservancy.ca.

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RAISE THE ROOF: The new emergency room at Lady Minto Hospital will have protection from rain (and perhaps, snow) before Christmas, according to health-care construction company Western Medical. Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) organizers said the foundation and slab have been poured, the walls are being raised, and the roofing will be on and sheathed before the holiday. "The new emergency department is on schedule to be completed by late summer," said LMHF executive director Roberta Martell.

ISLANDS TRUST

Peterson is new LTC chair

Lasqueti Islander joins local trustees

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island's Local Trust Committee (LTC) will have a new chair — a 45-year resident of Lasqueti Island.

Trustee Timothy Peterson, from the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area, was appointed Thursday, Nov. 24 by Islands Trust Council (ITC) chair Peter Luckham, a Thetis Islander who had served the previous two terms as Salt Spring's LTC chair.

Peterson, who was also recently elected by fellow trustees to become ITC vice-chair, will join two Salt Spring Islanders voted in by public election in October — newly elected trustee Jamie Harris and re-elected trustee Laura Patrick — completing the three-person Salt Spring LTC in time for its first public meeting Dec. 13.

The LTC chair position is appoint-

ed by the ITC chair for each of the 13 committees in the Islands Trust area. Peterson, a third-term trustee, was also appointed to chair Galiano and Hornby Islands' LTCs.

In his letter of interest submitted to ITC as part of his vice-chair appointment, Peterson describes himself as an artist, musician, gardener and cook.

"I have been a small business owner, and have worked at a variety of island-based occupations," reads the letter. "I value the natural environment of our islands and recognize the varied threats to our environment from increased development pressures and climate change. I also recognize the threats to our communities and rural lifestyle from the challenges of housing availability and affordability, reduced community diversity, and the increasing difficulties of maintaining local services. I believe that working together we can address these challenges in a meaningful and productive way."

WATER

Lake levels keep dropping

Atypical rainfall prompts discussion of alternate sources by waterworks board, staff

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you've stepped out on a rainless, foggy Salt Spring night — and have still heard the sound of raindrops falling — you already understand the basics of cloud harvesting.

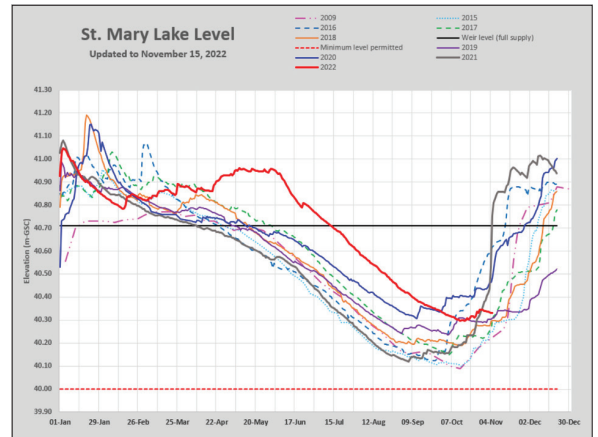
At scale, networks of expanded-wire fencing are laid out in the path of clouds — and fog — with water troughs beneath; as the moisture-laden air passes through, water drips down to be collected and delivered to reservoirs downhill.

"It sounds laughable at first," said Colum McCready, district manager for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, "but it's amazing how much water they gather. The Germans have got it down pat."

And while the notion did get a light chuckle from the room — an out-of-the-box cloud-based water solution, for an island with often endless-feeling winter rain — NSSWD's board was listening. Trustees had just heard concerns from staff at its meeting Thursday, Nov. 24 on lake levels, going into what is typically a productive month for water reserves.

This year, the pattern is a little different.

"Just before the beginning of November here," said operations manager Vaughn Figueira, presenting a chart showing St. Mary Lake water height, "we had some good rain and things were looking good. And then the rain stopped again — you can see it take a turn."



NSSWD GRAPH

Graph shows St. Mary Lake levels from 2009 to 2022, with the dominant red line indicating the water level starting to drop after increases earlier this fall.

Maxwell Lake's chart shows the same pattern, said Figueira — a seasonally typical, if late, climb in height, and a turn back down, as more water left the lake than entered.

weeks here, we may be into next year — January or February — before the lakes recover."

Another chart showed monthly rainfall totals; a wetter-than-usual spring and summer — even bolstered by a near-record-setting April — was followed by four months of atypically low moisture. When the ground dries out, Figueira said, it takes a good amount of moisture before it becomes saturated enough to permit overland flows — the mechanism that tends to fill lakes the quickest.

And the drop in lake levels isn't a result of excessive water use, added Figueira.

"This is just regular demand," he said. "I mean, nobody's watering lawns or anything."

Among cloud harvesting's potential advantages, according to McCready, is that it is in place to produce water regardless of rainfall.

"They've used it in the Sahara Desert and other places where they get clouds but not much rain," said McCready. "If these devices were put on higher levels, we can have a constant flow of water, all the year round."

"If we have clouds," said trustee Sandra Ungerson.

McCready said he thought Maxwell Lake might be a good reservoir for a cloud harvesting system, but added he was in the early stages of researching. Figueira agreed it could be worth considering, but would require more study.

Trustee Chris Dixon said cloud harvesting's other big advantage might be in how little treatment the collected water would need.

"It's essentially distilled water," said Dixon, "and whatever impurities it picks up in the collection system. So as far as treating that water, or introducing it into a reservoir, it's pretty good quality material to work with."

Figueira said there was a lot of rain yet to fall, and it still seemed likely lake levels would recover — if, perhaps, not as soon as in some previous years.

"December could still just dump, right?" he said. "It could happen. So I'm hoping."

"It sounds laughable at first, but it's amazing how much water they gather. The Germans have got it down pat."

COLUM MCCREADY
*District manager,
North Salt Spring
Waterworks District*

"We've had rain off and on a little more since this, but it's going to take a while to recharge," said Figueira. "I'm a little concerned; to be honest at this point, unless we get a ton of rain over the next couple of

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FIRE PROTECTION

Fire district seeks water pacts

Better documentation of water access could reduce islanders' property insurance costs

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A pandemic-delayed rating of Salt Spring's fire department with insurance underwriters will likely be pushed back further, as officials work to improve and formalize agreements with water providers.

Fire chief Jamie Holmes told Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) board members he had begun a review of the department's rating with Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) through its municipality-specific portal, hoping to see where there might be "gains and losses" from changes in department policy, funding and resources since the last evaluation in 2015.

A planned review in 2020 was postponed due to the pandemic; last week Holmes recommended putting off a full review until some of those potential losses could be ameliorated — in particular, a concern that Salt Spring's water providers have few documented arrangements actually permitting the fire department use of their water for firefighting.

Salt Spring's fire protection district has two grading classifications with FUS: a Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) of 6 (out of 10, with Class 1 being the best grading possible) and a Dwelling Protection Grade (DPG) of 3 (out of 5, again with 1 being the highest grade). The PFPC rating is meant to reflect a program's ability to prevent and control major fires, such as those that typically occur in multi-family or commercial/industrial settings. The DPG is an indication of the underwriters' confidence in the program's ability to handle fires in smaller buildings, such as single-family homes.

Better ratings suggest less risk for insurers — and, subsequently, lower insurance costs for property owners. Holmes pointed to several improvements since 2015 that will help SSIFPD's ratings.

"Increase to 24-hour staffing, new apparatus, these are things we can report through the portal and get credit for," said Holmes. "Where we have some potential liabilities, and where we get hit the most in our FUS survey, is water systems."

Holmes noted that since the last survey, there hadn't been any improvement on the physical end of those systems — indeed, existing piping was aging — and recommended holding off on a complete FUS review at least until the new fire hall and planned downtown water storage was in place. Even more important, he said, would be a shoring-up of arrangements with the island's water providers themselves.

"I think, board-to-board, we need to improve communications with all the water districts," he added. "They are the key to a positive FUS report."

During the last survey, according to Holmes, several of the island's water districts didn't participate, resulting in the department getting zero credit for their water supply — regardless of whether it might actually be made available during a fire event.

"That hurt us last time," said Holmes, "and I understand where the water boards are coming from, because they're worried about the liabilities of fire service. But any participation in the [next] FUS study will be better than no participation."

Salt Spring's situation is atypical, he noted, in that the department has a series of informal agreements with multiple water districts to work together to fight fires. In most communities, a single municipality is responsible for both water and fire services.

But the focus for districts across the island is, understandably, the supply of potable water — and from an insurance underwriting perspective, there is technically no guarantee their water will be available for firefighting.

"North Salt Spring Waterworks and CRD, we have great working relationships with them," said Holmes. "Anytime we have a fire, we call them and say we need to hook up, they come and do whatever needs to be done."

Holmes described several other informal — and successful — arrangements with smaller private water providers, but stressed the importance of getting the parties together at a governance level. Trustees agreed, and directed staff to develop a plan to work with the island's water districts to improve — and presumably formalize — those relationships.

"Obviously, we're continuing to work with all the island's water districts to keep those good relationships, because our business model relies on tapping into a number of their systems to be able to work," said Holmes. "But as far as FUS is concerned, it doesn't matter what's happening; if it's not written, you're not going to get credit for it."

December 6th Memorial Ceremony

Every Dec. 6, Canadians recognize the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**. Join in community to renew our strength, honour the lives of women, and hope for more inclusive and peaceful communities.

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Centennial Park, 5:00pm

Hosted by IWAV and The Circle Education.

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TRANSPORTATION

Overnight closures part of Isabella road project

Weather permitting, five nights will enable work to be completed

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Islanders who live in part of the Isabella Point Road neighbourhood will need to prepare for two overnight closures in December.

Crews will be working nights starting Dec. 5, according to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), and will close the road overnight Monday, Dec. 5 and Monday, Dec. 12 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. With the exception of those nights, the road will remain open to single-lane alternating traffic; MoTI stressed emergency vehicles would have full access.

Work taking place is part of an ongoing project to stabilize and strengthen the roadway after shoulder damage resulting from the atmospheric river storm this time last year.

The overnight work is subject to favourable weather conditions, and should take five nights to complete, according to MoTI. In the event of heavy rain, the road will remain open to single-lane alternating traffic throughout.

Electronic message signs located south of the intersection of Isabella Point Road and Musgrave Road will update drivers on closures. For the latest information about road conditions, follow @DriveBC on Twitter and visit the website: www.DriveBC.ca.

Contractors are hopeful the work will be completed before the end of the year.



SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held at the Ganges Fire Hall Training Room, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island.

- January 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- February 27, 2023 7:00 p.m. (note: this is the fourth Monday of the month as Feb. 20, 2022 is Family Day)
- March 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- April 17, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- May 15, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- June 19, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- July 17, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- August 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.
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- October 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- November 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- December 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Walk the talk

BC Ferries passengers are driving aboard more, and walking on less, and to hear it told from several local ferry users, it's little wonder.

As BC Ferries released its quarterly vehicle and passenger counts last week, the venerable Ask Salt Spring forum and its moderator Gayle Baker played host to a pair of BC Ferries officials, and heard questions and concerns from some two dozen islanders in attendance. The goal was to highlight and elucidate the BC Ferries Submission for Performance Term 6 document — a sort of “wish list” sent to the BC Ferries Commission in early October.

Among improvements laid out within its 163 pages, that 12-year capital plan imagines two new Island Class ferries serving the Crofton-Vesuvius route by late 2026, as well as adding sailings and a second vessel on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route during the summer peak by 2027.

THE ISSUE: Rising ferry vehicle counts

WE SAY: Prioritize walk-ons for climate goals

Those parts of the plan are a response to growing demand being felt not only aboard vessels but also in and around terminals; peak-travel-time traffic lineups are common and increasingly disruptive on roadways in Vesuvius and Fulford.

But while vehicle numbers have bounced back and even reached new highs since cratering at the start of the pandemic, passenger counts have stubbornly resisted. In the three months ending Sept. 30, 2022, BC Ferries said it carried 7.5 million passengers and 3.0 million vehicles; our reporting on the same quarter in 2019 counted 7.7 million passengers and 2.9 million vehicles.

While pandemic considerations may have driven the initial downturn in numbers, several forum participants felt foot passengers just didn't seem to be prioritized. Many brought up connectivity problems — vexing issues of ferry and bus schedules being poorly aligned, running to catch connecting vessels, and inadequate weather shelter for foot passengers waiting to walk (or bike) aboard.

The province's “CleanBC Roadmap to 2030” identifies emission reduction targets that include encouraging more walking and cycling, with a specific goal of increasing the share of trips made by “walking, cycling and transit” to 30 per cent by 2030 (from 24 per cent in 2019).

That goal is admirable; we believe it may require making foot passengers less of an afterthought. In addition to solving vehicle overload issues, we remain hopeful for meaningful improvements in foot passenger connectivity and infrastructure.



Dec. 6 memorial in park

SUBMITTED BY IWAV AND THE CIRCLE EDUCATION

VIEWPOINT

The Dec. 6 Vigil, in memorial and solidarity of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada, is returning to Centennial Park. Due to Covid restrictions the memorial, hosted by The Circle Salt Spring Education Society and Islanders Working Against Violence (IWAV), was an online event for the past two years.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada was established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada to commemorate the 14 young women who were murdered by a gunman on Dec. 6, 1989, at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal as a deliberate act of violence against women.

More than 30 years have passed since the École Polytechnique massacre, and gender-based violence continues to be a real and horrific issue in the world, in Canada, and in our own community.

In 2021, 173 women and girls in Canada were killed by violence (Canadian Women's Foundation). The proportion of women killed by a spouse or intimate partner is over eight times greater than the proportion of men (Statistics Canada, 2020). Approximately every six days, a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner (Statistics Canada, 2019).

IWAV provides anti-violence services and housing to women (inclusive of cis, non-binary and trans women) and children in the Southern Gulf Islands. In 2021-22, IWAV received 517 crisis calls and served over 105 women and 28 children fleeing violence and abuse. These services include a 24-hour crisis line, outreach and advocacy, sexual assault response, counselling and transitional housing.

With the societal pressures and ongoing impact of the pandemic, there continues to be an increase in service demands, escalation in level of violence, and increased vulnerability of women, children and youth who experience violence and abuse. IWAV provides safe, confidential and compassionate services.

In honouring its roots, The Circle Education continues to provide education around gender-based violence. Currently, The Circle Education is partnered with Women and Gender Equality Canada to promote the “It's Not Just” youth awareness campaign. This is also the Government of Canada's theme for the 2022 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Campaign. The theme is a double meaning: it reminds Canadians of the injustice of gender-based violence (GBV) and brings attention to how it is minimized and dismissed in society. It also highlights how GBV is not just a private issue, but a systemic cycle that all Canadians have a role in ending. The It's Not Just campaign asks all Canadians to take action against GBV by addressing the beliefs and behaviours that perpetuate violence.

More broadly, the work of The Circle is to nurture healthy and respectful relationships along various dimensions. In their programs, The Circle Education encourages young people to develop their empathy muscles, challenge their assumptions and judgements, and dismantle unhealthy stereotypes that create division. With these tools, the programs help youth to be tolerant, inclusive and respectful of all forms of diversity.

Salt Spring islanders are invited to gather at 5 p.m. in Centennial Park for the Tuesday, Dec. 6 memorial.

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Yes No

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Port authority meeting fails

I tuned into the Zoom public meeting run by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on the evening of Nov. 22.

I think it was a poorly conducted event. I thought it would be an opportunity to have some of our grievances dealt with regarding anchorage of huge freighters and tankers in the Gulf Islands. However, their spokesman spent more than half an hour speaking about the Port Authority ambitions and speaking too quietly to be heard.

There was a Q&A, but the moderator paraphrased the questions and answers were vague. The agenda made no reference to the environmental damage that is being created around the Gulf Islands and the Salish Sea.

It became clear that any questions or criticism go to the port authority alone, with no external checks or balances. We were told what the port authority was doing but the anchorages have been increasingly used in recent years and without any consultation.

The federal government was represented by the Ministry of Transport but it was clear that they exerted no authority over this all-powerful company.

I now appreciate what it is like to be under the control of a colonial power.

JOHN NEVILLE,
SALT SPRING

Exemplary work

Regarding "Isabella Point Road gets upgrade," Nov. 23 Driftwood, I rarely stop to talk with road crews, but recently did so, to ask a traffic flagger about the extensive upgrade near where I live.

They were super polite and, when I returned walking from the other direction, they had asked the crew for some details, so my questions were answered and my curiosity satisfied.

In my humble opinion, ever since Emcon came to Salt Spring, they've done exemplary work to maintain, repair and rebuild our fraught rural roads.

DENNIS LUCARELLI,
ISABELLA POINT ROAD

Keep advocating

This past Friday at the ASK Salt Spring session, BC Ferries management was invited to answer questions about our ferry service and infrastructure. There was good discussion on the traffic gridlock situation at Fulford Harbour. However, no new infrastructure upgrades were submitted in the Part 6 submission to cater for this funding. Some consider the current proposal in Part 6 is simply a short term stop gap, not a 40 to 50 year long term solution. That's the last time parking containment was addressed at Fulford Harbour — in the mid 70s.

Respectfully, it seems what comes down from BC Ferries for comment by our Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) is simply rubber-stamped and sent back up. The missing link is the consulting of our community by the FAC on their opinions and suggestions.

BC Ferries is trying to negotiate for a piece of land that requires a plethora of approvals, and without the express sanctioning of the Islands Trust, specifically our official community plan as it pertains to Fulford Harbour and its residents. Do the businesses want a 100-vehicle car park complete with blacktop

across from them, when another option could cater for more shops, cafes and a green space creating a renewed Village concept instead of a sea of cars?

Fellow petitioners on Route 6 have been very successful in accelerating two-ferry service between Vesuvius Bay and Crofton — by nine years. The new terminals are an extremely welcomed upgrade, but are a necessity in terms of public safety at this point. In terms of our community advocating for "The Fix for Fulford Harbour" it would be sincerely appreciated if our FAC would survey our community of the options that could potentially take us through for the next 50 years.

Included in the process should be the Islands Trust and the CRD director, along with our MLA Adam Olsen advocating on our behalf before Minister Rob Fleming of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, who will ultimately provide the funding. If we can come together with "all hands on deck," the way forward is not a vision, but a reality. The time has come to continue to advocate; comments on Part 6 to BC Ferries Commissioner Eva Hage close March 31, 2023.

D.G. COURTNEY,
SALT SPRING

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"As far as FUS is concerned, it doesn't matter what's happening; if it's not written, you're not going to get credit for it."

SALT SPRING FIRE CHIEF JAMIE HOLMES, ON FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

Wishing Dave Beck a happy birthday while waiting for 'Murphy'

By the time you read this, Dave Beck will be celebrating his 85th birthday. In case you don't know of him, Dave has spent the last few decades as Salt Spring's go-to appliance repairman/philosopher king while living off the grid in a log cabin deep in the heart of the south end on Ruckle Park property called "the pea-vine."

Nobody asked me, but over 20 years ago I wrote a short piece about a fictional island character who may or may not have been modelled on Dave. With tongue firmly in cheek, I give you the following to honour Dave on his birthday.

They say there are three human-made phenomena on the face of the earth which are visible from outer space. One is the Great Wall of China. The second is the massive forest clear-cut in central British Columbia. The third is the collection of discarded stoves, fridges, washers, dryers and other broken appliances which are slowly rusting out in Murphy's back orchard and which line both sides of the half-mile long logging road leading to his log cabin.

It seems strange that Murphy, who despises technology with all its trappings, and who will tell you (whether you're interested or not) that "if you can't do it by hand, it don't need to be done," has eked out a modest living as the island's

appliance repairman.

Oh yes, Murphy has the knack. He can fix just about anything. He just takes his time about it. Maybe he'll show up today. Maybe not. Maybe tomorrow. Maybe not.

Martha had played the "waiting for Murphy" game for longer than she would like to remember. Calling his shop and not getting an answer. Leaving dozens of messages and no call-backs. Driving around the island, asking at all the coffee shops. Searching for where his pickup might be parked. Constantly asking, "Anybody see Murphy?"

And when she does find him, being assured that he will come round Tuesday morning and then Tuesday morning becomes Tuesday afternoon and then Wednesday and then the weekend for sure and pretty soon it's next Tuesday and still no Murphy and doesn't she know better and what IS the point, anyway?

And then there is the rare instance when he does show up and it's always a bad time because she's just going out the door or he forgot his tools or he needs to order a part from the city and yes, her washing machine is now in pieces but he's just going back to his cabin because for sure he has the exact same model somewhere out in the yard and he can pull the timer switch out and it will be a lot cheaper than ordering a



Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

new part and, besides, they made them so much better in the old days, but you shouldn't be using a machine anyway and that looks like mighty fine apple pie, Martha, don't mind if I do and, by the way, would she mind if he left an old hot water tank on her deck for a couple of hours because he needs the room in the back of his truck to load a second-hand fridge from just down the road. And she knows if he walks out the door, that she might not live long enough to see him again but yet she believes him again and lets him go and now she will be cooking meals on the wood stove the whole sweltering summer or washing the diapers by hand in a plastic bucket or stringing fish line from nails pounded into the wooden posts and beams in the kitchen so she can hang laundry and she knows that next winter that goddam hot water tank will still be sitting out on her deck.

One day Martha's ship came in. An old aunt she didn't even know about had died in Arizona and left

a little something for all her nieces and nephews. It was by no means a fortune you could retire on, but there was enough there to buy a fairly late model all-wheel-drive Toyota, some new clothes that actually had tags for you to cut off and labels you could read, and a brand new washer and dryer.

She ordered a matching Viking washer and dryer set by phone direct from Eaton's in Victoria. The catalogue described them as top of the line with essential features such as "extra rinse cycles" and "automatic electrostatic inhibitors." She agreed to the two-year extended warranty option which covered both parts and labour. The very next day the delivery truck backed down the driveway, and the two deliverymen wearing clean, blue, ironed coveralls unloaded the appliances from the truck.

They dollied them into the mudroom, removed the cardboard packaging, installed and tested the machines, and cleaned up after themselves. As they were leaving, the taller of the two handed her a clipboard and asked her to sign a form which stated that she had been satisfied with the "Eaton's customer service." As he waited for her to sign, he noticed the hot water tank sitting on the deck. "We've got a hot water tank sale at the warehouse this month, in case you're interested."

For 18 months all went well. Every

time Martha threw a load into the washer, she thought of not having to find Murphy and a smile washed across her face. Then, one day, she heard a CLUNK and the machine would not spin. Where had she put that receipt with the date of purchase and the extended warranty? After nearly four hours of looking through every cupboard drawer, shelf and cabinet, she found the missing document covered in dust and cobwebs on the floor behind the fridge. She checked the date on the warranty and, yes, the machines were still covered.

She phoned the main Eaton's store in Victoria and was put through to Appliances. The manager asked for her name and the date of purchase. She was put on hold and forced to listen to Herb Alpert music while he checked on the computer. What seemed like half an eternity later, he was back on the line.

"I've got you right here on the screen and everything looks in order," he informed her.

"I'm so relieved," Martha answered. "I was so sure that there would be a problem and I would have to wait. When can you send a repairman?"

"We'll get somebody over right away. You won't even have to wait for the ferry. We've got a man on contract over there who services all the Gulf Islands. Maybe you know him. The name's Murphy."



DRIFTWOOD STAFF PHOTOS

LIGHTS ON! At top, a Centennial Park crowd looks and cheers as the switch is turned on to light up the trees in the park on Friday evening, including the one pictured at left. Light-up is just one of the Chamber of Commerce-led Christmas on Salt Spring events. See the christmasonsaltspring.com website for details about the Glowtini Contest, Window Decorating Contest, Forest of Miracles Charity Christmas Tree Auction and the Dec. 2 Love-Local Winter-Wander shopping night.



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Santa seeks toy donations

Collection boxes now available

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This year's Santa's Workshop program has seen high demand, according to head elf Wendy Eggertson — and donations are needed now to ensure enough gifts can be provided to island children at Christmas time.

Eggertson said new and lightly used, clean toys for children up to age 12 can be donated to col-

lection boxes at West of the Moon, Mouats Home Hardware, Pharmasave, Country Grocer and Westland Insurance. Boxes will be on site until Dec. 16.

Cash donations are also appreciated so that new gifts and gift certificates can be purchased. People should contact Eggertson at weggertson@shaw.ca or 250-537-2658 regarding cash donations.

The final day for Santa's Workshop applications is Dec 2. The online application form can be found at the saltspringcommunityservices.ca/santas-workshop-22/ website.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Ball needs volunteers

Fulford Hall event

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"Elf help" is once again requested as a call for volunteers was sent out to help put on a much-loved island holiday celebration.

The free Christmas Ball at Fulford Hall is on again for Sunday,

Dec. 25, but a few more hands are needed, according to coordinators Helga and Michael Bagnell. In previous years more than 300 members of the community have attended — "big or small, come one, come all," according to the Bagnells.

Hall doors open for brunch at 11 a.m., with music, games and

gifts for kids throughout the day — as well as a day and evening jam session. The alcohol-free family event will round out with a potluck (optional) dinner starting around 6 p.m.

To volunteer to spread the Christmas cheer or to arrange donations, call the Bagnells at 250-653-9856.



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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES

WE CAN MAKE SALT SPRING MORE INCLUSIVE

By BARBARA CASEY
Executive Director, GIFTS

In 1992, the United Nations declared Dec. 3 the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In our small community, Gulf Islands Families Together Society (GIFTS) is one of several organizations that works with adults with disabilities.

Stephen Hawking said "disability need not be an obstacle to success." But if you ask any person with a disability if their world is full of obstacles, they will surely say yes. But they'll also tell you, that like Stephen Hawking, they charge ahead.

There are 11 adults with developmental disabilities who charge ahead with the help of

GIFTS. The society was started in 2001 by families to make sure their sons and daughters were able to fully participate in our community. We are blessed with wonderful staff and a dedicated board of directors and parents who go above and beyond. Our vision is to create opportunities, foster independence and inclusion. Funding is provided through

Community Living BC and the generosity of individuals and local foundations.

Support workers help our participants engage in the activities they choose. That might be swimming and golf in the Special Olympics. It might be working at Country Grocer or Thrifty's. And then there are the dances, the art classes, the sing-alongs and courses at UVic.

Al Etmanski is a well-known parent activist for disability rights and a recipient of the Order of Canada. He encourages all of us to make our world more inclusive for anyone with a disability. On Dec. 3, let's pause and ask how inclusive is our community? How easy is it get around Ganges in a wheelchair? If you had Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, could you find employment at a living wage? Would there be supportive housing for your child, when you could no longer provide care?

On Dec. 3, let's all of us do one small thing. Make a donation! Write a letter advocating for accessible sidewalks and supportive housing. Volunteer! And remember that every small action is a step toward a more inclusive Salt Spring Island.



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SUBMITTED BY ARTSPRING

Grammy-winning musician John Reischman brings his old master's sense of tone, taste and musicality, along with his global reputation as one of the finest mandolinists of his era, to fans of folk, bluegrass and old-time swing on Sunday, Dec. 4 at ArtSpring.

Also known as a composer, bandleader, and musical educator, Reischman continues to explore the frontiers of this exciting genre of music in fresh ways. Since emerging from the vibrant "new acoustic" bluegrass scene of the Bay Area in the 1980s, he is now reaching new generations with his signature style.



PHOTO BY AVA CREATIVE

Mandolin master John Reischman.

His latest CD, *New Time & Old Acoustic*, blends a lifetime of musical influences into an engaging recording with some of today's

top acoustic guitar, fiddle and bass players. The album includes 12 new Reischman originals and a reinterpretation of his classic tune *Salt Spring*.

Salt Spring, along with many of Reischman's melodic mandolin tunes like *Little Pine Siskin* and *Birdland Breakdown*, have been adopted by the bluegrass community as standards across the continent.

In addition to his solo career, as leader of John Reischman and the Jaybirds, Reischman has toured extensively throughout North America and abroad for two decades, showcasing a uniquely Pacific Northwest sound. They have two Juno-award nominations for best performances in the Roots and Traditional category and have released seven albums during their 20-year tenure.

Sunday's performance is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale through ArtSpring.



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Please email board@artspring.ca to register.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Banquo group set to warm hearts

Victoria-based folk ensemble music and instruments span centuries

SUBMITTED BY SS BAROQUE

Salt Spring Baroque is pleased to welcome Banquo Folk Ensemble back to Salt Spring Island on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church.

Banquo has been performing in and around Victoria and the Gulf Islands since 1998. Their music is from the written and oral traditions covering more than eight centuries, performed with voice and their collection of instruments that includes fiddles, recorders, hurdy gurdies, citterns, shawms, bagpipes, a battery of percussion instruments and more. With their own arrange-

ments and interpretation of existing material, they attempt to bridge the gap between "art" music and the folk tradition, always bearing in mind the goal of minstrels throughout the centuries: to please and entertain their audiences.

Banquo members are Penny Reiswig, Linda Donn, Amy Reiswig, Bill Jamieson and Gwendolyn Jamieson.

Concert-goers can celebrate the beauty of the season with music from centuries gone by, harkening back to a time of was-sails and yuletide traditions, all meant to evoke the warmth and camaraderie of a winter's afternoon spent around the fire with friends and family.

This concert will feature lots of hurdy gurdy, and four different kinds of bagpipes including Banquo's newly acquired set of Swedish traditional pipes. People won't want to miss the "instrument petting zoo" following the concert.

TEA A TEMPO

Newman and Nordine team up for recital

Dancer, singer, actor presents 'this and that' on Dec. 7

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Music Makers, host of the Tea à Tempo concert series, is delighted to be presenting a concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7 featuring one of the island's own beloved artists, Sue Newman.

As a dancer, singer, director and actor, Newman has charmed her way into our lives over the years with her many talents.

Drawing from a life of "This and That" in performance, she will sing songs she's written and some she hasn't – like a rendition of Joni Mitchell's *Both Sides Now*, an arrangement inspired by an aging Joni, and an aging self, coincidentally. A dancer since childhood and teacher forever, Newman will also invite the audience to supply rhythms for her tap impro-

visation – allowing everyone's secret wish to have been a drummer to be realized for a brief moment in time. With Christmas around the corner, there will also be some seasonal music and perhaps even a visit from the Fairy of the Newman Family Productions version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, entitled *Christmas with Scrooge*. It's a role she's played since she was a wee sprite of 14. (That was the first year, 1971, when her parents, Ray and Virginia, first presented the show to Salt Spring with a "cast of thousands" of islanders, as her dad used to say. And if you're wondering, the full show will return next year, we hope.)

Newman is thrilled to have special guest Monik Nordine join in on some tunes. An award-winning saxophonist, Nordine has played with Ian McDougall, Guido Basso, Matt Cattingub, David Foster, Campbell Ryga, PJ Perry, Michael Bubl , Rob McConnell, Tommy Banks and Brad Turner, among many others. Recently home from studying in Sweden with Ann



PHOTO COURTESY SUE NEWMAN

Sue Newman in a past live performance.

Sofi S derqvist, she continues a busy schedule of gigging, teaching, composing, and directing the Victoria Jazz Orchestra. A member of the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society, Nordine can be seen regularly at the Sunday Jazz or Blues Jams at the Legion. She is a multi-instrumentalist, so be ready for a surprise. For more information about Monik Nordine, check out her website: moniknordine.ca

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ISLAND LIFE

FERRY CULTURE

Islanders give Mayne Queen heartfelt send-off

Cheers, cake, song and more for favourite ferry

BY PRISCILLA EWBANK
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The MV Mayne Queen is retiring after 57 years in our waters, 40 of them serving the Outer Gulf Islands. Our request to BC Ferries and her crews — to have a chance to say a fond and respectful goodbye and not have her just disappear — was warmly met.

Last Sunday, Nov. 20 she came to Saturna, engines throbbing their familiar tones, whistle sounding, flags flying, seagulls and cormorants flapping and flying off of the wing walls as she gently came into the slip. That day, she pulled into all of her daily ports of call to meet her cheering fans on Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna islands as she did her “bon voyage tour.”

She was captained by Capt. Sam McCandlish and all the crew from “B” watch sailing with retired long-serving captains and crew members who wanted to take a last sail, and Senior Capt. Ryan East. She was met at every port by a large crowd of well-wishers who came to pay their respects for her splendid, utterly dependable service across 40 years. All declare her to be a classy, fast, reliable, maneuverable ferry — low-profiled, excellently engineered, easy to handle for our inland waters with big tides and winter south-east gales. She often makes up time on her schedules for her other slower partners. Islanders who know her thank her crews — well trained and capable — who have become like family. There are many stories of crews going above and beyond the demands of their job to help islanders. Their friendliness mirrors that of the ship they sailed on. As one crew member told an islander, “We choose to work on this ferry.”

We, on Saturna, view her as “our” boat. She has served us for almost half a century. We’re the first islanders on at 6 in the morning and the last off on her fourth run of the day before she returns to Swartz Bay. We figure in her 40 years she has done about 40,000 runs up Navy Channel to Lyall Harbour. Day in and day out, she takes us off island to town or away, and then always brings us home. Once aboard you really are already at home.

Many of us have grown up with her, arriving with our dreams and plans, ready to make a life, have families, make our way in already well-established island communities. And we learned and our plans shifted and changed as we saw the island had her own rhythms, one of which was the lifeline of our ferry.

As one of our three ticket agents, Ingrid Gaines, said, “I think it is hard to explain the emotion the Mayne Queen evokes in so many of us here on Saturna, but love her we do.”

Ingrid and many other Saturna Islanders came home, as newborns, on the Mayne Queen with parents who had moved to the islands at some earlier time. The Mayne Queen has served generations of islanders old and new. She is part of our identity, a common thread. We all travel on the Mayne Queen. We all come home on the Mayne Queen.

Every islander on Saturna has a Mayne Queen story. Every islander knows when they arrived on Saturna and what their thoughts were at the time. I have heard again and

again, “I got off the Mayne Queen and I knew I was home.” The funny thing is that as I got to know islanders from other islands, they said the same thing about Pender, Mayne and Galiano.

“We were regular summer visitors . . . we hated at the end of summer to take the September Labour Day ‘loser’ boat back home!”

“The ferry was just pulling out . . . and the ferry lady called her back and said, ‘You get one of these in a lifetime!’”

“My mom came down the ramp with my back pack and the ferry guy said, ‘Throw it on.’ I could have died!”

In the 1970s, a sign in the MQ ladies bathroom: “Do not wash your hair in the sink! If you do, clean up after!”

So many stories for each generation. She sailed into the rhythm of our individual lives and the collective heart of our community.

In the Mayne Queen we know we had a classy boat. Bone simple and plain, it was built in 1964 at Victoria Machinery depot with her two sister ships — the Bowen Queen and Powell River Queen — easy to repair and get parts. The “sisters” are some of the longest serving ferries in the fleet. No tinted windows, no TVs, no mini mall, no cafeteria — she’s sized and scaled to fit the inland waters. Close to the sea, you can see her bow wave curling through the gunwale holes as you get into your car, the sea gulls on the driftwood, the glorious summer sunsets as she glides down Navy Channel in the long summer evenings or the sun rises over Mount Baker in the spring and summer dawns.

Saturna truly turned out for her royal send-off party. We figure 125 to 150 out of a winter time population of about 300-plus. Only something of the magnitude of the Mayne Queen leaving could have gotten so many islanders down to the dock, determined to be a part of an appreciative and loving farewell. Eighty-nine-year-old Bettianne Hayward and all of her grown children and their kids, to 14-month-old Isla Foster of the Blackhall clan, to Jacques and Nan Campbell who were born to parents who came to the island between 1935 and 1948, and all the rest of us.

We could see her coming down Navy Channel, the eight-foot banner was unfurled and held high! “Thank you, Mayne Queen for 57 years of Splendid Service.” Islanders streamed up to see the wheelhouse and to tour the immaculate giant engine room with the generators and the four Z-drives at each corner. Then we came down to the empty car deck and shouted a rousing “Hip Hip Hooray,” shared our two celebratory sheet cakes — baked on Saturna — and sang along with a song our musical neighbours had written for the occasion to the tune of John Denver’s Leavin’ on a Jet Plane:

*Oh, the ramp is up and she’s ready to go,
our hearts are heavy and our spirits low
We hate to say goodbye to our old friend
‘Cause she’s leavin’, yes, the Mayne Queen’s leavin’,
she won’t be back again
Oh, how we hate to see her go!*

Captain Sam called over the loud speaker “Time to depart!” And she left, flags flying, whistle blowing, she had a schedule to keep! Other islanders waiting!

So many rich island stories of marine rescues and standbys, of births and homecomings — funny and sad, for every day and on special days.



PHOTO AT TOP BY NETTIE ADAMS; PHOTO AT LEFT BY PRISCILLA EWBANK
Above, Saturna Islanders hold up a banner as the Mayne Queen comes into Lyall Harbour for its farewell tour party, while at left is Mayne Queen Capt. Sam McCandlish, who got her captain certification papers while working on the Mayne Queen as first mate. The ship was also greeted by appreciative islanders at Otter Bay, Sturdies Bay and Village Bay before ending the day at Fulford Harbour where it will be based as a back-up vessel for various routes.

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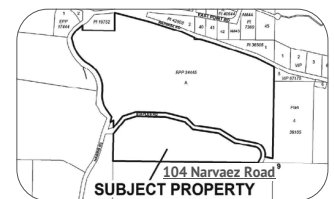
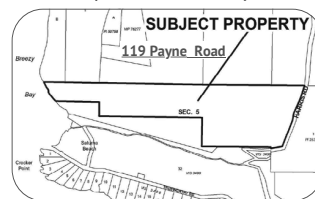


Proposed Bylaw No. 136 and 137

Rezoning to permit for the transfer of 10 densities from
119 Payne Road to 104 Narvaez Bay Road
COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are Proposed Bylaw No. 136 and 137 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 136 and No. 137 will amend the Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000 (OCP) and the Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 119, 2018 (LUB) to re-designate and rezone a portion of the subject parcel located at 104 Narvaez Bay Road currently designated Forest Land (F) and zoned Forest General (FG) to a designation of Rural (R) and a zoning of Rural General (RG). In addition, 10 subdivision densities would be removed from the subject parcel located at 119 Payne Road and transferred to the subject parcel located at 104 Narvaez Bay Road via a LUB amendment that would increase the subdivision density on the newly created Rural General zoned portion of 104 Narvaez Bay Road to a maximum of 12 new lots.



How do I get more information?

Copies of the proposed bylaws, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the application is available on the [Saturna Island Current Application 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 November 30, 2022.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) will be held electronically prior to the Public Hearing and will provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed bylaw amendments. The Public Hearing will also occur electronically.

Submissions

Prior to the Public Hearing: Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., December 13, 2022, by Email: vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca, or Mail or Drop Off: Islands Trust, 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8
At the Public Hearing: Only written submissions presented at the Public Hearing will be accepted until the close of the Public Hearing. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. (Electronically)

Location: Via Zoom
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Obituaries

Allison Therese Marr

June 15, 1964 - November 17, 2022



Allison Therese Marr (Nee Currie) passed away November 17, 2022 after a 6 month battle with Melanoma. Born and raised in Victoria BC and a graduate of the University of Victoria, Allison was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Anne Currie. Moving to Salt Spring in 2009, Allison ran her project management and design company creating beauty for many satisfied clients. Simply put, Allison was a dynamo. She excelled at everything she did: buying and renovating homes, catching wind on her kite board, cycling long distance and both competing and winning at every sport one can play on a court. She was courageous, witty, wickedly intelligent with an endless kindness and thirst for life.

Thank you to the BC Cancer Centre, the Royal Jubilee Hospital, the Lady Minto Hospital and the various paramedics we met along the way. A special thanks to Dr Holly Slakov and nurse Israel who restored the power and dignity taken from Allison by this illness. Before her passing, she asked that I include a poem I had written for her about loss. She will be deeply missed.

Once believed that time could cure any pain of the heart. If enough seasons passed and prayers were spoken, the sting would leave as you did today. Even the simple memories of all those moments we shared sit in my stomach like a knife. Still and cold and ready to pierce my insides if I breathe.

But your image, who you were, who you were forced to become hang like a noose around the neck. Guilty only of wanting time. How much loss can one person swallow and you and I endure. How many things in this cruel world have the strength to break twice?

I squeeze your ring in my hand. It feels real there somehow, absolute, like a secret we share. Tucked away with what it means to be a friend. A companion. For me, the one who survived.

Even on opposite sides of suffering, I saw you as an equal. A sister. But the question remains and will all the rainy days of my life, was it enough?

What would it be like to talk once more, as we had countless times. I carry that wonder in my thoughts and the creases of my heart. And in this moment, as you lie forever still, I am humbled. Not by the force of life and death but by your hope of being seen.

I saw you. Nothing is more tedious than the infinite sound of silence and one wisdom I know is that we are far more than the thoughts we have and the words we speak. My other "wisdoms" I will keep to myself.

And like the fettered tie of the sun and the moon, our paths tracked each other. With the cracks in this brutal truth drawing marks between our lives.

My truth? The lines of your face will never fade. From dawn to black, as the sand calls home the tide and in the vastness of eternity, I will remember you. Just a girl, as I am just a girl, your hand placed in my hand.

I hear your voice even now and see the light in your blue eyes. So take this rest, my dearest, dearest friend, for it only comes once.

Love Kelly

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Obituaries

Ante 'Tony' Petrinov

MAY 17, 1937 - NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Ante 'Tony' Petrinov passed away peacefully on November 19, 2022 in Duncan, BC at the age of 85. Tony was predeceased his beloved wife, Linda (nee Hodgkinson). He is survived by his niece Julie van Leeuwen, her husband Greg and their 3 daughters Emily, Danica and Peyton; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mike and Barb Hodgkinson; as well as family overseas.

Tony was born in the city of Zadar in the former Yugoslavia, now Croatia. As a young boy during the Second World War, he fled the Nazi invasion on foot. Tony was wounded during this dangerous journey, but he persevered and crossed the border into Italy. Later he traveled to and lived in France, then made the decision to come to Canada at the age of 20. Tony settled in Vancouver and worked for CN for 35 years.

Tony met the love of his life when Linda travelled by CN from Vancouver to Stouffville to visit her brother. Tony patiently waited for her return trip and, as they say, the rest is history. They were married for 47 years until Linda's passing in 2020. Tony built a beautiful home in Surrey, BC using his incredible carpentry talent. Upon retirement, Tony and Linda settled on Salt Spring Island where they enjoyed many years with wonderful friends.

Tony will be remembered as a loving husband, a loyal friend, a doting Uncle, a true gentleman and a man of great faith. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Salt Spring Island, BC on December 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place at a later date.

Special thank you to Carl and Barb Hansson who went above and beyond to support Tony. A live stream and recording of the service will be provided. For those who wish to view the live streaming, please visit: <https://funeraweb.tv/en/diffusions/64556>

To express condolences, share memories and photos, please visit: www.sandsduncan.ca
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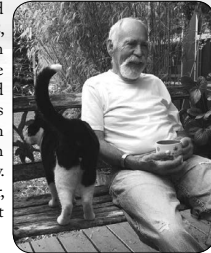
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Obituaries

Peter Melancon

1943 - 2022

Peter Melancon passed on November 13th, 2022, due to complications from dementia. He was the youngest son of Rex and Lilla Melancon. Peter was born in Alert Bay B.C. in 1943. Right out of high school he joined the Navy. He and his wife, Heather, had two daughters, Pat and Donna.



His multitude of careers included the Navy, working on BC ferries, working for Melancon Homes which was his parent's construction company, then running his construction company after moving to Salt Spring Island, he also worked as a baker alongside his daughter Donna and his son in law Alex, his final career adventure was working at Blackburn Dump, which he enjoyed immensely. He was an amazing builder and built many houses on the island. Peter could always take a joke, with a twinkle in his eye, and always loved to laugh. He had many loves in life, which included bird watching, spending time with his many cats, working and just sitting around bullshitting. One of his proudest moments in life was becoming a Papa. Peter is predeceased by his mother, father and eldest brother Bob. Peter is survived by Heather, daughter Pat, son-in-law Jim and grandson Aidan, daughter Donna, son-in-law Alex and granddaughter Anya, stepmom Alice and brother Fred, his nieces and nephews, many good friends, as well as his cat Bee.

No service by request, donations in his memory to the SPCA. A big thanks to all the staff at Greenwoods who took such great care of him.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
105 Lower Ganges Road
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PH: 250-537-2531

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District invites qualified individuals to apply for the position of **Bookkeeper/Office Assistant**.

The District is seeking an individual with accounts payable and payroll processing experience to work up to 3 days per week. The office hours and days in the office are flexible. The position may work full days or part days as required and may work different days in each week. Some duties, including payroll, require attendance on specific dates.

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- Administration**
 - Credit cards
 - Meetings and scheduling
 - Correspondence

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District has a competitive benefits package and pays an hourly rate up to \$35.00/hour.

Applicants are encouraged to reply to rdieleman@saltspringfire.com with a letter of interest and resume.

Thank You

A big treasure chest of hugs to all the Salt Spring folks who came to the 'Antiques Roadshow' at Steffichineart. Kaeli, John, Bill and Andrew were amazing buyers & appraisers.
Susan

In Memoriam



IN MEMORY OF
Barbara "Bo" Phelan
July 22, 1928 - December 1, 2021

May you touch Dragonflies and stars, Dance with fairies And talk to the moon.

Missing you so very much,

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BLOWING HER HORN: Monik Nordine, the renowned saxophonist with island roots, is ready to perform at the blues and jazz jams at the Legion every Sunday afternoon and with Sue Newman at the Dec. 7 Tea à Tempo recital at All Saints.

what's on this week

Wed. Nov. 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ArtSpring Presents: Constantinople and Cappella Mariana.
Two internationally renowned ensembles explore the music of Czech humanist and composer Kryštof Harants. With narrator Bill Richardson. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Teen Lounge. Activities for ages 13-19 at the Salt Spring Public Library's Teen Zone every Wednesday. 4 to 5 p.m.
Music Bingo. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Improv Theatre. At Mateada Lounge. Doors at 8 p.m.
Poetry Open Mic. With featured poet Rowan Percy. Library program room. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Festival of Trees Official Opening. At the Harbour House Hotel lobby and Crofton Room. 11 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Skywater. With guest Leland River at Mateada Lounge. 9 p.m. to midnight
Karaoke. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Christmas Craft Fair. Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Neighbourhood Story Time. Stories and activities for babies through 7-year-olds and caregivers led by community members. Library. 11 a.m.
ASK Salt Spring. MLA Adam Olsen is the scheduled guest. In the lobby of SIMS. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check asksaltspring.com for possible cancellation due to snow.
Youth Games. Card and board games for youth aged 9 to 13. Library program room every Friday. 2 to 4 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 2

ACTIVITIES

Festival of Trees. Display of decorated Christmas trees at Harbour House Hotel. Put food bank items under your favourite; or donate to the Copper Kettle. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily til Jan. 1.

Sat. Dec. 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Banquo: Gathered By the Fire. Concert at All Saints by-the-Sea church. 2 p.m.
Bandemonium & Swing Shift: Let's Try This Again! Concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Underground.
At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Marin Patenaude & Band. At Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.
Everyday People. At Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fulford Artisan Christmas Fair. Fulford Community Hall. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Christmas Craft Fair. Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair. At the hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CHIR.FM Fundraiser. Vinyl record and CD sale. Portable classroom at SIMS. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Festival of Trees. See Friday listing.

Sun. Dec. 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ArtSpring Presents: John Reischman. At ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Blues Jam. At the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair. At the hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fulford Artisan Christmas Fair. Fulford Community Hall. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Christmas Craft Fair. Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Festival of Trees. See Friday listing.

Mon. Dec. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vetta Chamber Music: Bach & Mendelssohn. All-women chamber orchestra performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Festival of Trees. See Friday listing.
Island Arts Centre Society AGM. Annual general meeting for members. ArtSpring. 5 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 6

ACTIVITIES

Candlelight Vigil. For National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Centennial Park. 5 p.m.
Spiritual Conversation: Do Spiritual Practices Change Us? Facilitated by Heather Martin and Brian Day at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register at staroftheseassi@gmail.com.
Festival of Trees. See Friday listing.
Trivia Tuesday. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Sue Newman. Island musician, singer and dancer. With special guest Monik Nordine. All Saints by-the-Sea church. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats.

ACTIVITIES

Festival of Trees. See Friday listing.
Best of the Fests: Buffy Sainte-Marie: Carry It On. Salt Spring Film Festival presentation by acclaimed Indigenous singer-songwriter and activist at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.
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THE FRITZ CINEMA

• **Ticket to Paradise** is the show from Friday, Dec. 2 to Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. each night, plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Rated PG. 1 hour, 44 minutes
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EXHIBITIONS

- **Artrcraft Winter,** the Salt Spring Arts sale of work by Gulf Islands artists and artisans, runs at Mahon Hall from Nov. 25 to Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The **Art Jam Rolls On** show and sale is in the Mahon Hall annex for the same period.
- **Gallery 8's 14th Annual Christmas Exhibition of Small Works** runs through Dec. 31.
- **New Works - Sav Boro and Paul Bryans** is in the A Space at Salt Spring Gallery until Dec. 7. Gallery is open from Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Stefanie Denz' Annual Winter Open Studio** at 471 Beaver Point Rd. Is on Friday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
- The ArtSpring lobby space features **Lesley Burke's** paintings and mixed-media works until Dec. 16.
- **Pamela Thornley** exhibits work in the Salt Spring Public Library's community program room through December.
- **Sonja Barnard** has artwork in the library's display case this month.
- **Dulcy Wilson** is showing oil paintings at the Salt Spring Coffee Cafe through Dec. 19.

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Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpring

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