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**BAKING FOR GOOD:** All smiles at the silent auction table at Bullock Lake Farm's Annual Community Bake Sale are, from left, Gemma McEachern, Adina Guest, Deb Peña, Erin Jory, Molly Wilson, Haley Otway, Emmo Halloran, Jeja Sjöblom, Jen Maksymetz and Sia Robertson. The event raised more than \$4,400 from baking alone for World Central Kitchen, Stqeeye Learning Society and Indian Residential School Survivors Society. Silent auction funds had yet to be tallied. Providing sweet and savoury treats were Francis Bread, Love's Galettes, Mountain View Bakery, The Butter Witch, Dos Amores Tortilleria, Salt Spring Comfort Foods, Woodshed Provisions, Salt Spring Cookie Co., 123 Bakeshop and Justine Wilkie. See a related item in the page 8 Roses section.

## ISLANDS TRUST

# Tree-cutting authority bid halted

Trust chair will tell province regulatory power no longer sought

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Trust Council (ITC) has voted to abandon earlier efforts seeking provincial authority to let individual islands enact tree-cutting bylaws. The majority action, from a motion brought by Salt Spring Island trustee Jamie Harris, directs ITC chair Peter Luckham to "promptly inform the province that it no longer wishes to proceed" — and directs staff to remove the task from ITC's follow-up action list altogether.

The move took place Thursday, March 9, and is a wholesale reversal of the previous council's initiative, which began in late 2020 when it voted to request the province "enhance the Trust's jurisdiction over tree-cutting bylaws to make its jurisdiction equal to that of municipalities" under Section 8 of the Community Charter. The response from the province has been arguably slow, and perhaps unenthusiastic; ITC chair Peter Luckham noted little movement on the topic

since the Trust first reached out.

"This is a difficult ask," said Luckham, a Thetis Island trustee. "Indeed, the province has asked for a lot of clarity."

Pace notwithstanding, a concern over the potential for the Islands Trust being granted authority to regulate tree cutting was central to Harris' candidacy — and has been a steady point of focus for him during his time in office.

"It's one of the reasons I'm sitting here today," said Harris, a B.C. certified tree faller. "On Salt Spring, we're talking about thousands of people's livelihoods that were, you know, made to feel insecure."

Although 2021 Statistics Canada census for Salt Spring Island showed just 320 members of the labour force classified themselves as working in the "agriculture, forestry, fishing [or] hunting" industries, Harris was likely including the downstream effects on construction or other activities. And however large the number of islanders

impacted, trustees agreed they had heard much from their communities on both sides of the issue. North Pender trustee Deb Morrison admitted to being torn.

"The issue for us is that we are getting a lot of cutting on private land, and nobody seems to have jurisdiction over that, or a way to regulate it," said Morrison. "I am swayed by what you say, [but] I'm going to vote against."

"I recognize some of the concerns that the Salt Spring trustee has about his island," said Gambier Island trustee Kate-Louise Stamford, "but this is encompassing all the islands."

"I have been listening for decades," said Gabriola trustee Susan Yates, "not just years, decades — to people on my island and other islands begging for the Trust to find some tools to support the [Islands Trust preserve and protect] mandate. This is one little tool that would."

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**NEIGHBOURLY BACK-UP:**  
With most Salt Spring Island  
Fire Rescue (SSIFR) members  
attending the funeral of their  
colleague Dayten Sanders in  
Nanaimo on Saturday, four  
Central Saanich (CS) firefighters  
joined a Salt Spring crew to  
help ensure protection for the  
island. From left are Kyle Dupuis  
(CS), Gordon Fraser (SSIFR),  
Capt. Dan Little (CS), Capt. John  
Inoke (CS), Jovian Wiefelspuett  
(SSIFR), Deputy Chief Rob  
Nelson (CS) and Capt. Ken  
Akerman (SSIFR).

### GOVERNANCE

# Islands Trust taps reserve funds

Budget maintains service  
levels; gambles some  
projects won't progress

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After two days of trustee discussion and  
amendments, staff worked overnight to  
finalize a budget for Islands Trust Council  
to approve Thursday, March 9 — with  
a bottom line of \$9.74 million in total  
planned spending for the next fiscal year.

That budget, for the 2023-24 period,  
precipitates a local Trust area general tax  
increase of 2.06 per cent over the previous  
year — reflecting slightly higher taxes  
than were set in the proposed budget  
forwarded by Financial Planning Commit-  
tee (FPC) members at the start of council's  
three-day meeting. The proposed general  
tax increase to local Trust areas had been  
1.75 per cent, plus an expected 8 per cent  
increase in funds anticipated to be collect-  
ed from new construction and develop-  
ment; that latter ultimately showed little

change from the draft budget.

Budgeting discussions months ago had  
included the likelihood of substantial-  
ly higher tax increases, which the FPC  
worked over several meetings to find  
ways to reduce. Islands Trust now plans  
a draw on reserves — from the general  
revenue surplus fund and the local Trust  
committee (LTC) project reserve fund — of  
roughly \$415,000, an increase in reserve  
draws from the previous year. Administra-  
tive services director Julia Mobbs said such  
draws were generally considered a type of  
"borrowing from the future."

"What that means is that in the next  
budget cycle, there's no money there to  
pay for planned spending, so we'd see  
a substantial tax increase in that second  
year."

But the reality at Islands Trust histori-  
cally, according to Mobbs, is that things  
tend not to go as planned. If a project isn't  
moving forward, due to staffing prob-  
lems or other delays, those draws aren't  
needed and aren't taken.

"We [often] don't achieve what we  
expect to achieve, therefore we don't  
make those planned draws from surplus,

so they're still there in the next year, and  
[can be] drawn on again," said Mobbs.  
"But if we do have a year where we actu-  
ally spend our budget, and we actually  
make those draws from surplus, the year  
following will be very difficult."

Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick told  
council the FPC's efforts to trim individual  
project budgets — to serve an overarching  
committee goal of shrinking those initially  
projected tax increases — had proven dif-  
ficult, and the committee ultimately chose  
to consider potential savings from projects  
not progressing as an "overestimation"  
and work accordingly.

The approved Islands Trust budget  
shows a 6.4 per cent increase in total  
planned spending — \$585,851 — spread  
between operations, projects and capi-  
tal purchases. In a press release, Islands  
Trust said the new budget will "maintain  
existing service levels" as well as support  
two new committees for governance and  
accessibility, fund multiple projects and  
create three new staff positions.

Budget documents are available online  
at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/  
budget/](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/budget/).

# Trustees criticize lack of strategic planning

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Also arguing against the motion, Bowen Island  
trustee Sue Ellen Fast told fellow trustees that tree-  
cutting bylaws can be "tailored to the need" of a  
community, and that each island could choose for themselves  
once the authority had been granted.

"You can have a tree cutting bylaw for just a little area, you  
can have one that says just trees over a certain diameter, height,  
whatever you want to specify," said Fast, adding that if the  
Islands Trust received jurisdiction, it would be up to each local  
Trust committee to decide whether they adopt a bylaw and how  
it would be structured.

Harris' fellow Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick spoke with the  
majority in favour of rescinding the request for the tree-cutting  
bylaw authority, for her part on the grounds that the process  
hadn't been part of a focused plan.

"There is a valid reason to look at what we need to do going

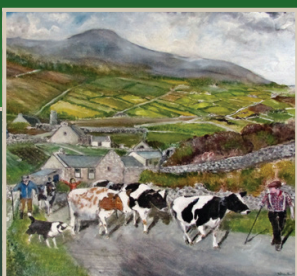
forward," she said, "but I think this needs to be swallowed into  
the strategic planning exercise for this term, and clarified as to  
what we hope to achieve, if anything is to be considered. Because  
we just sort of barreled down this approach, without taking time  
to say what we really want to achieve — which did aggravate  
and make people who rely on forests concerned, because we  
weren't clear. We can revisit it in the strategic planning exercise."

"I honestly don't think that the request as it stands is going  
to get any action from the province," said Lasqueti's trustee Tim  
Peterson, who also chairs Salt Spring Island's LTC. "I think if we  
want to think about targeted tree-cutting regulation, we need to  
do it in a much better thought-out manner."

Luckham said he supported the desire to control the impacts  
of development, but added, "I'm not convinced that this is the  
right tool; it will be an ongoing, costly, time-consuming project.  
We need to refine the ask."

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## HOUSING

# Drake funding secured



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A preliminary drawing of part of the 28-unit supportive housing project at 161 Drake Road.

## Water approved for supportive housing project

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Capital and operating funding for a new supportive housing project on Salt Spring Island is secure, according to officials, but the construction timeline remains uncertain.

BC Housing held an online community meeting last Wednesday to share progress and information about its project to build housing at 161 Drake Road, a property held by the agency under a long-term lease. BC Housing development manager Kirsten Baillie said \$8 to 9 million in capital funding — plus an unspecified ongoing operating subsidy — was in place, and the project could go forward.

“In terms of anticipated start, we would like to start construction in 2023,” said Baillie. “Once those timelines are all finalized, we will update our websites [and] give construction notices, so that people are aware that the work is happening.”

Baillie said there will be a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process to determine who will run day-to-day operations at the facility once opened; the agency projects completion in winter 2023, but admitted it was a “rough estimate.”

“We’re still working on technical drawings,” said Baillie, “but once construction starts, we will definitely make sure to keep people notified in terms of how we’re progressing and where things are at.”

BC Housing did recently overcome one significant hurdle in project planning, according to Baillie — conditional groundwater approval from the Ministry of Forests was received in February, following earlier water source approval from Island Health.

Baillie emphasized the importance of the project to the broader Salt Spring community, noting that the island currently has no permanent supportive housing.

“Salt Spring has a fairly high number of people experiencing homelessness,” said Baillie. “Our latest count identified 146.”

That figure comes from BC Housing’s 2020-21 Report on Homeless Counts in B.C., which marks 146 insecurely housed people on Salt Spring Island, up 27 per cent from the last count of 115 in 2018. That figure, which the report said was more than double the reported provincial average for that same period (11.5 per cent), is a point-in-time snapshot provided independently by Salt Spring Island Community Services (SSICS).

According to BC Housing, SSICS’s figure includes both sheltered and unsheltered homeless; Salt Spring’s listing with BC Housing does not include a data breakdown by gender, age, Indigenous identity, health condition, length of time homeless, or length of time in the community — a granularity every other community count included in the report provides. SSICS data did however note 75 per cent of those counted in 2020 were unsheltered — or 109 people. On its website, SSICS said it tallied 131 homeless in 2018, including unsheltered (63), emergency sheltered (29) and provisionally accommodated (39) individuals.

As currently envisioned, the 161 Drake Road project will provide 28 studio apartments, offered first to the 15 residents currently at BC Housing’s temporary facility at 154 Kings Lane, then to others through a “coordinated access and assessment” selection process. Criteria will include being over age 19 and at risk of or experiencing homelessness, as well as a requirement to be a “Salt Spring resident” — although how that will be defined is still undetermined.

“In terms of giving priority to Salt Spring residents, we can certainly — when we’re getting closer to the operations aspect and considering resident selection — unpack that definition a bit more,” said BC Housing region operations director Jennifer Fox.

BC Housing will host an in-person community “open house” Thursday, March 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Lions Hall.



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# OPINION

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# Rethinking waste

It's one thing to 'waste not want not,' but quite another to just create less waste.

Through our 5Rs of Waste Management feature, this week's paper puts the spotlight on ways to reduce the amount of garbage islanders produce and send to the Hartland Landfill in Saanich.

Operated directly by the Capital Regional District (CRD) since 1985, the end of the landfill's "life" is in sight: at our current rate of use, it will be full by 2045. One focus of the CRD's 2021 Solid Waste Management Plan is to shrink the waste stream so that Hartland can be used until 2100. (Who knows what "garbage" will look like at that point in time?)

A CRD study estimates each person in the regional district, which includes the Gulf Islands, is currently responsible for 400 kilograms (880 pounds) of waste that ends up in the landfill each year. That per-capita amount has steadily increased in the past few years. As much of the material is wood and other demolition waste, the active real estate market in the CRD area and resulting renovations is identified as a major factor.

## THE ISSUE: Islanders' garbage production

## WE SAY: Art show and CRD should inspire rethinking

But perhaps even more relevant is that when the waste composition was examined, more than 60 per cent of Hartland Landfill deposits could have been dealt with in other ways, such as through composting and recycling.

The CRD has so far taken action itself by raising tipping fees to incentivize diversion, expanding bans on certain materials and facilitating access to viable alternatives, and upping regulatory enforcement where required. But another way the CRD is tackling the waste stream issue is through its Rethink Waste community grants program, which provides up to \$3,000 to individuals and groups for projects that reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.

The Salt Spring Printmakers Society is one beneficiary of a Rethink Waste grant, and islanders can see the extremely creative results at the community-wide art show called Re-Imagined: Making Waste From Art, on from March 14 to 27 at ArtSpring. Like all the best artwork, the show's pieces should make its viewers think — and in this case hopefully rethink — what they consume, waste, throw out, and why.



# Experts be damned . . . .

BY FRANTS ATTORP

The assault on the Islands Trust is gaining momentum. It is yet another reminder that elections have consequences.

At the Feb. 9 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, Trustee Jamie Harris argued that, unlike the Sunshine Coast, "we don't have a problem with lack of water," that "we (the Trust) don't need to have our noses in the water business" as water is already protected by the CRD and Ministry of Transportation, and that trades people "know where the water is."

Mr. Harris doesn't seem to understand that the Islands Trust, through its zoning powers, is responsible for protecting watersheds and ensuring there is enough water in perpetuity, not just for individual developers, but for entire neighbourhoods and all natural systems such as lakes and streams. Neither the CRD building inspector nor the Ministry of Transportation has such responsibilities. Are lay people with a monetary interest in development now the go-to water experts?

Trustee Harris' development-at-any-cost agenda conflicts with efforts to strengthen proof-of-water requirements to meet provincial guidelines. A 2020 Trust staff report on water sustainability states: "Currently, staff are receiving subdivision applications utilizing 'well yield tests' that have been carried out for as little as four hours. Senior freshwater specialist [William Shulba] advises that these should not be considered 'pumping tests' sufficient to address policies around sufficient and sustainable groundwater withdrawal for the life of the development, potential impacts to neighbouring wells and the environment."

A draft bylaw amendment from

## VIEWPOINT

last May specifies, among other things, that pump tests must last a minimum of 12 hours (with the total daily required volume not taking more

than 24 hours to pump), all while groundwater levels are continuously monitored. That amendment has still not been adopted.

Whether the issue is new subdivisions or blanket rezoning for accessory dwelling units matters little. Water use increases, less so at first, but dramatically and unpredictably over time as build-out is reached and climate change bites. That's why long-term planning and respect for the precautionary principle are essential. Even without further rezoning, at least 5,000 more people will need water on Salt Spring Island once all existing lots are fully developed.

We all want more affordable housing, but unless the new units are guaranteed to go to the target group, simply increasing densities will do great damage without alleviating housing shortages. Water is a huge issue, along with other considerations, such as protecting rural character, limiting growth and maintaining healthy ecosystems.

The Trust Policy Statement predicted this tug-of-war long ago: "Potential for conflict exists: conflict between short and long-term interests and between unlimited use of the Trust Area and ongoing stewardship."

Conflict could be minimized if island residents were given the opportunity to help create a sustainable vision for the future before massive changes to our official community plan (OCP) are drafted. There's a huge difference between an OCP review and a major OCP amendment. The first seeks broad public input about priorities and strategies, while the second marks the end of a process. Unfortunately, our trustees have decided to skip the former and go straight to the latter.

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### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Are you glad the Trust won't pursue tree-cutting authority for now?  Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Canada increase its military support to Ukraine?  
NO YES  
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# ISLAND VOICES

## LETTERS to the editor

### OCP doesn't support uplands development

In last week's Driftwood, developer and realtor Eric Booth mistakenly claims that our official community plan (OCP) supports "blanket wide rezoning" to boost housing density over much of Salt Spring Island ("Where could WHUs be built?").

In the writer's imagination, this would even include "rural upland property." Booth dreams up a hypothetical upland lot with one dwelling on 20 acres. This is bought and cut in half, and the severed 10 acres are then diced into 19 strata units, supposedly for workforce housing. (How it could legally be reserved for local workers is not explained.)

If this fantasy ever came true, density would rise by 20 times. And why build so much in uplands, which tend to be far from services and jobs, and whose woods capture and filter the water for our lakes and wells? Anyone who wants to see what happens when developers ignore water should walk the abandoned ruins of Chan-

nel Ridge: a dystopian wasteland of Scotch broom, chunks of concrete and half-made roads.

I urge anyone as baffled as I am by Booth's OCP claims to read the plan for themselves (islandstrust.bc.ca). The Uplands section is clear, allowing only "very low density residential use and other kinds of low-impact development that will sustain the watershed recharge areas, wildlife habitat, forest resource, sensitive environments, open space and recreational potential of lands in the Uplands Designation." (OCP, B.8.2.1.1)

**RONALD WRIGHT,**  
SALT SPRING

### Disband C-IRG

If B.C.'s Minister of Public Safety Mike Farnworth returns to Salt Spring, I'd ask him why 15 per cent of the funding that's supposed to bolster rural police detachments and make communities safer is earmarked for the B.C. RCMP's Community-Industry Response Group (also known as C-IRG) — a unit that's now under investigation by the RCMP's own Civilian Review and Complaints Commissioner.

During the Fairy Creek blockade against old-growth forest logging on Vancouver Island, officers with C-IRG ripped off protesters' masks to pepper-spray them and dragged them through gravel by their hair. Injured protesters have pointed to broken ribs, torn rotator cuffs, choke marks around their necks. All this has resulted in a lawsuit alleging C-IRG used "unlawful tactics" to dismantle the Fairy Creek protest.

And speaking of "unlawful," a British Columbia Supreme Court judge has ruled that exclusion zones the RCMP set up to prevent media from entering certain areas of the injunction area were themselves just that.

On traditional Wet'suwet'en territory, C-IRG has responded to protests against the Coastal GasLink pipeline by deploying riot control officers armed with assault rifles, dogs and chainsaws to dismantle blockades. Documents obtained by The Guardian newspaper show RCMP commanders instructing officers to "use as much violence toward the gate as you want" ahead of an operation to remove a Wet'suwet'en roadblock.

Even the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has called

them out. In an April 2022 letter, the committee expressed its alarm at the unit's escalating use of "force, surveillance and criminalization" against land defenders and called on police to withdraw from Indigenous territories where First Nations oppose pipeline construction.

So I'd ask Minister Farnworth: Wouldn't our communities be safer if you disbanded C-IRG instead of continuing to fund it?

**MURRAY REISS,**  
FULFORD

### Let's get vibrant

It was funny that I was thinking of writing a letter to the Driftwood to complain about the boring colour that many homes and businesses are now painted here on Salt Spring — grey!

Voilà: Shilo Zylbergold wrote it for me in his Nobody Asked Me But column in the Feb. 22 Driftwood. Thanks, Shilo.

There are so many charming towns, particularly on the East Coast, that have such pretty hues. Let's show some imagination and vibrancy, Salt Spring!

**BRENDA MCLEAN,**  
SALT SPRING

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I have been listening for decades — not just years, decades — to people on my island and other islands begging for the Trust to find some tools to support the [Islands Trust] mandate. This is one little tool that would."

SUSAN YATES, GABRIOLA ISLAND TRUSTEE, ON TREE CUTTING BYLAWS

## Correcting the record: the Green party on the war in Ukraine

BY ELIZABETH MAY

In your last issue, writer Colin Ross was unfortunately misinformed as to the position of the Green Party of Canada on Canadian support for Ukraine. Let me put the important clarification front and centre.

The Green Party of Canada, like Green Party colleagues around the world, condemns the illegal war and brutal aggression by Russian forces against Ukraine. We support unequivocally all actions taken by our government: sending arms, invoking sanctions and other measures to assist Ukraine. I was honoured to make those commitments directly to President Volodymyr Zelensky following his historic speech to our Parliament on March 15, 2022.

The 80 national Green parties around the world are all committed to six core Green values. One of these is to promote non-violence and peace. In the over 40 years that Green parties have existed globally, the illegal and immoral war launched by Russia against Ukraine is the very first time that Greens have supported military aid.

This statement from the European Union Greens is a good summary of where we stand: "The European Green family condemns President Putin's war against Ukraine in the stron-

gest way possible. Russia's full-fledged invasion constitutes an outright attack on Ukraine's sovereignty and is a flagrant violation of international law.

This is not only an attack on Ukraine's territorial integrity, but a brutal attack on the rule of law, democracy and peace in Europe.

We welcome the sanctions that have been imposed by the EU and its allies. Europe must remain united and extend its sanctions as part of a coordinated effort.

We also welcome the German government's decisive action to freeze the Nord Stream 2 gas project, and the instrumental role played by the German Greens (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) in this decision. The crisis illustrates the strategic necessity to be energetically independent from fossil fuels. Energy policy is a question of security.

The respect of Ukraine's sovereignty implies the respect for its right to freely choose its alliances. Ukraine has a right to freedom and democracy, and we must act swiftly to protect these rights.

We therefore call for:

- Additional sanctions to be stepped up and implemented quickly by the EU and all its member states
- The exclusion of Russian

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banks from the SWIFT international banking network

- Stopping the import of gas, oil and minerals from Russia as soon as possible

- All former EU and member state governmental representatives to withdraw from functions in Russian companies

- The seizure of all assets of Russian officials responsible for backing this invasion and the freezing of Putin's assets

- Extended support for Ukrainian refugees, including the provision of shelters, medical aid and information, as well as the creation of humanitarian corridors

- Continued diplomatic efforts in the pursuit of a peaceful outcome

- Speeding up the energy transition to replace Europe's imported gas and oil dependency to enhance our energy independence and security

- A solidarity instrument including enhanced financial support (not limited to loans and credit guarantees) for Ukraine

- Financial assistance for member states to help deal with the economic consequences of imposed sanctions

- Enhancing the EU's cybersecurity capabilities and a more robust EU strategy on tackling large-scale disinformation campaigns.

The European Green Party stands firmly with Ukraine and extends its solidarity to its people. We will be joining the gatherings calling for peace and an end to Russian aggression that are happening across Europe, to show our support for Ukraine. We encourage all European citizens to join us."

As you can see, we do continue to call for peace talks (in bullet #7), but never a cessation of support for Ukraine, nor the "pathetic . . . shameful appeasement" assumed by the letter writer.

Unfortunately, calling for diplomatic efforts to be intensified to seek any path to peace, while also supporting military assistance, as I did in Parliament on Feb. 4, 2023, was seen as a weakening of support for Ukraine.

This is not only unfortunate but reflects a simplification of dialogue and a rapid polarization among people who actually agree with one another.

As a parenthetical point, having left Green leadership in 2019, and been recently elected as Leader of the Green Party of Canada, sharing the work load

with deputy leader Jonathan Pedneault, I have found a sharp contrast in media coverage and discourse since when I last did this job.

I find that people (media and public) are on a hair trigger: quick to anger, to make assumptions and denounce. Especially in politics, people are slow to consider and ponder and give the benefit of the doubt.

These tendencies, fuelled by the lightning fast algorithms of "rage-farming" in social media, are really dangerous to our democracy.

That said, on no issue as much as on defence of Ukraine, Canadians are remarkably united. We must continue and intensify efforts. We must end the billions flowing to Russia for oil. Russia must face the reality of Putin's tragic miscalculation.

Ukrainian democracy will overcome and emerge to a peaceful future. Canada must continue to support Ukraine and — once the war is over — remain committed to the rebuilding of Ukraine and a restoration of its environment.

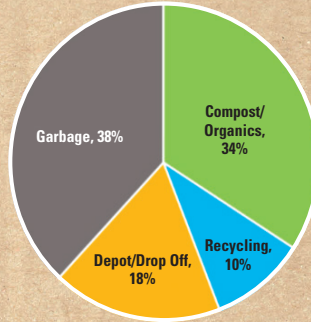
Thank you for the opportunity to correct the record.

*Elizabeth May, O.C., is the Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands and leader of the Green Party of Canada.*

# The 5 Rs of Waste Management



Diversion Potential of the Single Family Garbage Stream at Hartland Landfill – only 38% is true landfill waste.



## What's the Problem?

The Hartland Landfill in Saanich — where waste from Gulf Islanders is shipped — is filling up. The Capital Regional District (CRD), which manages solid waste, estimates that at the current disposal rate, the site will be full by 2045. It's clear that residents and businesses in the CRD need to reduce the amount of waste they produce in order for the landfill to be used until 2100 or beyond.

The CRD's just-released Waste Composition Study indicates the per-capita tonnage of waste going to the Hartland Landfill in 2022 was 400 kilograms. That study also estimates that 62 per cent of waste disposed of by single family households could be diverted out of the waste stream through composting, recycling at depots and refund centres, donation of reusable items and other diversion programs. (See pie chart at left.)

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(Avid thrift shopper)

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**JOHANNA HOSKINS**  
(Artist)

Never throw things out. If you're at school or work, bring your garbage or recyclables home. My motto is: "I can use that for something." Everything is a potential art project.



**GRACE GARRETT**  
(GISS student)

Through avoiding single-use plastics. People can switch to using reusable plates and forks and other things like that.



**PETER MCFARLANE**  
(Artist)

I say "garbage and waste are just a lack of imagination," which I also apply to all aspects of my life. I repair tools, appliances and other items, which helps me reimagine them as art objects or something more practical.

## A FEW TIPS

### Reduce Your Waste!

- Find ways to avoid buying foods/goods that have unnecessary packaging. Choose the item with the least amount of packaging or buy in bulk.
- Create school or work lunches that have no or minimal packaging that can't be reused or recycled.
- Always use cloth shopping bags. Keep several in your car. Use (or make) the lightweight ones that fold into a pouch and fit in your purse, pocket or pack.
- Take time to learn about everything that can be recycled. If you are uncertain, ask questions of transfer station, recycle depot and return-it centre staff.
- Use repairable, durable or refillable products that have a longer life span.
- Recycle your clothing by donating to thrift stores, Diabetes Canada and Kidney Foundation bins, or holding clothing swap events with friends.
- Start composting if you haven't already done so.



## by the numbers

Wood waste, organics, paper and plastic account for over

**62%** of the total materials currently sent to the CRD's Hartland Landfill. All of those items could be diverted from the current waste stream!



Each person in the Capital Regional District was responsible for **400 kg per year** of solid waste sent to the landfill in **2022**. The CRD hopes to reduce that amount to **250 kg per capita per year** by 2030, and ultimately to 125 kg.

**IN 2021, 902 TONNES** of residential packaging and paper products were collected by the five recycle depots contracted by the CRD to community groups on Salt Spring, Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna islands.

### 22 tonnes

of reusable items were collected at Hartland and redistributed through a Reusable Materials Program in 2021.



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# Seismic expert helps coast dwellers prepare

BY GEORGE SIPOS

Some 40 years ago my wife and I lived in Kew, a suburb of London under the main flight-path to Heathrow. In addition to all the normal jets headed toward the airport, once every afternoon the British Airways Concorde flew over our street.

I guess the plane was a novelty at the time, but to us the roar of its passage was a daily annoyance. It stopped conversation, rattled dishes in our kitchen cupboards, and most days woke the baby from her nap.

In the context of the recent enormous earthquake in Turkey and Syria, I should blush even to mention the Concorde. What, after all, is the annoyance of having our house shaken for a few minutes every day compared with the apocalyptic dev-

astation of 46,000 people killed under collapsed rubble, thousands of buildings destroyed, millions of survivors left shelterless in the cold of winter?

And yet, the comparison provides an avenue to grasping some sense of the meaning of earthquakes. One minute the earth is solid, our houses are safe, our lives are unfolding predictably; and the next minute that solidity vanishes. Roads crack open, trees sway, furniture marches across the floor, ceilings collapse.

Nor is it just a matter of damage (whether our crockery falls out of the kitchen cupboard, whether our house has fallen off its foundation). What shocks us profoundly



JOHN CASSIDY

is the sudden wrenching away of what should be normal, solid, dependable. And should that wrenching involve the death of our loved ones, all the more appalling.

And yet we have no choice but to live with such catastrophes when they happen — whether predictably as with the Concorde's daily schedule, or once every few hundred years when the Earth's tectonic plates suddenly shift.

What can help us live with such events is knowledge, understanding and a degree of preparedness. Once we know Concorde's schedule, we can at least close the window in the baby's room so she can keep sleeping. If we have

some understanding of how earthquakes happen, what aftershocks are, what our safest immediate responses can be and how best we can respond to the damage of the aftermath, we can at least be spared the unexpected vertigo of unforeseen calamity.

It is with this in mind that the Salt Spring Forum has invited John Cassidy, senior research scientist with Natural Resources Canada and leader of the Geological Survey of Canada's national Assessing Earthquake and Volcanic Geohazards Project, to help us understand earthquakes, our own susceptibility to them on the West Coast, and our best responses, both by way of preparedness and available strategies for mitigating any aftermath.

As with all Forum events, this

will be less a lecture and more an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and have a conversation with our expert guest. The aim is not to frighten anyone but to ease fear, since what is understood is easier to live with than what surprises.

Cassidy's event will be at ArtSpring starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. Forum events normally last an hour and a half. Tickets may be purchased from the ArtSpring box office or online via ArtSpring's or the Forum's websites.

As with all events in the ArtSpring theatre, the wearing of masks is strongly encouraged in the interests of public health.

*The writer is an author and the Salt Spring Forum's treasurer.*

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## Notice of Advance Voter Registration & Availability of List of Registered Electors | Salt Spring Island Electoral Area 2023 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Election

Public notice is hereby given that **Advance Voter Registration will be accepted until Tuesday, April 4, 2023** for Capital Regional District (CRD) List of Non-Resident Property Electors for the **Salt Spring Island Electoral Area**.

The CRD will be using the Provincial Voters List to determine who is eligible to vote as a Resident Elector in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area. If you voted in the last local election, your name will appear on the Provincial Voters List, and will automatically be placed on the CRD List of Registered Electors. The CRD List of Registered Electors will apply to voting for Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Commissioners.

### Elector Qualifications

**Resident Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (May 27, 2023), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months immediately before the day of registration (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*), reside within the boundaries of the local community, and not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting, you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

**Non-Resident Property Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (May 27, 2023), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days immediately before the day of registration, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, and not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before April 4, 2023, or (b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- a recent land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, **showing the names of all the registered owners**,
- two pieces of identification (one must have a signature), and
- in the case of more than one owner of the property, a **completed consent form, signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.**

Please Note:

- Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property regardless of the number of owners.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
- Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote.
- Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

Advance voter registration is not required to vote on May 27, 2023. **You may register at the time of voting** if you meet the elector qualifications set out above.

### List of Registered Electors

The preliminary List of Registered Non-resident Property Electors is available, upon signature, for viewing at the Capital Regional District, SSI Administrative Offices, 108-121 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. You may also call 250.360.3642 to enquire whether your name is on the list.

Following the close of Advance Voter Registration and beginning Tuesday, April 11, 2023, until the close of general voting on May 27, 2023, a copy of the final List of Registered Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the office listed above.

An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the List in accordance with section 78 (Protection of Privacy) of the *Local Government Act*.

### Objection to Registration of an Elector

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made to the CRD Corporate Officer, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023. An objection must be made in writing, may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the CRD, and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the CRD.

### Mail Ballot Voting

Mail ballot voting will be open to all Salt Spring Island Electoral Area electors for the 2023 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Election. The application form to vote by mail is available at [www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote) and due no later than May 5, 2023.

For further information on registering as an elector and mail ballot voting, contact Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, at 250.360.3642 or [elections@crd.bc.ca](mailto:elections@crd.bc.ca).

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

Kristen Morley  
Chief Election Officer

[www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote)

Rants + ROSES

### Roses

• A huge bouquet of red roses from the Salt Spring Film Festival board to all who made this year's comeback festival such a wonderful event! We are so grateful to our presenting sponsor Country Grocer, gala sponsors Gallery 8 and Coast Gallery, attending filmmakers sponsor Harbour House Hotel, grantors Mid-Island Co-op and the Salt Spring Foundation, and the many other businesses, government grantors, organizations and individuals who contributed so generously. The staff of GISS graciously hosted us, our two staff and 100 volunteers handled everything with charm and dedication, the attending filmmakers gave extra depth, the social justice displays got us all thinking and acting, and the festival patrons were passionate about the films and the world. Thank you all so much! For lost and found items, phone 250-537-5169.

• A big bouquet of beautiful summer roses for the excellent technical support provided at the Salt Spring Public Library for the March 9 CFUW SSI film presentation of Mary Two-Axe Earley: I am Indian Again. It was a follow-up to International Women's Day. We received not only technical support but very helpful support in both set-up and take-down.

• In addition to those acknowledged in the page 1 photo caption, roses go to Kim Stewart, Heart and Stone, Foggy Morning Photography, Salt Spring Kitchen Co., Eyefinery Optical Studio, Valerie Lemieux, Elehna de Sousa, Jacquelyn Larden, Wicked Wax, Ode, Rising Woman, Seb Evans, Rosey Brenan, Salt Spring Coffee, Tea Mistress and Matriarch Meats for donations to the Community Bake Sale fundraiser.



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# Musical journeys offered

Percussiano3 and the Gryphon Trio at ArtSpring next week

BY KIRSTEN BOLTON  
FOR ARTSPRING

If you are ready for an evening of musical entertainment that will surprise, amuse and inspire, Percussiano3 might be just the ticket. This talented trio takes to the ArtSpring stage Wednesday, March 22.

Comprised of the prize-winning duo-pianists Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann, and virtuoso percussionist Rod Thomas Squance, Percussiano3 brings a compelling new vibrance to the popular side of classical music, world music and contemporary repertoire. To the Bergmanns' melodic double-handed piano, Squance delivers the percussion heartbeats on no-less-than 38 different instruments, from snare drum, chimes and castagnets, to gourds, sleigh bells and the beloved cow bell.

Audiences are taken through a journey of musical styles and periods, including works by Bach, Schubert, Ravel, Chabrier, Copland, Rachmaninoff, Piazzolla, Brubeck and Saint Saëns, as well as their own original compositions. The performance is buoyed by their lively interactions and authentic enthusiasm, as only long-time collaborators and friends can share.

Sadly, on Feb. 16, their representative and friend George



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Members of Percussiano3 performing at ArtSpring on March 22 are, from left, Rod Thomas Squance, Elizabeth Bergmann and Marcel Bergmann.

Zukerman, who arranged for this performance and many others, passed away at the age of 95. The BC Touring Council said of him, "George was an ambassador for Canadian music [ . . . ] His lifelong career and contribution to touring and presenting were immense."

"ArtSpring has had a long association with George and has presented many of his artists over the past 20 years," said Howard Jang, executive and artistic director of ArtSpring. "We will be respectfully dedicating this performance to his memory."

In a change to the program, Gryphon Trio's March 25 performance of Echo: Memories of the World has by artist request been temporarily replaced by a new performance entitled Colour You Like. Echo will be rescheduled for fall 2023.

In this new production, the pre-eminent trio of Annalee Patipatanakoon (violin), Roman Borys (cello) and Jamie Parker (piano), who are about to celebrate 30 years together, welcome in a swiftly emerging creative force, violist Radia, AKA Ryan Davis.

The result is a luminous musical experience, harnessing live looping and electronics that intertwine the sound worlds of classical, folk, electronic and hip-hop traditions. The program will feature Radia's original compositions and visuals, as well as Dinuk Wijeratne's stunning Love Triangle for piano trio. It concludes with Johannes Brahms' sublime Piano Quartet in G minor.

Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale through tickets.artspring.ca, or the box office from Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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## Theatre Alive returns with The Children

Lucy Kirkwood's *The Children* at Mahon Hall March 24

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF



**CHRIS HUMPHREYS**

Drama fans will be happy to know that a long-running Salt Spring theatre company is both alive and well and ready for its first post-COVID show.

Well-known actor, director and author Chris Humphreys took over Theatre Alive in 2019, and presented two of six plays planned for 2020 before the pandemic scuttled the remaining four events. Humphreys said he was thrilled with audience response to both Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* and Cary Churchill's *Escaped Alone*, and can't wait to give them more with the 2023 season.

The first play to run is British playwright Lucy Kirkwood's *The Children*, which debuted at the

Royal Court Theatre in London in 2016, and then went to Broadway.

"The basic story is that there are these two retired nuclear scientists who live in an isolated cottage quite close to the coast and quite close to a nuclear power station where they used to work, which basically did a Fukushima," said Humphreys. "It's caused this huge catastrophe in the country with intermittent power for people and all sorts of stuff."

Humphreys said three terrific island actors play the trio of roles in the dark comedy. Robert Ruttan takes the part of Robin and Wendy Beatty is his wife Hazel, while Debbi Toole plays Rose, a woman they used to work with at the plant. Humphreys is directing.

*The Children* is on for one night only: Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Humphreys likes the staged-reading format for a number of reasons.

"I think it's a way of making great plays quite accessible, but we don't have to spend four weeks rehearsing them and build vast sets and all that," he said.

At the same time, most of the dramatic elements of a full production are maintained.

"It's not sitting around and reading the play. It is moving, it's costumes, there's sounds and lights," he added.

And he's found that the audience quickly forgets that people are holding scripts on stage, but it obviously takes pressure off the actors and eliminates the demands of using a full set.

"For relatively little investment financially, or timewise, we're able to bring these fantastic plays to people's attention."

Tickets for *The Children* are available in advance at Salt Spring Books, or at the door. Cash only. Masks are optional.

# what's on this week

<p><b>Wed. Mar. 15</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Tea a Tempo.</b> Backstage plays Irish, Newfoundland, folk and gospel music. All Saints by-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats. Postponed from March 1 due to snow.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Teen Lounge.</b> Activities for youth aged 13-18 every Wednesday afternoon at the library's Teen Zone. 4 to 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo.</b> Wednesdays at Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Buddhist Meditation.</b> Offered by Salt Spring Insight Meditation at Ganges Yoga Studio. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Info: saltspringimc@gmail.com.</p> <p><b>Swing Dancing.</b> Wednesdays at the Legion. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thur. Mar. 16</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Open Mic.</b> At the Legion. 7:30 p.m. (Preceded by the meat draw from 5 to 7 p.m.)</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting.</b> Regular monthly business meeting at the SD64 Hub (just below SIMS). 9:30 a.m. Town hall and trustee reports at noon.</p> <p><b>Mother Goose.</b> Rhymes, songs and storytelling activities for babies and children to 4 years of age and their parents/caregivers. Library program room. 10:30 a.m. to noon.</p> <p><b>The Role of the Creative Process in Our Spiritual Journeys.</b> Led by Lolla Devindisch at St. Mary's Church. 2 to 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Island Public Library Association Annual General Meeting.</b> In the library program room. 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BC Housing Drake Road Meeting.</b> BC Housing personnel talk about the planned supportive housing complex on Drake Road. Lions Hall. 4 to 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Fri. Mar. 17</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Day at Gallery 8.</b> Celebration with former Irish Rover Will Millar and opening exhibit event at Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Karaoke.</b> At the Legion. 7:30 p.m. (Preceded by the meat draw from 5 to 7 p.m.)</p> <p><b>Derek Gripper.</b> Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Day with the Buck Dodgers Band and Tom Hooper.</b> Moby's Pub. 4 to 11 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>ASK Salt Spring.</b> This week's guest is Lady Minto Hospital administrator Erin Price Lindstrom. In the lobby at SIMS. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Story Time.</b> Community members read stories for kids and parents/caregivers in the library's children's area. 11 to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Youth Games.</b> Every Friday for ages nine to 13 in the library program room. 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sat. Mar. 18</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Sugarbeat.</b> At the Legion. 7:30 p.m. (Preceded by the meat draw from 5 to 7 p.m.)</p> <p><b>Petunia &amp; The Vipers.</b> Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Coalition Returns.</b> Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>CHIR.fm Record &amp; CD Sale Fundraiser.</b> Saturdays at the portable classroom at SIMS. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sun. Mar. 19</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Jazz Jam.</b> Singers, players and fans welcome at the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Spanish Conversation Group.</b> Chat with other Spanish speakers or learners in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Library program room. 3 to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Mon. Mar. 20</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>The Gospel, Kirtan, Vespers.</b> With Marilyn Walker and friends at St. Mary's Church. 7 to 8:30 p.m. A recurring program offered on the third Monday evening of each month.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.</b> Monthly meeting at the Ganges fire hall. 7 p.m. or via Zoom by emailing admin@saltspringfire.com by noon on March 20.</p> <p><b>Tue. Mar. 21</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Songwriters Circle Acoustic Open Mic.</b> At the Legion. 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Author Event: Arjuna George.</b> Former Salt Spring fire chief reads from his book called <i>Burnt Around the Edges - A Guide to Mastering Stress and Avoiding Burnout.</i> Salt Spring library program room. 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Jesi Jordan — Artist Talk + Reception.</b> Artist in Residence Jesi Jordan presents a talk called <i>Frame by Frame: Traditional Animation.</i> Mahon Hall. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trivia Tuesday.</b> At Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>VIA ZOOM</b></p> <p><b>Sacred Poetry: Poetry as Prayer and Praise.</b> Led by Lolla Devindisch. A recurring program offered on the third Tuesday evening of each month. To register and get the Zoom link, go to staroftheseassi.ca.</p> <p><b>Wed. Mar. 22</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Percussiano3.</b> Prize-winning duo-pianists Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann, and virtuoso percussionist Rod Thomas Squence perform. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wed. Mar. 22</b></p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Salt Spring Garden Club Meeting.</b> Mason and leafcutter bee expert Gordon Cyr of Bee Canadian is the guest speaker. Meaden Hall. Doors at 6:45 p.m. Speaker at 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Teen Lounge.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>Music Bingo.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>Buddhist Meditation.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>Swing Dancing.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>CINEMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania</b> runs Friday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 21 nightly at 7 p.m., plus a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Rated PG. 2 hours 5 mins. See <a href="http://theatritz.ca">theatritz.ca</a> for more movie info or 250-538-7718.</li> </ul> <p><b>EXHIBITIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Re-Imagined: Making Waste Into Art</b> exhibit runs daily in the ArtSpring gallery until March 27 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except only 10 a.m. to noon on March 27) with an opening reception on Wednesday, March 15 from 3 to 6 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>St. Patrick's Day celebration</b> and opening reception with former Irish Rover Will Millar on Friday, March 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. Exhibit of Millar's work continues through March 24.</li> <li>• <b>Salt Spring Painters Guild</b> members show work in the lobby of ArtSpring this month.</li> <li>• <b>Salt Spring Gallery</b> presents <b>Sculpture by Janus</b> from the Mind Myths Series until March 22.</li> <li>• <b>Photographer Howard Fry</b> shows portraits of family, friends and acquaintances in the library community program room through March.</li> <li>• <b>Avril Kirby</b> is showing photographs of dogs at the Country Grocer Roasters Cafe for the month of March.</li> </ul>
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**Obituaries**



**Macie Pring**  
(nee: Margaret Anne Harman)  
January 31, 1941 - February 27, 2023

Our beautiful mother is finally at peace after a 10-year journey through Alzheimer's. She was such a beautiful light in this world and will always be remembered for her kindness, compassion, unconditional acceptance of all and her immense love for art, music, animals, and nature. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and cared for her during this time, especially to every one of the incredible caregivers and support staff at Greenwoods.

Macie was born in Kent, England, and served in the British Airforce for 12 years, from 1954 to 1968. She lived in England, Singapore, Northern Ireland, and emigrated to Canada in 1970. Macie was a resident of Salt Spring Island since 1980. She was very active in the community, through a gymnastics club she started, her various art endeavors, her singing in multiple choirs, and her work at the community center to help others. She will be missed.

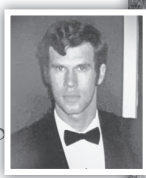

Survived by: Bridie Robson, daughter, Langley, B.C.; Tracey Horrocks, daughter, Victoria, B.C.; Sean Pring, son, Abbotsford, B.C.; Ethan Robson, grandson, Langley, B.C.; Nicholas Robson, grandson, Vancouver, B.C.; Jeremy Horrocks, grandson, Victoria, B.C.; Tyler Robson, grandson, Langley, B.C.; Jessica Horrocks, granddaughter, Victoria, B.C.; Chloe Pring, granddaughter, Chilliwack, B.C.; Isaac Pring, grandson, Chilliwack, B.C.; Nevaeh Sampson, granddaughter, Langley, B.C.; Sky Afriyae, a great-grandson, Victoria, B.C. Predeceased by Karl J. Pring, son; Barry R. Pring, ex-husband, Michael Harman, brother, Ethel Harman, mother.

A service will be held on March 18, 2023, at 12:30 pm at the Salt Spring Island United Church, officiated by Reverend Faye Greer. Reception at the church following the service. Please feel free to wear colors, as Macie loved them.

*"When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure"*

**Celebration**

**Happy 80th Birthday P. David O'Flynn**

When you've lived this long  
And through this much  
Your tongue gets as sharp as your mind  
Your belly as big as your heart  
And your stories a rainbow romp  
Through Island history  
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**Coming Events**

*Come raise a parting glass for PETER SMALL at the Legion, on Saturday, March 18, 12:30-3 pm. Bring your stories!*



**Coming Events**

**Salt Spring Island Public Library Association Annual General Meeting**  
Thursday March 16, 2023 3:30 pm  
Salt Spring Island Public Library  
129 McPhillips Avenue, Ganges, BC

A resolution to amend the bylaws of the Association will be presented for approval. The full text of the proposed resolution will be posted on the Library's website: <http://saltspring.bc.libraries.coop/> between the publication of this advertisement and the Annual General Meeting.

All valid Library cardholders are welcome to attend and are eligible to vote at the meeting.

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**Sunday, March 19, 2023, 11am**  
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**Coming Events**



**ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society will take place on Monday, Mar 27th, 2023 at 1:30pm at Lions Hall**

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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)** The march of spring's impulse will guide you to take new initiatives. Joining forces with Mercury, Jupiter and Chiron, the Sun and Moon united will prove very noticeable to everyone, but perhaps you especially. Among your main focuses will be to decipher what you practically want and need.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)** Seeds of raw potential and potency are being sown in the fertile ground of your subconscious mind. It may take a month or so to more fully recognize what these will grow into, but the germination process begins now. You will likely have a variety of areas of focus, so it might prove wise to outline a plan.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** A whole new sense of individuality is being sparked by this New Moon. It will activate a fresh quality of assertion and expression. This could include a pioneering impulse to enter new territory somehow. As well, new experiences could lead to new encounters and the beginning of new friendships.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)** A new dynamic is emerging for you. This is likely to have a direct impact on your public and/or professional life. It may take a few weeks and even up to a couple of months to more fully manifest, but some form of activation is brewing. It appears to be an opportunity for promotion.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)** You have entered a cycle of change and transformation. All being well, especially if you are aligned to cooperate with it, you could undergo a process of rebirth and renewal. Positively, it also offers the opportunity to break free of old, restrictive patterns. Take this approach and attitude for best results.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)** The commitment to a whole new level of power has begun. The process will require focus and discipline. Like having arrived at base camp, the ascent to the peak has begun. In addition to the prospects of achievement, victory and glory, a steady learning curve is also implied.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)** The time has come to take your health focus to a whole new level. Wishful thinking and procrastination clearly do not achieve results. The basics include a better diet, supplementation and more exercise. Yet, you may have specific needs and requirements. Either way, get motivated and determined.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** A creative process requiring commitment has begun. You should also be ready to pay your dues, whether literally or in terms of a learning process, more discipline, focus and commitment, and so on. The key is to genuinely enjoy the journey even if you are also determined to aim for new levels of success.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** What are your fears? Are you afraid of failure, success, hard work or anything else? Acknowledging that you might at least have some fears is the first step to deciphering what they are, which is the path to overcoming them. The good news is that beneath the fear is the prize, the gift or the talisman of power.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)** You will experience the first round of some important activations, either close to home or at the very core of your being. In the shorter term, these imply the need to make extra efforts, which include working smarter than harder. Yet, this focus will soon shift to working on yourself.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)** Interest in new knowledge and information will become increasingly important starting this week. As the learning slope gets steeper, which is likely, you will feel compelled to work harder. Yet, you will also look for ways to be more efficient and productive with less effort.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)** The Aries New Moon will trigger an impulse to brainstorm and focus to increase your income and earning potential. You may also do some digging to decipher where money is spent unnecessarily and how and where you can make sound investments. You can expect to be thorough in your approach.

We are officially in the last week of winter. Spring Equinox occurs on March 20 this year and will be closely followed by the New Moon in Aries on March 21. So, spring officially begins while the Moon is in Pisces in the late waning phase officially called the "Balsamic Moon Phase." At the exact moment of the equinox, the number of degrees of the Moon trailing the Sun happened to be 11:22, the Master Numbers of Numerology. As well, this 35th portion of the divided Zodiac, into 36-Decans, has been symbolically described as "The Saint." Given the current state of the human condition, humanity sure can use all the spiritual wisdom and guidance we can get. With Pluto at the critical 29th degree of Capricorn, government overreach and authoritarianism will not have the leverage it has become accustomed to and Pluto entering Aquarius might have the effect of loosening the reins of government interference on the free market, for a while anyway.

**GARDENING**

# Bee authority to visit

Gord Cyr is next garden club presenter

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If you're interested in improving your fruit and vegetable yields through pollinators, the Salt Spring Island Garden Club has a guest speaker for you.

Gord Cyr will be speaking Wednesday evening, March

22 at Meaden Hall, as a guest of the club. Cyr and his family have operated their business Bee Canadian on Vancouver Island for more than 15 years, earning multiple awards for both sustainable business practices and as pollinator advocates.

Cyr and his family raise Mason and leafcutter bees, sell bees and bee boxes, and offer a bee kit rental program that provides bees in their boxes to gardeners in the spring — and picks them up at the end of the pollination season, cleaning and storing the bees until the following season.

"If you garden, Mason bees are strongly recommended," said Cyr. "They will do more for you than any other single item you could purchase."

The presentation will include information about harvesting, storage, life cycle, parasites and best practices for providing bees a safe and successful life in your garden. Cyr will bring some samples of his bees, boxes and bee boxes for sale; anyone already wishing to order ahead can contact him directly prior to the meeting via his website [masonbeecentral.com](http://masonbeecentral.com).

Doors for next Wednesday's meeting at Meaden Hall will open at 6:45 p.m., with social time and the opportunity to talk to Cyr and check out his display and products prior to his talk at 8 p.m.



PHOTOS BY JOHN DE BRUYN

A few of the faces seen at the March 3-5 Salt Spring Film Festival at Gulf Islands Secondary School were, from top, Salt Springer Debora de Napoli, left, subject of the short film called The Debora Effect, and Voices Across the Water producer Teresa Earle from the Yukon; Colleen Hemphill, subject and narrator of Tiny, a Bronfree Films claymation piece that won the Audience Favourite Short Film Award, her son Ritchie Hemphill and his co-director Ryan Haché.



Below is the scene in the school's multipurpose room where the Social Justice Bazaar was set up and people could eat, drink and socialize in between film screenings. Some 41 films were shown on Saturday and Sunday, as well as the sold-out Friday night Still Working 9 to 5 gala film.

The Audience Favourite Feature Film Award went to A Cedar Is Life, co-directed and produced by Harold Joe and Leslie Bland.



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