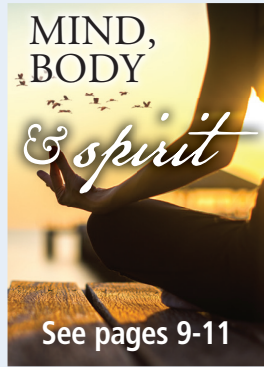


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ALL IN A ROW: Local Community Commission (LCC) candidates get set to respond to a question at the May 16 gathering of all 15 candidates held at Fulford Hall. Voting takes place today at Community Gospel Chapel and the Salt Spring Public Library from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and those same two places as well as Fulford Hall seniors annex on Saturday, May 27, also from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. See page 3 and 4 for more photos and quotes from the event. Check the gulfislandsdriftwood.com website on Saturday evening for election results.

HEALTH CARE

Physicians sound staffing alarm

Island Health says some overnight emergency department shifts covered by phone

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Salt Spring physicians speak up to warn islanders of the severity of the medical professional shortage, the health authority has admitted plans to prioritize having doctors at Lady Minto when the hospital is busiest, and that patients could expect “an alternative model of care” in the emergency department at other times.

For months, patients have reported arriving at Lady Minto Hospital some weekend nights to find a sign on the door — or warnings from staff — asking islanders to triage themselves or call 811 to evaluate whether their condition required immediate care; patients with non-urgent concerns were advised to return in the morning “when staffing levels improve.”

Island Health officials told the Driftwood early this year those warnings were the result of an “unforeseen short notice limited staff ability,” emphasizing that patients were still assessed and treated. But now, as a letter from the Lady Minto Hospital Medical Staff Association (LMHMSA) warns there are hundreds of hours scheduled this summer with no physi-

cian in the emergency department, the health authority revealed it has been using a shortage protocol since March.

When an in-person doctor isn’t available overnight, according to Island Health, plans call for an off-site physician to support the emergency department care team remotely.

“This model of care has been successfully used on four occasions this spring,” said Island Health in a statement. “The emergency department continues to triage and provide emergency care to those who need it.”

The communique from LMHMSA offered the community its first quantitative information regarding the local doctor shortage, and was an extraordinary move from the typically quiet association; indeed, medical professionals within Island Health generally are compelled to refer press questions to the health authority’s public relations staff, declining individual comment.

According to the letter, signed by nearly a dozen hospital physicians and published on page 7 of this week’s paper, there are currently 25 12-hour shifts in the emergency department without an assigned doctor between

now and the end of August — and while patients elsewhere in B.C. might be able to simply head to another hospital, a diversion protocol on Salt Spring presents unique challenges.

“There is significant risk,” read the LMHMSA letter. “Many medical problems cannot be managed by phone. Transportation off-island can be complex and may delay care, even when the transport request is at the highest level.”

LMHMSA’s missive also warned of follow-on effects that would result from other unfilled staffing slots — such as the diversion of mid-wifery services due to the shortage of maternal care nurses, and the lack of a local psychiatrist to provide “longitudinal care” for mental health on Salt Spring. These shortages, combined with the burden Lady Minto already carries stemming from the large number of islanders without a family doctor seeking care — as well as the “increasing medical complexity” inherent in Salt Spring’s aging population — leave doctors scrambling to fill the gaps.

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Staff feel an ethical obligation to provide care, LMHMSA said — and are at ever-increasing risk of burn-out trying to do so.

Meanwhile, Island Health said it remained committed to addressing staffing challenges, revealing

recruitment efforts over the winter had led to 17 new nursing hires since January, and that a new physician was expected to join in July. Recent communications from the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) have referenced more than 40 vacant staff positions unfilled at the hospital, including medical and support positions.

Several analyses have found limited housing choices across Salt Spring Island; Island Health specifically thanked LMHF for its continuing work “to build dedicated health-care worker housing and make Salt Spring Island an even more attractive place to live and work in health care.”

LMHF's recent efforts to re-purpose a motel it purchased for hospital staff housing have however stalled for over a year. As legal challenges surrounding the former Seabreeze Inne drag on, a request for an injunction was sought in April that, if granted, would require people still living there to vacate while the merits of their cases were adjudicated. That application was heard last week, and awaits a judge's decision.

LMHMSA emphasized its letter was intended to solicit the community's “support and public knowledge,”

saying both were needed “to work through this crisis and come together with solutions.”

Salt Spring's residents responded to the communique with concern and alarm; a press release from the Copper Kettle Community Partnership announced a call for volunteers and community organizations to support petitions, public gatherings — and even parades — to further alert islanders to the depth of the crisis and spur action.

“The time for planning committees is now past,” said spokesperson Marsha Goldberg. “It is time to act. Our political system needs to evolve from a culture of ‘no’ to one that is open to environmentally sound new builds not dependent on existing waterworks or provincial mandates.”

The Copper Kettle invites inquiries about how to help at 250-537-1027.



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Backyard burn ban now in effect

Small campfires still allowed, but all fires require permit

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Most open burning activities were prohibited on Salt Spring Island and throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction as of noon last Thursday, May 18, according to Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue.

Category 2 (backyard and incinerator burning) and Category 3 (machine pile) open fires are now prohibited on Salt Spring Island and throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction until Oct. 31, 2023 — or until the order is rescinded.

Currently, the prohibition does not apply to Category 1 fires, which are campfires that are 0.5 metres high

by 0.5 metres wide or smaller, or to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes.

Also prohibited per the Wildfire Act are:

- fireworks;
- sky lanterns;
- binary exploding targets;
- burn barrels or cages of any size; and
- air curtain burners.

Anyone lighting a campfire must apply for a fire permit, maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire area, and have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire.

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Candidates make the most of debate airtime

Quotes and photos from May 16 event

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For the first time since campaigning began, all 15 candidates for Salt Spring Island's new Local Community Commission (LCC) were under one roof — and over two hours, one and all did their best to earn the four votes each attendee would cast.

A sea of voter-filled folding chairs packed Fulford Hall Tuesday, May 16, as the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Gulf Islands Driftwood hosted around 175 community members to hear from LCC hopefuls in the final weeks of election season. After a heartfelt welcome from chamber board director Peter Allan, moderator Robin Williams took control of the evening, starting with a tight two minutes for each of the 15 to introduce themselves — the first time many attendees had heard from several candidates in person.

But the bulk of the evening was driven by the audience. Community members lined up behind a pair of microphones to ask questions, and each candidate had 30 seconds to answer. The rigid format challenged the more verbose to be succinct, but as the buzzer brought one candidate's time to an end, the next would pick up the thread.

A full video of the debate is available online at gulfislandsdriftwood.com.



Kylie Coates.



David Courtney.



Gayle Baker.



Ben Corno.



Nejmah Guermoudi.



Jesse Brown.

GAYLE BAKER

"If North Salt Spring Waterworks District wants to join the LCC, it will have to come from the ratepayers — not from the LCC. But if I were elected, the first thing I'm going to do is get local commissioners to commit every month to going to the meetings, building relationships, and trying to see what the possibilities would be. And that might be a beginning."

"We need to have the housing for the young people; if we build it, they will come. They will bring that vibrancy. We have opportunities, we just need to get someone in place at the right point."

JESSE BROWN

"Consolidating the water districts was a recommendation of the Salt Spring Island water optimization study, so I would be supportive of any work towards making that happen. I don't know if it's in the purview of the LCC to do that, but I am definitely supportive of any idea that can encourage more water hookups."

"There should be an abundance of different housing options here on Salt Spring. We need more housing and less red tape — that includes rental buildings and higher density in Ganges."

KYLIE COATES

"Right now the community is stuck. What we have to do is go to the CRD and ask them to take more interest in Salt Spring. We need funding; the number one thing holding us back is money. We are not a municipality, we cannot go for these grants. We need to be advocating to the CRD for more funding and more control."

"The number one thing is Ganges. Ganges right now looks like a North

Korean town. Last year it had music in the park, it was vibrant. We should have music blasting throughout Ganges. It should be an artists' community, it should be somewhere we like to live and like to visit."

"The entire salary for the LCC I receive will be donated back to Salt Spring. I'm not going to take a dime from this island, because I can volunteer for the next three and a half years, just like I've been doing for the last eight."

BEN CORNO

"The Harbour Walk project is a really big priority for the community as well as the LCC. I think having a comfortable group here is going to be really important. Repairing communication breakdown is going to be a really important part of getting this done, and that's something that I like to do."

"It's important to improve the curb appeal of our community. Other communities have consistent branding, consistent feel — and it's easy to navigate your way around them. I think we need to be focusing on that through Parks and Recreation, and making it obvious that our community is creating spaces for people to use — and through those spaces, help provide energy to support events that need that help."

DAVID COURTNEY

"We need to reduce our speed limit in the village to 30 kilometres per hour. No more studies; let's just do it, for the safety of you, the seniors and our children."

"It's sort of like 'buy local' — 'use local contractors.' I think we have to be respectful of ratepayers when we come to the tendering process, but I can advocate on their behalf to make the bonding requirements more lenient, so that we can actually give you the money."



Eric G. March.

NEJMAM GUERMOUDI

"I understand we are not getting these provincial and federal grants, but I also recognize that all of these improvement districts came from our community working together and understanding that there was a need."

"Totally in favour of tiny homes, tiny villages, all of these things, but they need to be done through a pilot project program, and if we move quickly we can actually apply for the housing accelerator fund as a community — and this is going to require collaboration with the Islands Trust to do it."

JENNIFER LANNAN

"I anticipate that there's already quite a tall order for the LCC, and although making further advancements as to what the LCC is responsible for could be planned, it needs a little bit of time."

"Everybody deserves safe housing. Everybody deserves clean housing. Everybody deserves access to their own housing."

"The LCC should be first and fore-



Jennifer Lannan.

most supporting 'local first' campaigns. I think this is absolutely part of economic sustainability."

ERIC G. MARCH

"I primarily get around Salt Spring Island as a pedestrian, so I'm pretty much in favour of pedestrian walkways all over the place. I think the Harbour Walk is number one for getting set up — let's get it done."

"I absolutely support tiny homes in our community. I think we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to getting housing for our people; we need to get all stakeholders involved. We need housing so that employees will come to our community and stay in our community."

"The foundation of our community — of all communities — is the workers, the working class who bag your groceries, who make your cider, who play our music in the bar."

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Brian Webster.

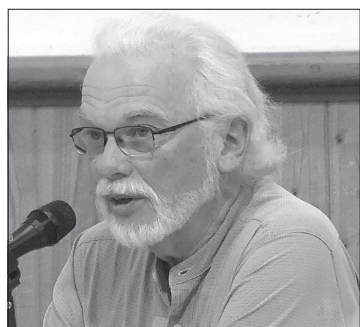


Jennifer McClean.



Jennifer Kerrigan and Lloyd Cudmore (running as a slate with Don Marcotte and Jamie Harris).

For voter qualifications, process, dates, times and places, see crd.bc.ca/ssi-vote



Earl Rook.



Don Marcotte, left, and Jamie Harris.

LLOYD CUDMORE

"I think we need to finish the boardwalk — to get people that are coming here with their families that are out in their boats, they have kids, say, to fall in love with Ganges. They'll come here, walk down the boardwalk, see the art, maybe get inspired to become part of Salt Spring. But we need to be ready, we need to work with everybody in Ganges — don't burden one company

or one business down there to take it on. You need to come up with clever ideas."

"We all agree about housing; we need it, it's important for young people. But we need to think about people making money. People shame people who make money; landlords need more help, they need less regulation telling them they can't do this or that, and everybody that's renting has all the rights."

JENNIFER KERRIGAN

"I think with the LCC being so new, we need to be open and listen to everything the community is saying, and then make our decisions based on that. We don't know what we're doing with the LCC quite yet, but we're ready."

"Housing is a large issue for our community, but it all has to be done to code."

"We need to hear from all of you about what you guys want, because it's not just us. You need to help us find solutions."

of Salt Spring; I don't want a giant government for Salt Spring."

"I have ideas for entrepreneurship in our parks, which is something that was a huge part of Salt Spring Island when I grew up. I grew up seeing a lot of people creating their own business ideas, and they were really well supported here to do so."

EARL ROOK

"I think we really need to reach out to the independent districts to bring together what is fundamentally a local government. We can't make them join the CRD, we can't bring them in against their will. But I think we need to start working together more effectively, as if we were a local government, and give them access to the funding sources that are currently not available."

"Electric public transportation is something that's well within the LCC purview, something we can really push hard. There are some real challenges to making it work, [but] it's going to be part of our future."

"We can open up the mysteries of where the money goes and why. We can be bringing real citizens' input into the decisions of government and do so in a way that's fully transparent and accessible to all."

BRIAN WEBSTER

"The bus service we have on Salt Spring is a big success story; we need to keep it moving forward, and not backward."

"The LCC doesn't have the power to absorb the improvement districts, but the LCC does have the power to sit down with them respectfully and say, is this the way to run a community or not? And I hope the outcome will be the improvement districts coming on board to be eligible for the kind of capital funding that all the other water and fire departments around the province have."

"We have to update the building codes that don't match the reality of today, and I think that the LCC should be raising that issue, but respecting the fact that it's not ultimately an LCC decision."

"Of course I want to join with everyone saying yes to everything. [But] there's lots of balancing and difficult choices to be made with budgets."

DON MARCOTTE

"I'm all for a boardwalk, but I don't think we have the power to start taking property away from the public to build something we all want. It's up to them to give it to us, to let us do it. But it'd be great to see it finished."

"Young families aren't moving here, because there's nowhere for them to live, and it's too expensive. I'm even getting ready to get the hell out of here — who can afford to live in this place? It's getting out of control; something needs to change."

JAMIE HARRIS

"If our group of four were to be elected, there'd be an automatic collaborative reality between the Islands Trust and the CRD, and we'd be wanting to get this Harbour Walk done and making it one of our priorities. It's taken way too long, and the politics that have been behind it are very, very concerning."

"Families need more than a tiny home. I'm all for tiny homes, but we also need a housing authority to create affordable homes for working families."

"We want [our children] to have hope that in the future they will be able to afford to live in their own homes, with their own families, in the community they call home. We want them to feel safe in their town, and feel pride in their town. Just look at Ganges; with simple observation, it's easy to see something's gone wrong."

JENNIFER MCCLEAN

"The CRD would have to become a little more easy to deal with and work with before it should take more things on. I really love the little government

Capital Regional District CRD

Cedars of Tuam Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3055 (Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2003) residents within the Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Area are invited to attend:

Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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ISLANDS TRUST

Proposed regs worry liveboard community

LTC insists bylaws not currently being considered

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An official-looking document circulating on social media has alarmed Salt Spring's liveboard boater community, and officials rushed to put distance between themselves and a citizen-crafted bylaw proposal — itself still in early draft form, according to proponents.

Islander Glenn Stevens said he had drafted the version of the Clean and Safe Harbour Initiative recently posted online, but that it was not a final document — and that it wasn't an attempt to get rid of everyone living in boats at Ganges.

"That's not the bylaw that we were going to submit to the Trust in June for their consideration," said Stevens, who attended an evening town hall meeting held by Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) Wednesday, May 17. "It's a very early edition. And it does not want to kick out the liveboards, period. That is not the goal."

The draft bylaw has not been formally presented to the LTC, but

trustees were nonetheless peppered with questions from people who made their homes afloat in Ganges Harbour. Several expressed concerns, not just with the substance of the not-yet-proposed bylaw — which in its current form seeks to establish a fee permit system and strict regulations for boats staying more than 48 hours — but also with the lack of engagement with the liveboard community.

While trustees acknowledged a familiarity with the proposal — Stevens first broached the subject of such regulations to the LTC in February, during a regular meeting's public comment period — they maintained that reaching out to people who lived on boats was premature, while echoing the sentiment that no one wanted to remove them from Ganges.

"There is no bylaw before this Trust committee," said trustee Laura Patrick. "There's a citizen group that's working on something, but that's not legislation. This body has not asked for regulation of the harbour."

"This isn't from us," agreed trustee Jamie Harris, who added that Ganges Harbour might represent "a huge opportunity."

"I think we need more liveboards in the harbour," he said, "and to have it done cleanly and safely. We have a housing prob-

lem, and this is a cheaper way for people to be housed — and people might enjoy that lifestyle."

Patrick also said that recent bylaw officer activity in the harbour was unrelated, and coincidental.

"There's a citizen group that's working on something, but that's not legislation. [The LTC] has not asked for regulation of the harbour."

LAURA PATRICK
SSI LTC member

"I know that there was bylaw enforcement on the water, but they were out there because of complaints of commercial use on the water, not the liveboards," said Patrick. "They do not enforce the rule that we have that applies to liveboards."

That rule technically prohibits people from living on their boats within Ganges Harbour — or, more accurately, does not permit long-term occupancy at any of the water-covered parcels there under the authority of the Islands Trust.

There has been little appetite for enforcement of those land use bylaws, partly because of the lack of lower-cost housing elsewhere on Salt Spring Island.

Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman, who represents the island's electoral area and was also at the LTC's town hall, said some form of regulation had the potential to increase housing security — if done respectfully.

"I think it's worth pursuing the idea of secure tenure for liveboards in the harbour," said Holman. "Right now, liveboards are not allowed, so you have absolutely no security at all. I realize it does raise concerns, so this means [the community] has to stay on top of it, if the Trust committee decides to pursue it."

Stevens said the citizens' initiative was born from a sincere concern about both the environmental health of the harbour and the wellbeing of those who live there.

"I think everybody wants a clean and safe harbour," said Stevens. "We don't want garbage in the harbour, we don't want human waste."

"There's a whole pile of boats that have just been left, and nobody's living in them," said Harris. "And that's a concern. Some are sinking. There are some docks out there that have industrial things on

them that are very compromised, and there are reports of stuff being thrown overboard."

But, Harris added, the people causing those problems were in the minority — and if legislation eventually appeared, he said he would be an advocate for liveboards "doing it right," possibly even expanding resources and services.

"As long as your sewage and garbage aren't going into the water, then you're completely going to be legal to live there," said Harris.

"We want to work as a community to make sure that it's safe," said Stevens. "Of course, it's only going to succeed if we're all in this together."

But even with robust engagement of the liveboard community — something Stevens repeated was critically important to the success of any regulation — trustees admitted there was only so much the LTC could accomplish this term with its limited resources.

"We've spent some time trying to assess and prioritize the work we're wanting to do," said LTC chair Tim Peterson, speaking directly to the liveboard residents in the audience. "That proposed bylaw by the citizens did not factor in that. So I hope that gives you some sense of security, that it isn't high on our list at this point."

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Beddis Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3247 (Beddis Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2004), residents within the Beddis Water Service Commission Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Beddis Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 5, 2023
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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Fulford Water Service Commission

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Fulford Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 12, 2023
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V5

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EDITORIAL

Breaking the silence

It's hard to believe that something could overshadow Salt Spring's first Local Community Commission election, but that is exactly what has happened.

After months of rumours and back-channel buzz, most of Salt Spring Island's physicians issued a letter to the community on May 19 outlining the dire state of affairs at Lady Minto Hospital when it comes to staffing shortages. The letter was sent from the LMH Medical Staff Association to its main community partners: the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the Salt Spring Community Health Society and the Salt Spring Health Advancement Network, as well as Island Health, and was also filed with the Driftwood.

For residents, the most alarming part of the letter is news that for 25 overnight shifts between now and the end of August, the emergency room will have no on-site physician services available. Island Health was quick to formulate a response, pointing out that off-site physicians are consulted remotely to support the emergency department in those cases, and admitted that has already happened four times this spring. Midwifery and psychiatric services are also severely impacted, the medical staff say.

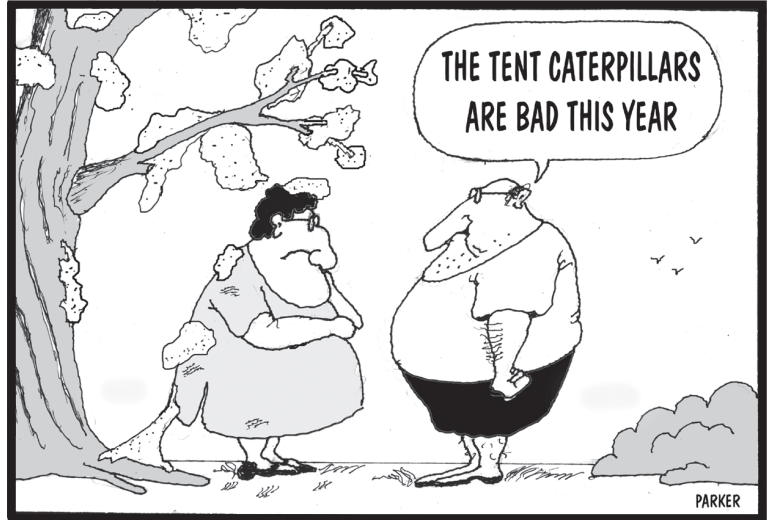
The giant elephant in the room is the brand new, larger emergency room currently growing at the hospital site. Island Health has always promised it would cover the extra costs of staffing that facility, but if they can't staff the current ER it begs the question how they plan to take care of an expanded one.

The Copper Kettle Community Partnership has already offered to spearhead a broad community effort under a "save our hospital" banner. Partnership members Marsha Goldberg and Cherie Geauvreau and others on their team are calling on all non-profits, businesses, churches, charities, schools and sports organizations to participate, as well as concerned individuals. They say they need places to set out petitions and sign-up sheets for volunteers and suggestions.

We can support those efforts, but they and other community members need to hear exactly what our hospital medical staff feel is needed and how those things might be achieved. We look to the three community partners listed above to liaise with the physicians and Island Health, and to work with groups like Copper Kettle or others to get the most effectiveness out of any grassroots campaign.

THE ISSUE: Hospital staff shortage

WE SAY: Community ready to help



PARKER

First LCC election crucial

BY JEAN GELWICKS

VIEWPOINT

I love living on Salt Spring. I feel very lucky to have spent the last 27 years on this beautiful island, with wonderful people who work together with respect, and humour to build a community that is accepting, engaged, vibrant and resilient.

Like on all islands, our volunteers are amazing. They are the life blood of Salt Spring. We have more volunteer organizations and clubs listed in our phone book than communities twice our size. They hold wildly successful events like our Fall Fair, the Pride Parade (third largest in BC), Ruckle Heritage Farm Day, festivals of ALL kinds — from the film festival to the Blossom Picnic and beyond — theatre productions, and really fine music (to name only a few) and they do these every year.

Volunteers work with others, including governmental entities: run our beautiful library, were responsible for the construction of ArtSpring and help to run it, put solar panels on the roof of the secondary school and with the energy cost savings give out scholarships to students, started our community's transit system, take care of our community halls, and run all kinds of sports activities for kids. They have constructed kilometres of pedestrian pathways (open to everyone, 24 hours a day), the skateboard park, indoor tennis and squash facilities, our indoor pool and so much more.

These wonderful organizations of volunteers are also responsible for most seniors' and low-cost housing on the island and they have protected thousands of acres of public green space. Every year we are growing more food, and we have an Area Farm Plan, an Agricultural Alliance and a Farmland Trust all because of volunteers. We have people keeping us safe doing Search and Rescue and firefighting and we have an exceptional neighbourhood emergency response (POD) program.

I am personally thankful for Lady Minto Hospital where the care is exceptional and patients are treated like family. Our thriving arts community helps define us. Our schools are great. We have hiking trails galore and everywhere you look it is just plain gorgeous.

I am not saying we can't do better . . . but give me a break. Living on Salt Spring Island is pretty good, especially if you compare us with any other place our size. At this time in our history, let us remember, we have done all this under our current model of governance.

In our brilliance and with an attempt to govern ourselves even better, we have voted "yes" to the formation of a Local Community Commission and now we need to elect four very good people to both protect what is working well on our island and make our community even better.

This election is crucial. Please vote.

Living on Salt Spring Island is pretty good, especially if you compare us with any other place our size.

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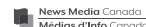
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THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Do you think regulation of liveboards should be pursued?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have you prepared a grab-and-go emergency bag?

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YES NO

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

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LETTERS to the editor

Island is at a crossroads

I was born and raised in the Gulf Islands. My father arrived on Texada Island after the war with a high school diploma and little experience except for an extraordinary ability to take apart mechanical equipment and fix it.

He became general manager of one of the largest cement plants on the coast (Bamberton) and was responsible for dozens of workers and their families, including members of the Malahat Nation who now own the entire village and plant site.

We are at a crossroads on Salt Spring Island. It's all the more reason why we should turn the first Local Community Commission (LCC) over to the young people who live, work and derive their income here.

It's the youthful moms, dads, workers and their families who have skin in the game that deserve to make decisions about their children's future, as well as their own.

If you run a small business, repair or operate heavy equipment, manage retail outlets, NGOs or health care services and perhaps raise a family too, then you have the skills, intelligence and common sense to sit as a commissioner on the LCC.

The election is an opportunity to show the next generation that we have full confidence in their ability to lead. And they don't need experience in government or a background as a bureaucrat or administrator to qualify. You can be the prime minister without needing that.

My father was given a chance as a young worker and rose to the occasion. Now we

should give the next generation a similar chance. There is no reason to wait four more years.

Please vote and support our new young candidates, many of whom have deep roots here. They are all active, highly motivated members of the community with the talent to be effective, dedicated commissioners.

BOB MOFFATT,
SALT SPRING

Baker has qualities needed for LCC

I would defy anyone to be more committed to the future of Salt Spring than Gayle Baker.

The organization that goes behind setting up weekly ASK Salt Spring events plus Gayle's work with the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission are just two examples of how we all feel better informed and protected by the way that she believes that public consultation is a key part of future development here in this beautiful place.

Gayle pays attention to detail, has a formidable recollection of past decision-making and is determined to influence, for the better, our lives on the island. With many candidates in the field there is a wide choice on offer. We need an independent, experienced voice as opposed to a one-group voice and we need someone who is a conciliator as well as a provocateur. Gayle has both these qualities, enormous energy and faultless good manners.

Please support her in her pursuit of getting elected.

AUBREY SMITH,
SOUTHEY POINT

Choices made

After attending the all-candidates event at Fulford Hall last week and listening to the statements and replies (as well as reading contenders' online answers to election questions), we have voted for Positively Forward's recommendations, Gayle Baker, Brian Webster and Earl Rook; as well as Jenny McClean.

It is heartening to see a wide interest in local election participation, but it is clear quite a few candidates have not done their homework, nor understand the complexities of political and/or policy work ahead. Or the parameters of the Local Community Commission (LCC). And empty platitudes such as "clean up Ganges" or "generational islanders will give the most competent representation" or "stop wasting tax dollars" are clichés that underwhelm and do little to move the community forward.

The elected LCC commissioners will be embarking on an exciting, complex and groundbreaking term. And we need diligent, experienced, skilled and creative communicators, who will accomplish remarkable things. We need islanders who can work together intelligently, transparently and positively, and who love Salt Spring in all its guises and evolutions, know its Indigenous and multicultural history, understand its limits and potential, and respect nature and the truth of climate change.

MONA FERTIG AND PETER HAASE,
GANGES

Less ideology, please

I feel my property tax dollars have been well-invested in projects such as the public library, Rainbow Road and Portlock Park

recreational facilities, our ever-increasing bike lanes, the numerous recent road improvements, local schools, and the recent middle-school conversion into community group spaces that house, for example, CHIR.fm and a host of other volunteer groups.

I'd love to see affordable housing constructed in Ganges and along major bus routes and I salute our CRD director and the Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees for having secured senior government funding for a host of service and infrastructure improvements.

Local Community Commission candidate Jamie Harris' vague call to cut "wasteful spending" smack of the far right's opposition to all forms of government spending, and echo American anti-tax crusader Howard Jarvis, who stated, "My goal is to cut government in half in 25 years, get it down to the size where we can drown it in the bathtub."

Such declarations are perhaps more suitable for party-based federal and provincial elections, but local governments are meant to be less ideological and more practical. Salt Spring's biggest threat may be that of a water shortage and so clearing more forests is the absolute worst thing we could do here.

I'm looking for candidates who I know will listen carefully, even to those who argue that our tax dollars are being "wasted" . . . but on what, exactly?

DENNIS LUCARELLI,
ISABELLA POINT ROAD

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The time for planning committees is now past. It is time to act."

MARSHA GOLDBERG, COPPER KETTLE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, ON THE HOSPITAL STAFFING CRISIS

Hospital medical staff association members outline crisis details

The following letter signed by 11 of Salt Spring Island's doctors on behalf of the Lady Minto Hospital Medical Staff Association was sent to the Driftwood and to community partners Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, Salt Spring Health Advancement Society and the Salt Spring Community Health Society on May 19. The full text is below.

Physician Shortage

- Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Department
- Specialties - Maternal Care and Psychiatry

The purpose of this communication is to advise our community of the physician staffing crisis that is impacting our community.

Emergency

1. There is a severe staffing shortage of physicians covering emergency room shifts at the Lady Minto Hospital. The current situation is there are twenty-five 12-hour shifts

that are not covered for the period up until the end of August.

2. The Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Department has activated the diversion protocol which leaves the community at times without an on-site physician, like other rural communities on Vancouver Island. However, the situation on Salt Spring Island is unique as there is no opportunity for an ambulance or patients to drive down the highway to the next emergency department or urgent care centre. The medical staff would like to emphasize that the emergency department remains open 24/7 for medical assessments.

3. The staffing shortage and emergency department diversion is expected to continue through the summer and onward. There is significant risk associated with this as many medical problems cannot be managed by phone. Transportation off-island can be complex and may delay care even when the transport request is at the highest level. All Salt Spring Island Medical

Staff emergency physicians feel an ethical obligation to provide care in these emergency scenarios despite an ever-depleting number of practitioners. They risk burnout attempting to provide 24/7 emergency care and inpatient care whilst continuing to run their own family practices. Unfortunately, the emergency department is as busy as ever due to the very high number of unattached patients that have no family doctor and the increasing medical complexity of the aging population of Salt Spring Island.

4. Medical staff continue to work with Island Health on solutions to this physician shortage. Unfortunately, it remains difficult to recruit emergency physicians who do not reside on Salt Spring Island. The medical staff is also actively involved in recruitment and retention efforts for more primary care physicians

and a primary care network that will then alleviate the burden placed on the emergency department.

Specialties

1. Salt Spring Island midwifery services remain on diversion for births on Salt Spring Island due to a shortage of maternal care nurses and funding for these important staff. There is ongoing communication with Island Health to attempt to alleviate this issue.

2. A lack of any local psychiatrists remains a huge issue for those suffering from mental health issues on Salt Spring Island, particularly regarding the provision of longitudinal care. This in turn places a greater burden on the emergency department. The Medical Staff Association continues to be actively engaged in the recruitment effort here in partnership with Island Health.

The Lady Minto Hospital Medical Staff Association are bringing this to your attention to solicit your support. The emergency depart-

ment physician coverage crisis will continue to impact our community over the summer months. The absence of key specialty staff on Salt Spring Island is negatively impacting patient care and our community. Your support and public knowledge are needed to work through this crisis and come together with solutions.

Signed by LMH Medical Staff Association members:

- Dr. Peter Verheul, Medical Staff Association president
- Dr. Kesh Smith, Medical Staff Association vice-president
- Dr. Stephane Voyer, Medical Staff Association treasurer
- Dr. Christopher Applewhaite, Chief of Staff
- Dr. Holly Slakov
- Dr. David Beaver
- Dr. Deborah vanVliet
- Dr. Manya Sadouski
- Dr. Paula Ryan
- Dr. Clare Rustad
- Dr. Ron Reznick

INDEPTH

Health staffing crisis solution

The shortage of doctors and nurses in British Columbia hospital emergency rooms has become an everyday stream of concern for all residents. It only seemed like a matter of time before the staff shortages would directly affect Lady Minto Hospital (LMH).

The LMH medical association has informed the community that this summer the ER will not have a physician on duty for up to 25 different 12-hour night shifts. This is at the height of tourist season when our population swells. What is to be done?

Many smaller communities like our own

have created recruitment and retention campaigns in order to attract health professionals. These communities often offer incentives for doctors, nurses and other health service providers to move to their communities. We can learn the different components from our fellow rural communities in B.C. and throughout Canada.

Typically, the local government undertakes the program as part of their economic community stability efforts. In our case, that means the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Many of the Local Community Commission candidates want to use their economic development and sustainability mandate to include housing. I hope that they expand their horizon to include health care. Salt Spring Island can

no longer just rely on Island Health to staff our emergency room with doctors and nurses.

While we have three separate health societies on the island (Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, Community Health Society, Health Advancement Network), none of them individually have taken on the task of recruiting the full complement of health professionals. They might choose to band together, and with the CRD's financial assistance, undertake a recruitment program that ensures that our emergency room and primary family care services are staffed to meet our local health care needs.

Housing and health are both basic to the vitality of Salt Spring Island.

CURT FIRESTONE,
SALT SPRING

Saving the day

It was a glorious day; the sun was shining, the fruit was ready for a waffle brunch for 12 members of our family and the table was set. All that remained to do was a quick pickup of the four bunches of flowers ordered from Earth Candy Farm for the mothers. Twenty minutes later it appeared that Mother's Day was not going to turn out quite as planned! The flowers were supposed to have been picked up on Saturday, not Sunday!

I reassured my very dejected-looking husband that we may be able to organize something with Earth Candy even if it meant getting one or two bunches of flowers later on. Better late than never, right?

So I sent off a quick note to Earth Candy and plundered my garden for some flowers to put on the tables.

Half an hour later I was chatting with my family when my hubby answered the doorbell. It was Ellis from Earth Candy. He delivered to our front door four beautiful bunches of flowers in vases. Earth Candy saved the day, put the smile back on my hubby's face and made three of the five mothers in our group very happy.

Thank you! We love you, Earth Candy!
DEBBIE MOOLMAN,
SALT SPRING

Elect the best

Electing the best possible people to the Local Community Commission (LCC) could make a real difference to the quality of life on Salt Spring.

LCC members will for the first time be able to establish priorities and give direction, not just advice, to CRD staff. The LCC will have authority for CRD economic development, transportation and transit, parks and recreation, and sewage disposal. More powers could be added if voters and the LCC push for them. Gayle Baker, Brian Webster, Earl Rook and Jennifer Lannan have committed themselves to working together for a Local Community Commission (LCC) that will be effective and responsive to local residents. They have committed to fiscal accountability — spending our tax dollars responsibly for the benefit of the whole community. Crucially, they have also committed to rejecting divisiveness and to seeking common ground to solve community problems.

I have come to know Gayle and Brian well as we worked with CRD director Gary Holman and others to make the LCC a reality. Gayle and Brian showed strong leadership while listening to and working effectively with others. Both have an excellent understanding of how our complicated local governance works. They have also seen how and why our local government has too often not worked as well as it should. Gayle and Brian would be effective LCC commissioners from day one. They would also assist and mentor commissioners who are new to local government on Salt Spring.

Let's make the LCC work for Salt Spring by electing commissioners with the ability and commitment to make it work. This does matter. Please vote!

RICHARD KERR,
SALT SPRING

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Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by Voting

2023 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, May 27, 2023** to elect persons to serve as Commissioner on the **Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission** from June 2023 until after the 2026 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission – Four Commissioners to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Gayle	BAKER	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jesse	BROWN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Kylie	COATES	Salt Spring Island, BC
Benjamin	CORNO	Salt Spring Island, BC
David	COURTNEY	Salt Spring Island, BC
Lloyd	CUDMORE	Salt Spring Island, BC
Nejmah	GUERMOUDI	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jamie	HARRIS	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jennifer	KERRIGAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jennifer	LANNAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Eric G.	MARCH	Salt Spring Island, BC
Donald	MARCOTTE	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jenny	MCCLEAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Earl	ROOK	Salt Spring Island, BC
Brian	WEBSTER	Salt Spring Island, BC

Voting Opportunities

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Fulford Hall Seniors' Centre, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

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Mail ballot voting is open to all resident and non-resident property electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area. The deadline for applying to receive a mail ballot voting package by mail has passed. Mail ballot voting packages are available for PICK-UP ONLY and will not be mailed. To register, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to elections@crd.bc.ca. Application forms are available at www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote. To be counted, the elector is responsible for ensuring their mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer **no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2023** at the addresses below:

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- a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
- two documents proving identity and residency (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. A copy of the consent form is available at: www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote

Identification

The following are examples of acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity: BC Driver's Licence; BC ID card (BCID); BC Services Card; Social Insurance Card; Citizenship Card; property tax notice; credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution; and utility bill.

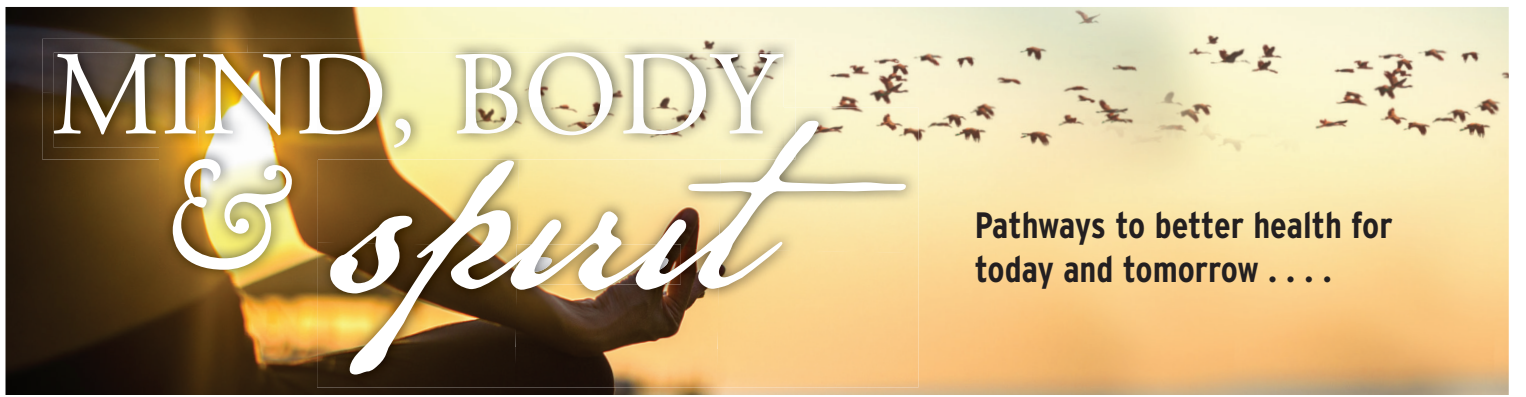
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Pathways to better health for today and tomorrow

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BY JULIANA BROSSOLETTE
FOUNDER OF CONSCIOUS EQUINE CONNECTIONS

In our fast-paced, technology-driven world, where stress and anxiety levels are soaring, a unique form of therapy has emerged uniting nature and horses.

Equine Facilitated Learning (EFL), a branch of nature-based education and eco-therapy, has gained recognition as an effective method for improving health and wellness, fostering personal growth, and developing essential leadership skills. This article explores the profound benefits of EFL for individuals of all ages and sheds light on how this transformative approach can positively impact their lives. Prior experience with horses is not a requirement to experience these benefits.

Personal Growth through Horse Wisdom

EFL offers a distinctive approach to personal growth that goes beyond traditional methods by emphasizing learning through direct interaction and experience. Horses offer unbiased feedback, reflecting and mirroring our emotions and energy. This feedback becomes a valuable tool for self-reflection and self-awareness, allowing individuals to gain insights into their communication styles, behavioural patterns and areas for growth. The horse-human bond deepens individuals' understanding of their own emotional states and helps them develop greater empathy and compassion towards others. By embracing the honest reflections from horses, individuals can develop a stronger sense of self, improved emotional regulation and empowerment to overcome challenges.

Leadership Development: Exploring Herd Dynamics and Interpersonal Connections

Based on years of research into herds

and nomadic pastoralists, Linda Kohanov published a groundbreaking approach to socially intelligent leadership incorporating five key roles: the dominant, nurturer/companion, sentinel, leader and predator. By engaging with horses and a specially trained facilitator, humans can learn more about the roles they emphasize and the roles they find challenging. These practical insights help participants balance the five roles to enhance leadership qualities applicable in both personal and professional settings. A balanced leader values the diverse contributions of each team member, fosters open communication, and creates a culture of trust and collaboration. Through their presence, purpose and nurturing approach, these leaders inspire individuals to reach their full potential while guiding the collective towards shared success.

Wellness: Connecting with Nature and Horses as Healing Allies

The hectic nature of our modern lives has made finding relaxation and solace increasingly elusive. EFL recognizes the profound benefits of connecting with nature and horses as a form of healing for the mind and body. Spending time in the presence of horses, engaging in activities such as grooming, equine-guided meditation and mindfulness has a profound calming effect, reducing stress levels and promoting relaxation. A harmonious connection with horses serves as an antidote to the demands of our contemporary lifestyle. Nature and animals become powerful sources of healing, restoring balance and fostering overall well-being.

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Above: Conscious Equine Connections founder Juliana Brossolette with Maestra Ambiente. Below left: Marijo Corcoran with Mae during an EFL session.





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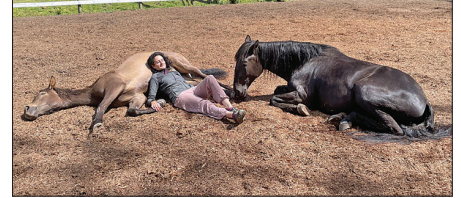
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Brossolette with mare Phaedra Aurelia, above, and at right with Phaedra Aurelia and Osiris.



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Building Resilience: Fostering Connection and Coherence

By cultivating coherence — a state of physiological, mental and emotional balance — we can experience a range of significant benefits. Some specialized facilitators combine EFL with the research of the HeartMath Institute, prioritizing the development of resilience through connection-focused experiences and coherence practices. Horses are “super coherent” and can help individuals cultivate their own balance and regulation. These experiences promote resilience, empowering individuals to navigate life’s challenges with greater ease and bounce-back from setbacks. Engaging in coherent breathing techniques, mindfulness exercises and heart-centred practices helps regulate the autonomic nervous system, leading to decreased levels of stress hormones and a greater sense of calm and relaxation.

In conclusion, Equine Facilitated Learning harnesses the healing power of horses to

address the challenges of modern life. From personal growth and leadership development to improved health and wellness, EFL offers a transformative approach for individuals and groups. EFL is unmounted and does not require any prior horse experience. A fear of horses can also be accommodated. By immersing oneself in the presence of horses, connecting with nature and embracing the lessons they offer, individuals can embark on a journey of self-discovery, resilience building and personal empowerment.

Juliana Brossolette is triple-certified, licensed, registered and insured, and has 30 years of horse experience. Juliana apprenticed under industry pioneer and bestselling author, Linda Kohanov, and offers signature services with her herd of three Iberian horses at a private facility on Salt Spring Island. She also offers specialized coherence training as a HeartMath facilitator. To learn more, visit ConsciousEquineConnections.com.

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SUMMER CAMPS

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Additional \$5 fee will apply to all same day registrations. Detailed schedules for Adventure Camp and Quest Camp will be available at the end of June and will be posted on our website. Printed copies will be available at the Rainbow Recreation Centre. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather. Swimsuit and towel, snacks, lunch and water bottle are required.
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LITTLE EXPLORERS CAMP (3-5 yrs)

Big fun for little ones! Enjoy story time, sharing, creative arts, games, introductory sports and more. We will fill your little camper's morning with activities, imagination and creative play. Please bring snacks, water, and outdoor clothes.

Instructor: PARC Program Staff
M - Th 10am - 12pm Jul 10 - 13 \$80/week
M - Th 10am - 12pm Jul 17 - 20 \$80/week
M - Th 10am - 12pm Jul 24 - 27 \$80/week
M - Th 10am - 12pm Aug 14 - 17 \$80/week
Location: Heron's Nest Preschool

ADVENTURE CAMP (5-8 yrs)

Fill your summer with daily adventures at Adventure Camp! Each day will be spent participating in new activities, exploring the island, learning about our local environment and swimming at the pool. Participants will get opportunities to play games, conduct experiments, learn about nature and world cultures, create art, problem solve and gain leadership skills.

Online registration not available.
 Instructor: PARC Program Staff
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 10 - 14 \$40/day
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 17 - 21 \$40/day
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 24 - 28 \$40/day
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 31 - Aug 4 \$40/day
Tu - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Aug 8 - 11 \$40/day
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Aug 14 - 18 \$40/day
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Aug 21 - 25 \$40/day
Location: SIMS Gym

QUEST CAMP (8-12 yrs)

An action-packed camp full of challenges and adventures on water and dry land! Campers will take on new physical challenges and skills, go on off-island adventures, play cooperative games, swim at Rainbow Recreation Centre and have fun! Swimmers must be comfortable swimming in deep water without a life jacket.

Instructor: PARC Program Staff
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 10 - 14 \$215/week
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 24 - 28 \$215/week
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Jul 31 - Aug 4 \$215/week
Tu - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Aug 8 - 11 \$172/week
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Aug 14 - 18 \$215/week
M - F 8:30am - 3:30pm Aug 21 - 25 \$215/week
Location: SIMS Home Ec

SCIENCE, TECH & NATURE CAMPS:

LEGO ROBOTICS (WEDO 2.0) & SCIENCE - RC BATTLEBOTS EDITION! (6-9 Yrs)

Let's get ready to rumble!!! With a teammate, dive into the world of engineering using LEGO Education's Wedo 2.0 Sets and Software! At the end of the week teams will build and program Battlebots for a fun tournament! Every day campers will take home at least one of their science experiments, and there will be a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities!
 Instructor: LittlUniverse
M - F 9am - 4pm Aug 21 - 25 \$415/week
Location: SIMS Dance Room

3D GAME DESIGN AND SCIENCE! (9-13 yrs)

Using Godot, participants will create a 3D game that can be accessed anywhere online (HTML). Participants will learn how to code using GDScript which is syntactically similar to Python. Every day campers will take home at least one of their science experiments, and there will be a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities! Participants should be comfortable with typing and using a computer.

Instructor: LittlUniverse
M - F 9am - 4pm Aug 14 - 18 \$430/week
Location: SIMS Dance Room

MINECRAFT MODDING - BEGINNER LEVEL! (8-13 yrs)

Participants will transform the way they experience the game by learning how to program and test different custom mods. Participants should already have some experience with the world of Minecraft. The mods in this program will be different from those in previous weeks.

Instructor: LittlUniverse
Jul 24 - 28, Jul 31 - Aug 4, Aug 14 - Aug 18 & Aug 21 - Aug 25
M-F 6pm-7:30pm \$135/week
Location: SIMS Dance Room

DRONES - BEGINNER LEVEL! (8-13 yrs)

Come and join our LITTLUNIVERSE for an exciting week of Drones and Programming! Participants will learn the foundations of coding with drag-and-drop coding with Blockly and see their drone come to life! No prior coding/programming experience is necessary.

Instructor: LittlUniverse
Jul 24-28 & Jul 31 - Aug 4
M-F 4:30pm- 5:30pm \$100/week
Location: SIMS Gym

SPORTS CAMPS:

KARATE CAMP (6-12 yrs)

An immersive camp where kids learn Karate and aspects of Japanese culture. Learn about the history and culture of Japan while practicing new skills! Karate will take place both inside at SIMS and outdoors in the fields.

Instructor: Martin Mongard
M - Th 10am - 2pm July 17 - 20 \$150/week
Location: SIMS Dance Room

ELI PASQUALE BASKETBALL CAMP

These upbeat, instructional sessions are perfect for players wanting to learn the FUNdamentals of basketball. This camp provides Eli's classic half day program plus full day campers will learn offensive and defensive skills. Progressive skills are taught using fun games, drills, and scrimmages under the supervision of Eli Pasquale's enthusiastic coaches. Full day ends with a swim.

Instructor: Isiah Pasquale
July 17 - 21
M - F 9am - 12pm 6 - 9yrs \$140/week
M - F 9:30am - 12:30pm 10 - 14yrs \$140/week
M - F 9am - 4pm 8 - 14yrs \$230/week
Location: SIMS Gym

SOCCERTRON

These upbeat, instructional sessions are perfect for players wanting to learn the FUNdamentals of Soccer. This camp provides Eli's classic half day program plus full day campers will learn offensive and defensive skills. Progressive skills are taught using fun games, drills, and scrimmages under the supervision of Soccertron's enthusiastic coaches. Full day ends with a swim.

Instructor: Isiah Pasquale
July 24 - 28 & Aug 14 - 18
M - F 10:45am - 11:45am 3 - 5 years \$90/week
M - F 9am - 12pm 6 - 9 years \$140/week
M - F 1pm - 4pm 10 - 14 years \$140/week
M - F 9am - 4pm 7 - 14 years \$230/week
Location: Portlock Park Picnic Shelter

NEW! JIU-JITSU CAMP (6-12 yrs)

One week of Martial Arts training & fun! Jiu-jitsu camp is an opportunity to build confidence, meet new friends, develop athleticism, learn self defence, discover leadership skills and have fun! Outdoor and indoor games and activities including Ninja Obstacle Course and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Classes to give your child the exercise they need and the fun they want!

Instructor: Rachael Gilliam
M - Th 10am - 2pm Aug 21 - 24 \$200/week
Location: SIMS Room 1

DRAMA, DANCE, MUSIC CAMPS:

NEW! THEATRE CAMP (12-16 yrs)

A fun filled week of theatre games and expressive arts culminating in a show!

We will explore character development, styles of performance, story creation,

dance, music, puppetry and mask making. Nayana has worked with youth on theatre creation for many events including Still Moon Arts, and the International Children's Festival in Vancouver.

Instructor: Nayana Fielkov
M - F 10am - 3pm Jul 24 - 28 \$300/week
Location: SIMS Dance Room



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Location: SIMS Board Room

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ALL THE COLOURS: The full cast of actors and musicians of *Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert and Homage to Alan Watts* perform one of the final musical numbers during closing night on Saturday. The show written and directed by Suzanne Rouger and co-produced with Karen Arney, presented by Salt Spring's Good Company Entertainment Group, featured top-notch musicianship, singing, acting and dancing, costumes, sets and props, with lots of humour and visual treats.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

MASTERFUL: Paintings and bronzes by acclaimed artist Diana Dean shine in the guest exhibit space of Salt Spring Gallery. The Showcase exhibition featured new and older works of the Salt Spring Island artist known especially for her oil paintings and bronzes. The show comes down today (May 24) at 12 noon.

VISUAL ARTS

PUSH exhibit, panel explore fine art and craft



PHOTO COURTESY SSNAP SOCIETY

Participating in a PUSH exhibit panel discussion on the intersection between fine craft and fine art are, from left, Peter Pierobon, Jane Kidd, Steven McNeil, Anthony Matthews and Gary Cherneff.



PHOTO COURTESY SSNAP SOCIETY

Five of some 40 pieces in the PUSH exhibit are, clockwise from left, Margo Zak's ceramic vessel, Fine Plumb Light by Peter Pierobon, Hippolyta's War Belt by Joanna Rogers, arbutus bowl with rock inclusions by Dave and Allison Roberts, metal disk plate by Steve Paterson.

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SSNAP activities kick off

SUBMITTED BY SSNAP SOCIETY

Last weekend saw the fundraiser exhibition for the Salt Spring National Arts Prize (SSNAP) with an exhibition devoted to fine craft artisans, held at historic Mahon Hall. Curated by Anthony Matthews, the show included 36 Southern Gulf Islands makers across diverse media, including clay, textiles, metalwork, glass, basketry, wood, stone and more.

Titled PUSH, the exhibit explored the intersection between fine craft and fine art. The artisans were asked to take their material and process to the very edge and create work that "pushes" their craft solidly toward the realm of art. Visitors to the exhibit saw exquisite and outstanding pieces that transcend their disciplines, inviting visitors to ponder the question "Is it craft or art, or perhaps both?"

The quality of the works was exceptional and is a reflection of the high calibre of artisans working on these islands. Collectors seemed to agree: as of this writing, one third of the works had been sold.

To start off the festivities on Friday was a

pair of receptions, one with the artists meeting SSNAP donors and sponsors and following that was an opening for the whole community. Mahon Hall was filled with enthusiastic visitors for the entire day and evening.

On Saturday evening, a panel discussion was held to explore the theme of the exhibit. Three highly respected artisans — studio furniture maker Peter Pierobon, textile artist Jane Kidd and potter Gary Cherneff — joined Steven McNeil, the curator of Canadian Art from the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, in a panel moderated by exhibit curator Matthews. Attendees enjoyed a lively discussion and were able to dialogue with the panelists directly.

Something of a dry run for the SSNAP finalist exhibition, it gave the organizers an opportunity to engage with the community of artists as well as the visitors and residents during a traditionally busy Victoria Day weekend.

We can all look forward to the fifth biannual SSNAP finalist exhibition opening this Sept. 22. People can join the SSNAP social media pages and email list to stay in touch. Artists have until midnight on May 31 to get their submissions in.

EVENTS

Arts and craft exhibits coming

Guild show and Eclectic Visions this week

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two island visual arts traditions are on tap in the next 10 days, with the Guild Show opening today (May 24) and Eclectic Visions on June 2.

A show featuring the island's five formal guilds was an event established decades ago but not maintained through the years. It was revived last

year on the Easter weekend at ArtSpring and returns to Mahon Hall this year with a couple of different participants. This year work will be exhibited and for sale by members of the basketry, potters, weavers and spinners, and woodworkers guilds, the Salt Spring Printmakers Society and the Salt Spring Photography Club. The painters guild is not on this year's roster.

The Guild Show opens at 1 p.m., with the reception from 4 to 7 p.m. It's then open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 through Sunday, May 28.

Then next Friday, June 2, Gallery 8 hosts the 14th annual Eclectic Visions exhibition by members of the Salt Spring Photography Club, with the opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The show continues daily until Thursday, June 15.

About 60 images from approximately 25 members will be presented, as well as work by Grade 12 student photographer Sadie Mack.

"This year's assembled exhibition is as stunning as last year's, with just as much variety in presentations as subject matter," says the club in its press material.

Get connected with BC Hydro's net metering program

BC Hydro's net metering program is coming to the Salt Spring Island Saturday Market on May 27.

Join us at the BC Hydro booth. We'll be here to listen to your feedback on our net metering program and to answer your questions. Your input will help us shape the future of the program.



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what's on this week

Wed. May 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Nicky MacKenzie.
Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

John Herbert.

With a musical guest on the lower deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Local Community Commission Election Advance Poll Day.
Advance voting opportunities at Community Gospel Chapel and Salt Spring Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Info: crc.bc.ca/SSI-vote

Bittancourt Museum. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music Bingo.

Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Thur. May 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dave Carl.
Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.

Improv Theatre.

Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Open Mic.

At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

Craig's Karaoke.

At Moby's Pub. 8 p.m. to midnight.

Harry Warner.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Green Drinks.

Join us if you want to hear what's happening in renewable energy, solar, batteries, rainwater catchment, etc. Whatever you want to discuss and learn. On the deck at the Salt Spring Golf Course, 5 to 7 p.m.

Bittancourt Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

VIA ZOOM

Salt Spring Island on Fire.

A webinar presented by the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Register through crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency

Fri. May 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ange Hehr.
Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.

Fridays With DJ Boomtown.

Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.

Chamigos.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Fri. May 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

T. Nile & Trio.
Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Karaoke.

At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ASK Salt Spring.
Salt Spring Solutions' directors Mairi Welman and Elizabeth FitzZaland discuss their recently released housing paper in the SIMS lobby. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bittancourt Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

Sat. May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Makana Spring Concert.
Youth choir concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Marianne Grittani.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Ashton Bachman.

At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

Morien Jones.

Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.

Nick La Riviere & the Best Laid Plans.

Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Zach Kleisinger & Talel McBriar.

Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Local Community Commission Election Day.

Vote at Community Gospel Chapel, Salt Spring Public Library and Fulford Hall seniors annex. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Info: crc.bc.ca/SSI-vote

Saturday Market in the Park.

Centennial Park market. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. May 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ArtSpring Presents: Elektra Women's Choir.
Vancouver-based choir performs at ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

Jazz Jam.

Singers, players and fans welcome at the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

Vixx.

Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.

Doug and His Buds.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Sun. May 28

ACTIVITIES

Invasive Plant Drop-off Event.

The Native Plant Stewardship Group will take your Daphne, English holly, English ivy, gorse, Himalayan blackberry and Scotch broom at Fulford Hall parking lot, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No soil, rocks or roots please! By donation to cover chipping costs.

Bittancourt Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

Sunday Sessions at The Root.

Join Nick and Polly of Grow Local to learn about food security, local food projects and how to get involved. The Root on Beddis Road. 2 to 4 p.m.

Mon. May 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

TBA.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Tue. May 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ashton Bachman & Guest.

With a musical guest on the lower deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Songwriters Circle Acoustic Open Mic.

At the Legion. 6 p.m.

TBA.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers' Market Opening Day.

Hosted by the Salt Spring Community Market Society in Centennial Park. New hours of 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday.

At Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. May 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

John Herbert.

With a musical guest on the lower deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Dan Smith.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Music Bingo.

See last Wednesday's listing.



CINEMA

• **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3** runs Friday, May 26 to Tuesday, May 30 nightly at 7 p.m., plus a Sunday 3 p.m. matinee. Rated PG. 2 hours, 20 minutes.

See thefritz.ca for more movie info or phone 250-538-7718.



EXHIBITIONS

• **Guild Show**, featuring work by Salt Spring's potters, weavers & spinners, basket makers, photographers, printmakers and woodworkers, opens at Mahon Hall on Wednesday, May 24 at 1 p.m., with the reception from 4 to 7 p.m., and then from May 25 to 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

• Today, May 24, is the last day to see **Archipelago: Contemporary Art of the Salish Sea** featuring San Juan Islands artists Danielle Dean, Glenn Hendrick, RaVae Luckhart, Joe Miller, Raven Skyriver and Tom Small.

• This morning, May 24, from 10 a.m. to noon is the last opportunity to see **Diana Dean - Showcase at Salt Spring Gallery.**

• Mixed-media abstract artist **Laila Jensen's Groovy Grooves** show opens at **Salt Spring Gallery** on Friday, May 26 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. and runs Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., until June 14.

• **Pamela Thornley** has paintings showing in the **ArtSpring lobby** this month.

• **Expressions - Art Works by the Draw the Line Collective** is the May exhibit in the **program room at the library.**

• **Art Jam at the Laundr-O-Mat** is a show of work by **Art Jam group members** running through June 30.

• **Maggie Vansik** is showing photos at the **Country Grocer Café** until May 31.

Bittancourt Museum

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Cedar Lane Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3505 (Cedar Lane Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2008), residents within the Cedar Lane Service Commission Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Cedar Lane Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 5, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: www.crd.bc.ca four days prior to the meeting.

Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3505, real property owners or residents in the Cedar Lane Water Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (3 resident or owners of real property within the Cedar Lane water service area; or a person who is prepared to represent the service area). There is one position expiring December 31, 2023.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 3505 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

Personal information collected is in accordance with s.26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of administering the Cedar Lane Water Local Services Commission nominations. Personal information submitted will be kept confidential, and used only for the purpose for which that information was collected. Any questions about this matter should be directed to Shayla Burnham, Committee Clerk, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation: 250.538.4304 or email: sburnham@crd.bc.ca



PHOTO BY MAIRI WELMAN
GOING WITH THE WIND: A line of boats is seen off Beaver Point on Saturday as part of this year's Round Salt Spring race. Lawn Dart from Nanaimo was first across the line. The Wave Reviews vessel, a Haida 26 from Victoria, won first overall on corrected time in the annual sailing race. See roundsaltspring.ca for more results.

Get set for Fleming visit

BY ROBIN JENKINSON

A new Salt Spring Island Cycling Safety Review was released this month by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure after several Freedom of Information requests. Here is a short summary in the style of Robert Frost, generated by ChatGPT:

Salt Spring Island, cycling's grand,
 A scenic ride, with views so grand.
 But safety's been a growing fear,
 For those who pedal year to year.

The report is out, and it's not good,
 There's work to do in the cycling hood.
 The lack of infrastructure's clear,
 On major roads and highways near.

But hope still springs, like pedals turn,
 As recommendations start to churn.
 A network plan, with safety key,
 And clear markings for all to see.

Education too, for those who drive,
 And for cyclists, to help them thrive.

Community-led efforts too,
 To promote cycling and see it through.

So let's not fear the cycling path,
 But work together to clear the wrath.
 For Salt Spring Island's cycling way,
 Is worth the effort, day by day.

And though the road may be long,
 And progress may come in fits and throngs,
 With a shared vision and a steadfast will,
 We'll create a safer cycling thrill.

What's the right way forward? Let's ask the B.C. Minister of Transportation, who is coming to Salt Spring on Friday, June 2.

Please join Island Pathways on a family-friendly group bike ride from Fulford to Ganges at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 2 to show support for safer pathways. Then, join us at the ASK Salt Spring meeting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lions Hall to ask Rob Fleming, B.C. Minister of Transportation, and Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, for their help to build an essential safer green path along Fulford-Ganges Road now!



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ISLAND LIFE

TRADITIONS

Farmers' market opens Tuesday

Still room for more vendors to participate

SUBMITTED BY THE SALT SPRING COMMUNITY MARKET SOCIETY

Start looking forward to the Salt Spring Tuesday Farmers' Market, your weekly source for amazing "homegrown and handmade" local produce, drinks, baking and prepared foods.

The Tuesday Market is hosted by the Salt Spring Community Market Society (SSCMS) in Centennial Park every Tuesday from May 30 to Oct. 31. This year we have new shopping hours from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., so come down early to get the best selection.

Islanders love the intimate atmosphere, a chance to catch up with community members and the joy of getting to know their food producers. This season, be prepared to be reunited with your favourite food businesses and get acquainted with some new ones. With more than eight farms selling at the market, there is an incredible array of fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs to choose from throughout the season. All kinds of prepared foods are available as well, including baked goods, exciting preserves, handmade tea blends and more. Check our website for a complete vendor listing, to be released soon!

"The Tuesday Market has really been on a come-back since the pandemic has waned," said



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

A scene from the Tuesday Farmers' Market in Centennial Park in 2021. The hours have shifted slightly this year to 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. (instead of the former 2 to 6 p.m.)

SSCMS chairperson Ben Corno. "Attendance feels back to normal, and we're hoping to see our vendor membership grow, with several exciting new food businesses already registered."

Vending at the Tuesday Market has been a wonderful stepping stone for the success of many local small food businesses, and the Community Market Society would like to encourage new entrepreneurs to test their products in a supportive and fun atmosphere. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor or with questions can contact the market manager through our website.

The Tuesday Market will continue to host the B.C. Association of Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon Program. This program is a healthy eating initiative that provides fresh food access to lower-income families, pregnant people and seniors in our community. It began in 2007 and is the first of its kind in Canada and the longest running. It has grown to include 85 communities across B.C., including Salt Spring. Enrolled participants can use coupons to buy vegetables, fruits, herbs, eggs, dairy, meat/fish, nuts, vegetable and fruit plants, and honey. By supporting the Tuesday Market, you are supporting the continued success of this program in our community.

Online/Social Media Links

- Website: ssituesdaymarket.com
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LITERARY EVENT

Meade at open mic night

Acclaimed writer of multiple genres

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Next week's poetry evening at the Salt Spring Public Library features island-based writer Karl Meade.

Following the half-hour open mic portion of the night, which begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, Meade will read from several works, including *Unearthed*, *Human Entanglement* and *Doom Eager*.

As a library press release explains, *Unearthed* is a 20-year work-in-progress of 52 ghazals, divided into four sections — spring, summer, winter and fall — using seasonal imagery to reflect the passing of the year as well as the phases of life. *Human Entanglement* explores the relationship between grief and the quantum physics theory of entanglement, while *Doom Eager* riffs off the Icelandic term for the obsession that an artist experiences when caught with an idea.



KARL MEADE

Meade has been long-listed for five CBC Literary Prizes, shortlisted for Arc Poetry Magazine's Poem of the Year and shortlisted for The Malahat Review's Open Season Creative Nonfiction Award.

His work has appeared in dozens of literary magazines, including *Literary Review of Canada*, *Contemporary Verse 2*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *Grain*, *Event*, *Fiddlehead* and *Wrath-Bearing Tree*. His novel, *Odd Jobs*, was a finalist for the *Foreword Reviews Book of the Year for Humour*, and an iTunes Top 20 Arts and Literature podcast. In 2016 he published an art-poetry chapbook, entitled *Unearthed*, in conjunction with his painter-poet partner, Celia Meade.

He currently splits his time between Salt Spring and New York, where Celia has just completed a *Masters of Fine Art in Poetry* at Sarah Lawrence College.

Capital Regional District



Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1906 (Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1991) residents within the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: www.crd.bc.ca four days prior to the meeting.

Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1906, real property owners or residents in the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is five plus the Electoral Area Director (four members must be residents or owners of a business; one member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area; and one of the five members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). There are three positions, expiring December 31, 2023.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 1906 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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RECREATION

Paddleboarders circumnavigating the island

Three men invite others to join them on Wednesday evenings

BY MARCIA JANSEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Three dads want to see the island from a different angle.

Geordie Flanagan, Brad Felotick and John Arnett have set the goal to SUP — stand-up paddleboard — around Salt Spring Island by the end of the summer.

Flanagan and Felotick moved separately, but around the same time three years ago, from Tsawwassen to Salt Spring Island, and Arnett is a longtime islander. Together they plan to SUP around the island in stages.

The three of them started last Wednesday when they paddled from Bader's Beach to Vesuvius.

"I know that people have sailed, kayaked and swum around Salt Spring, but we're not sure if someone did it on a paddleboard," said Flanagan, who is an experienced paddleboarder. "Of course, it would be cooler if we did it in one shot, but we all have kids under the age of four, and our time is limited. The plan is to break down our paddles into five- to 11-kilometre chunks."

The shoreline of Salt Spring Island is around 130 kilometres long. Flanagan, Felotick and Arnett plan to paddle roughly 85 kilometres of it.

"The 130 kilometres includes all the bays, but we don't intend to paddle into each and

every little bay," Flanagan explained. How far they paddle in one day depends on different factors.

"How the kids are doing that day, for example, and the weather and the tides. We will be looking closely at weather forecasts and tide tables. We don't want to get ourselves in any kind of trouble. We just love to be outside and to be active and we want to see the beautiful island we are living on from a different angle. It is a unique way to explore."

Shore accessibility plays another role in setting a schedule.

"We always need to have a car at the start and the end point," Flanagan continued. "That can be more complicated and challenging in some places, so we have to do some longer stretches because of that. Around Ruckle Park and Musgrave for example. We might be camping at Musgrave Landing for a night and do two stages back to back, to keep things manageable."

The three dads will be gearing up for their next paddle today (May 24), going from Vesuvius to Southey Point.

"Our first paddle was absolutely amazing. The weather was beautiful and we took the time to take in the views. I personally look forward to paddling through Sansum Narrows. I heard there are beautiful houses there. That's what I like about this adventure; you go to places that you would otherwise never get to see, unless you're on a boat."

The trio will be paddling most Wednesday evenings. If you want to join in on one of the stretches, you can contact Flanagan by email at geordiefelan@gmail.com.



PHOTOS COURTESY GEORDIE FLANAGAN
At left, from left, are Geordie Flanagan, Brad Felotick and John Arnett set for a Wednesday night paddleboard outing as they circumnavigate the island in sections this summer. At top is a scene from one of the first legs of their journey. They encourage others to join them on their adventure.

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Maliview Sewer Local Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3693 (Salt Spring Island Water, Sewer and Liquid Waste Disposal Commissions Bylaw No. 1, 2010), residents within the Maliview Sewer Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Maliview Sewer Local Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3693, real property owners or residents in the Maliview Sewer Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is three plus the Electoral Area Director (two members must be resident electors; and one member shall be a resident elector of SSI EA). There are no positions expiring December 31, 2023.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 3693 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3911 (Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2015), residents within the Highland and Fernwood Water Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3911, real property owners or residents in the Fernwood and Highland Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (three members resident electors; and one member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). There are no positions expiring December 31, 2023.

Nomination Instructions

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Bylaw No. 3911 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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POLICE

Local RCMP release first quarter statistics

Busy start to the year

SUBMITTED BY SSI RCMP

As of March 31, 2023, Salt Spring Island RCMP responded to 570 calls for service in the first three months of this year. During this time, SSI RCMP issued 474 violation tickets and warnings for traffic-related offences and arrested 20 impaired drivers (more than one per week during this period) for driving while impaired by either alcohol or drugs. An additional 21 drivers were stopped and charged and had their vehicles towed for failing to have valid insurance while driving. Other calls during this period included nine firearms reports, six sexual assaults and 57 mental health-related files.

Traffic safety continues to be a concern for both residents and police on Salt Spring. Impaired driving, speeding, speeding through school zones or playground zones, failing to stop at stop signs, driving with no insurance, and driving defective personal or commercial vehicles — all these types of traffic violations will continue to be a focus of SSI RCMP in the year to come. Some drivers attempted to flee from police during traffic stops in this first quarter. All drivers were located and additional charges were laid.

Police conducted 323 foot patrols (more than three foot patrols per day and in addition to the 570 calls for service) of various areas of Salt Spring. Police will continue to increase enforcement in areas such as Centennial Park, Propane Beach and Grace Point during the summer months. More than 120 licensed premises checks (bar walks) were conducted with police ensuring bar/restaurant safety and discussing the importance of not serving intoxicated patrons from both a safety and liability standpoint.

SSI RCMP had various community engagements, including an ASK Salt Spring event and a Gulf Islands Secondary School law class presentation. In the upcoming year, SSI RCMP intend to assist various local and government organizations with the enforcement of laws in Ganges Harbour.

Some of the calls for the first quarter are detailed below:

JANUARY:

- Police responded to a request to check on a missing friend. The friend was found to be at home and not feeling well.
- Police were called for a “toxic” fire at someone’s residence and upon finding the property owner, asked for his identification. After he refused to provide ID, police conducted checks on the male and then issued him a violation ticket for failing to identify himself under the Wildfire Act.
- After receiving a call regarding an elderly female being starved and held against her will by family, police conducted an investigation. The female was unable to leave the residence due to a recent injury and food and care were being provided.
- A male tried to flee from police during a traffic stop; he was located shortly thereafter. Multiple violation tickets were issued and a review of his driver’s licence was requested



PHOTO COURTESY SSI RCMP

A truck in the water at Bader’s Beach, prompting just one of 570 calls for RCMP service on Salt Spring in the first three months of 2023.

from ICBC.

- Police responded to an attempted suicide by overdose. The male was subsequently transported by EHS to hospital.
- Police arrested a female for drug-impaired driving after stopping a vehicle and conducting drug and alcohol testing. Violation tickets were issued and her vehicle was impounded.
- SSI RCMP assisted Richmond RCMP with their attempts to locate a missing female.
- SSI RCMP and SSI Search & Rescue located a lost hiker in Ruckle Park.
- Police were notified of a local male who, after sending nude pictures of himself to an online “friend,” was then extorted for money. Direction was provided by police for online protection and future safety.
- Police were called to an assault in progress where a male was attacking people and property with a machete. Upon arrival, a police officer was assaulted by the male with a steel pipe. The male was subsequently taken into custody with multiple charges being approved by Crown.
- SSI RCMP responded to a report of a driver who drove into the ocean near Bader’s Beach. The vehicle was eventually removed from the ocean after the high and low tides, and charges were recommended to Crown.
- Illicit drugs were seized during a traffic stop.

FEBRUARY:

- Police were advised of people from Ganges Harbour trespassing and using people’s gardens on land as a lavatory. The identities of the suspects are still being sought.
- After a male was aggressive and threatening to an employee at a local business, police were contacted. A ban and a trespass notice were issued to the male with directions for him not to return.
- On Feb. 19, a variety of unrelated calls were received by police that included, but were not limited to, 1) a vehicle collision, 2) a suicidal male, 3) an abandoned vehicle near Vesuvius, 4) loose sheep on the roadway, 5) a report of gunshots, 6) a car rear window smashed by a male, 7) a theft of drugs, and 8) a screaming female kicking holes in the walls of her house.
- SSI RCMP were called to a male trespassing on private property. After refusing to leave, the male was subsequently detained and was pepper-sprayed when he became aggressive. Charges have been recommended to Crown.
- Two impaired drivers were

found by police in the same evening. Both drivers were charged and their vehicles impounded.

• SSI RCMP were called to a report of multiple trees down across a roadway during a snowstorm. Police attended and thanks to the kindness of neighbours with flood lights and chainsaws, the trees were quickly bucked and the road was made safe for travel.

MARCH:

- Police responded to a suicidal female who was cutting her arms and throat. The female was apprehended and transported to Lady Minto Hospital for assessment.
- A local driver was served their driving prohibition documents by SSI RCMP after being caught driving without a licence.
- SSI RCMP were contacted to help solve a child custody dispute. The situation was mediated with recom-

mendations to get a child custody order for future clarification.

- Two impaired drivers were caught by police on the same day. Charges were issued and vehicles were impounded.
- Police were asked to assist another agency in investigating a bestiality file on Salt Spring Island. The investigation was completed.
- A male was arrested for assault after a bar fight in Ganges.
- A child pornography investigation is currently underway by SSI RCMP for an incident on Salt Spring.
- Police were called after a male

threatened to pour gasoline on himself and set himself on fire. The male was found with burnt clothes and he was subsequently cared for by police.

The RCMP has recognized May 23, 2023 as the 150th anniversary of the RCMP as Canada’s national police force. For Salt Spring Island citizenry, this detachment thanks you for your continued support of our detachment and our organization as we continue to strive to “Maintain the Right” and protect our community.

TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

MAY 2023 PST (UTC-8h)

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

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26	1504	1.0	3.3	30	0053	3.1	10.2
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Capital Regional District



Membership Opportunities

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- ▶ **Beddis Water System Commission** (1 position available) – includes 4 members within the Beddis water service area (3 members must be owners of real property, and 1 member may be a resident or owner of real property). The service consists of 137 parcels and provides drinking water to 128 connections.
- ▶ **Cedar Lane Water System Commission** (1 position available) – includes 3 resident or owners of real property within the Cedar Lane water service area; or a person who is prepared to represent the service area. The system provides drinking water to 37 connections.
- ▶ **Cedars of Tuam Water System Commission** (1 position available) – includes 2 members within the Cedars of Tuam water service area (1 member must be an owner of real property, and 1 member may be a resident). The system consists of 16 parcels, and provides drinking water to 17 connections.
- ▶ **Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission** (no positions available) – includes 4 members within the Fernwood and Highland Water service area (3 members must be resident electors, and 1 member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). The system consists of 333 parcels, and provides drinking water to 321 connections.
- ▶ **Fulford Water System Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 4 members within the Fulford Water service area (3 members must be owners of real property, and 1 member may be a resident). The system consists of 102 parcels, and provides drinking water to 97 connections.
- ▶ **Ganges Sewer Service Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 5 members within the Ganges Sewer service area (4 members must be residents or owners of a business, 1 member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area, and 1 of the 5 members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). The service consists of 416 parcels, and provides sewer service to 591 connections.
- ▶ **Maliview Sewer Local Services Commission** (no positions available) – includes 3 members within the Maliview Sewer service area (2 members must be resident electors, and 1 member shall be a resident elector of SSI EA). The service consists of 94 parcels, and 100 connections.

Please submit your letter of interest and background information no later than **June 1, 2023** to:

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HOROSCOPE

James (Iames) Zanello
November 27, 1929 – May 20, 2023
Salt Spring Island, British Columbia



James Zanello, 93, born in Treviso, Italy passed away peacefully on May 20, 2023.

James was predeceased by his parents Giulio Zanello and Alba Covre, and his brother Eugenio Zanello.

James is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Inge-Lore, his brother Enrico, his four children and their spouses (Erika, Sara and Otello, James Jr. and Yvonne, Enio and Nadeane) and 11 grandchildren (David & Kevin, Matteo, Angelica & Sabrina, Andrew, Adam, Curtis & Kristen, Rebecca & Laura).

James immigrated to Canada in 1952 seeking greater opportunities.


In 1983-84 James & Inge built their home in Salt Spring Island before moving permanently to the island in 1985 upon retirement.

In loving memory of James, a devoted father and grandpa/nonno, whose passions for gardening, cooking, winemaking, and storytelling knew no bounds. His green thumb created vibrant landscapes, his culinary skills delighted all those present. James's love and guidance touched the lives of his family, leaving cherished memories and a lasting legacy. May his spirit continue to inspire and his stories echo in our hearts as we bid farewell to a truly remarkable man. Rest in eternal peace.

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If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk in my garden forever.

- ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

WEEK OF MAY 21 TO 27, 2023

THE LUCKIEST SIGNS THIS WEEK:
LEO, VIRGO AND LIBRA

♈ ARIES
You'll spontaneously decide to move. You'll find a place that meets your family's needs, even if it's at the last minute and your choices are limited.

♉ TAURUS
You'll have a lot to talk about this week. You may make a speech that everyone will love. Those around you will help you sort out a complicated financial matter.

♊ GEMINI
You'll have many items to shop for this week. You'll pull out all the stops to find the best prices. Try to negotiate better terms on a loan to save on interest.

♋ CANCER
You have a lot going on and will undertake several inspiring projects. Inspiration is a source of initiative. Take care of your health and consult your doctor if you have any concerns.

♌ LEO
Fatigue or poor health could slow you down this week. Someone close to you may need you. Give yourself the time you need to recharge your batteries and feel better.

♍ VIRGO
You'll expand your social circle and professional contacts. You'll be in charge of planning a large-scale event that will be a huge success. You must take a methodical approach to plan it.

♎ LIBRA
You'll have a lot of work and family responsibilities to take care of this week. If you have young children, you'll be involved in their end-of-year activities, making them happy.


♏ SCORPIO
Plan your next holiday now and treat yourself to a luxurious getaway. You'll have many details to consider, especially if you're booking for a large family.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
If you feel restless and sensitive, you may need to make a change. You might have to restructure certain aspects of your life once the storm has passed. This will allow you to start afresh on more solid footing.

♑ CAPRICORN
It's crucial to find harmony at work and home this week. If you're in a relationship, passion will reignite the flame. If you're single, you'll double down on trying to find your soulmate.

♒ AQUARIUS
Staying in good health is essential. You may start a new diet that proves to be highly effective. You'll see quick results, and others will want to imitate your efforts, hoping to have the same success.


♓ PISCES
You'll stand out in a group or at work. A daring feat will fill you with pride, strengthening your leadership skills. Saturn in your sign will bring you notoriety.

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TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Penelakut people acknowledged in signage



PHOTO BY ALEX HARRIS

Penelakut community members and Salt Spring residents who collaborated for new signage near Fernwood Dock gather for a photograph following an unveiling ceremony and community celebration.



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Penelakut Elder Augie Sylvester drums and sings before the unveiling of the new signage.

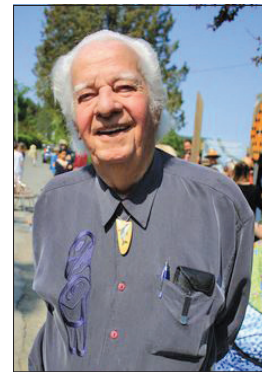


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David Sampson, now the oldest of his generation of the Fernwood-area Sampson family who are descended from Penelakut Lucy Peatson and Henry Sampson, was another of the speakers at the May 17 event. A number of his family members also attended.



PHOTO BY ALEX HARRIS

Chair of the Sulxwe'en James Charlie talks about the Fernwood signage project at the May 17 event.

frame, explore the historical and current relationship of the Penelakut people to Tl'elhum (Salt Spring Island) and its surrounding waters using art, photographs and testimony. Created under the guidance of the Penelakut Sulxwe'en (Elders group), the panel content is the result of four years of relationship-building between the Penelakut people and the small Salt Spring project team, part of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society and Archives.

On that beautiful day, with a warm sun reflecting on happy faces and a cooling breeze off the water, Augie Sylvester lifted his drum and opened the proceedings with an ancient song. Following a short prayer, the panels were uncovered and James Charlie, chair of the Sulxwe'en, welcomed everyone and spoke from his heart about the importance of the day, the challenges of creating the panels, about truth, and reconciliation.

After the community-created meal, Penelakut Elders shared how much this day meant to them, how they felt welcomed and feasted, and how the panels honoured their story.

The Fernwood panels — born of earlier friendships forged in 2003 when Penelakut and Salt Spring Islanders joined forces to protect an ancient burial site at Walker Hook — also honour the memory of the late Donna Martin. She was instrumental in that earlier (unsuccessful) fight, keeping the Penelakut connections alive through the subsequent protection of Grace Islet. In 2020, when Martin died, her daughter Tara looked for a way to honour her mother, establishing the Donna Martin Legacy Fund to support Indigenous signage at Fernwood and in Ganges.

That fund helped bring this project to completion, as did support from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, Salt Spring Arts Council, Mouat's Trading and many businesses, organizations and individuals.

The Salt Spring Indigenous Signage Project continues under the auspices of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society and the dedicated creative team. Watch for the coming four panels in Ganges highlighting shared usage of the area and the voices of Elders and youth from the SENĆOŦEN and Hul'q'umi'num'-speaking nations. Expect to see them in late summer or early fall.

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Collaboration between island groups and Penelakut sees signage at Fernwood

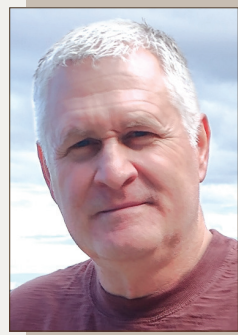
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FOR SALT SPRING INDIGENOUS SIGNAGE PROJECT TEAM

On May 17, Penelakut and Salt Spring communities came together to witness the unveiling of new interpretive signage by Fernwood Wharf, and to share a celebratory meal on the lawns of the Fernwood Road Café.

The crowd included Penelakut Elders, knowledge keepers and community members, Fernwood School students, and many Salt Spring community members.

Also present were members of the extended Sampson family, descendants of Penelakut Lucy Peatson and Henry Sampson, an early settler at Fernwood.

The two panels, back to back on a cedar



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Above, action was fast and furious in the final game of the men's competitive division on Monday afternoon, which saw Salt Spring's Sons of Pitches team beat their Shaft opponents 3-0 to win the tourney's top prize.



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Salty Balls player Rod Roodenburg, left, takes the ball from his unsteady Castaways opponent in Over 35 division play on Sunday.

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At left, enjoying the soccer action are, from left, Coryn Wolfe-Milner, Andrew McEachern, Gemma McEachern and David "Lucky" McEachern.

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Below, Salt Spring Tackleboxes women's rec team player Alexa Matheson, centre, gets set to control the ball against players from A Bunch of Pricks team from Nanaimo on Saturday.



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