NCC funds put Erskine drive over the top

A big chunk of change has landed on the Island’s Erskine fundraising campaign, ensuring the $650,000 purchase goal will be met.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) confirmed last week its B.C. wing is contributing $125,000.

“We are delighted to have the Nature Conservancy of Canada as a partner in this acquisition,” said Peter Lamb, president of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, which is spearheading the purchase. “NCC is a highly respected national conservation organization with many years of experience to draw on, and we welcome its support and participation.”

The conservancy is now collecting all pledges made to the campaign and additional donations to complete the purchase on time, covering legal costs and other expenses, and provide a small fund to help defray costs for the ongoing stewardship costs for years to come.

Jan Garnett, NCC’s regional vice-president, said she is pleased to see an extension of the protected area on Salt Spring Island. “Nothing is more gratifying than to see people come together in appreciation of special places. I’m concerned that we take too much for granted while entire ecosystems are disappearing before our eyes. Then a community like Salt Spring makes a concerted effort to save precious habitat — and it all comes together.”

NCC’s portfolio of protected sites in the southern Gulf Islands already includes a conservation covenant on 22 hectares (55 acres) of forested land on Mount Erskine owned by the Islands Trust.

Cat-loving visitor stirs Fritz fracas

By SUSAN LUNDY
Staff Writer

While islanders celebrated the return of Fritz the Cinema Cat to his home at Central Hall Monday, a Richmond woman who hoped to adopt him remains concerned for his welfare.

“Everyone thinks it’s so cute [that he lives at the Central Hall movie theatre] and that really burns me up,” said Donna Arula-Guler Monday, as she stopped by the hall to purchase placemats from a weekend vendor before returning home.

“People go whipping in and out of here in their cars,” she said. “He’s going to go running out there one day and meet his end.”

But Fritz’s official owner and a local police constable disagree. Cathie Newman, a longtime local SPCA volunteer, says Fritz is “car smart” and only runs out to greet her vehicle when she brings him food in the morning.

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Essig: harbour development ‘not a done deal’

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer
First reading of a zoning bylaw that would allow development of the Ganges Marina shoreline is no indication the project is going ahead, according to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting on July 28.

Assurances came in response to public concern about proposed Bylaw 404, which outlines guest accommodation, retail service and residential-unit plans for B&B Ganges Marina Ltd.’s property around the marina and on a lot across the street.

“First reading is no indication that it is a done deal,” said David Essig, LTC and Islands Trust Council chair. “The reason I voted for it is because I felt it was time to bring some rigour to the process and bring it into the public sphere.”

Trustees then scheduled a public information meeting on the matter for September.

UPBEAT DOWNTOWN: Annika Burnaby plays a djembe drum as she and fellow members of the drum band IROCO (a tree in Africa from which drums are made) set the beat in front of Acoustic Planet Music on the long weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy
Theft rips hole in laundry service

A break and enter at Salt Springs' biggest laundromat has left islanders spinning in search of the two remaining public laundry machines on the island.

Officers from the Salt Spring RCMP are investigating the July 24 theft of an undisclosed amount of money from a locked area within the Mrs. Clean Laundromat on Gasoline Alley.

Since the break in, operating hours have been reduced and the two machines located near the Salt Spring Marina have been thrown into overtime service to cope with a tide of new users.

"We've had some complaints from boaters because they aren't getting maximum use of the machines but, other than extreme line-ups in the morning and people coming in to buy loads of change, we haven't really noticed the break in," said Salt Spring Marina employee Amanda Sykes.

Though the machines are intended for visitors using the marina, Sykes said everything was being done to accommodate the local rush. Operating hours have been extended from 6:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and two brand new washing machines and dryers are scheduled for delivery before the end of the month.

Sykes said most delays were in the morning hours.

"In the afternoon, Mrs. Clean was open for business, but a staff member refused to comment on the theft or any possible reasons for the robbery or hours of operation.

Resident prayers are requested to play it safe and call ahead before hauling their dirty laundry into town.

Project needs zoning change

A couple of affordable housing projects have been delayed due to new requirements.

Islanders interested in Salt Spring's local government are urged to pick up a copy of a draft report created by the Islands Trust.

It's available at the Ganges Islands Trust office on Lower Ganges Road next to Rainbow Road or use for comments.

What now works and does not work in local government is disseminated in the document, along with suggestions for improving governance.

The project aims to create 30 affordable rental units. The Islands Trust anticipates a public hearing on the proposal shortly after the ALC decision is made.

Local government report issued

Kelln said all documents and studies are available for the public at the Islands Trust's Ganges office.

He said anyone with doubts should consult the file before jumping to conclusions.

R&G AGES Marion's Robyn Kelln said fears over negative impacts are unfounded and he has the scientific evidence to prove it.

"We are constantly subject to these attacks, but they do not have any backing," he said. "It's easy to stir up a riot with poor information."

Impact assessments undertaken by two separate consultants will be little or no negative impact on the harbour if the plan goes ahead.

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He said anyone with doubts should consult the file before jumping to conclusions.

He looks forward to the opportunity for further public consultation in September.

"I know the 86 per cent majority will come out to the meeting," he said. "Everyone will have the chance to speak and, in the end, the trustees will decide what is best for the entire community."
FRITZ: BACK AT HOME

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Lindsay Ellis is also comfortable with Fritz’s living conditions. “It seems to me that if he’s been living there seven years, he’s quite traffic wise,” Ellis said. “He’s well cared for and well loved. I have no concerns.”

Newman spent a sleepless night after learning that a woman in a red car had packed Fritz into a crate and planned to take him off island.

Police were contacted, e-mails circulated, and locals hit all three ferry terminals to search for the suspicious vehicle and missing cat.

“Now on the bleech floor at Long Harbour said ‘don’t worry, I’m checking every car that goes by.’” Newman said.

Ellis told the Driftwood that two members attended the hall as soon as they were contacted, e-mails circulated, and locals worried, “I’m checking every e-mail,” said Newman.

After checking out the cinema Monday morning, but was back when she checked again at about 8:15 a.m. “Now he’s safe, sound and well fed,” she said.

Arola-Guler said Fritz spent Sunday night in an undisclosed place. “I was hoping to adopt him, but I was told I couldn’t,” she said.

Arola-Guler has four indoor cats and volunteers for the Richmond Animal Protection Society. She says the society will not adopt out cats if they will be living outdoors. “I’d like to see him have a home where it’s safe and he has a nice yard to run in.”

She saw Fritz on earlier visits to Salt Spring Island and expressed concern over his safety at the busy Central intersection. She also feels he is being used as a publicity draw by theatre personnel. “This is not a cute story, believe me.”

But Newman and the swell of islanders who lobbied for his return Monday believe that Fritz’s residency at Cinenema Hall is special. “He’s such a happy cat,” said Newman, noting he has lived there since he wandered away from his Feist Street home as a young cat some seven years ago.

After Fritz settled in at the cinema, the SPCA helped out with his care, neutering him and giving him all necessary shots. Newman officially adopted him, and continues to feed and brush him every morning.

She admits she has had some discomfort with “yahoos” around the theatre — dealing once with broken glass outside his box and the occasional dousing of beer in his water.

But community members have also cared for Fritz, building him a “lavish” new wooden home, providing lamb’s wool to sleep on and, most recently, sewing him a new curtain door. “He’s everybody’s cat,” Newman says. “He loves voting day because there are so many people around at the hall.”

His disappearance prompted immediate and emotional reaction as islanders rallied to gather information about his disappearance, circulating hundreds of e-mails to lists all over Salt Spring.

People were really upset about this,” Ellis said adding that several islanders came by the police detachment in an attempt to file complaints on Fritz’s behalf.

But on Monday afternoon, Arola-Guler said, “I’m really upset at people’s reaction.”

Her hope, she added, is that the situation will bring awareness to Fritz’s plight and hopefully initiate community action to make his home safer.

In the meantime, Fritz yawned as he sat in front of his box at the cinema Monday afternoon, and a “Found Cat” sign was posted on the door.

After checking out the action, he appeared particularly concerned about the excitement lacking, picked himself up and scurried away.

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GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

Bader’s Beach party marks height of hectic weekend

Salt Spring RCMP were kept very busy over the long weekend with a number of party complaints, traffic violations, etc.

On Saturday night, police shut down a Bader’s Beach party after receiving complaints of a noisy party in the area at 11 p.m.

While on patrol there, a small quantity of marijuana was seized from a male. A few moments later, an officer stopped a vehicle heading down towards the beach. Police spoke with the male driver and found him to have consumed alcohol. He was arrested for impaired driving and will appear in court at a later date.

• Four speeding tickets were issued (three to Salt Spring residents and one to a Courtenay resident).

Six tickets for consuming liquor in a public place were issued to five local males and one from Toronto.

Four tickets were handed out for other traffic violations, including two to off-island residents.

Seven noise bylaw complaints were investigated.

• A 24-hour suspension was issued to a Salt Spring male on Friday night at 10:50 p.m. after police conducted a road check.

The vehicle was towed from the scene.

• Several complaints of minor motor vehicle accidents were reported.

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Sustainability institute aims to merge local success stories

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer
A Washington, D.C. professor living on Salt Spring while on sabbatical strives to merge local success stories.

The Salt Spring Island Fire Department was called to the scene of a late night bush fire on Douglas Road after high winds knocked down a hydro line in the area.

“There was no danger to any structures in the immediate area but anything could have happened,” said captain Aruja George. “The wind was just howling through there but we managed to get everything under control pretty quick.”

A crew of six firefighters arrived on site at 1 a.m. Monday and spent two hours and 200 gallons of water to ensure the blaze was out.

George said recent dry weather has left the ground cover susceptible to fire and led the department to declare a high fire hazard rating.

Finally paved: which connects Beaver Point and Cusheon Lake roads.

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Winds cause blaze: hazard high

The Salt Spring Island Fire Department was called to the scene of a late night bush fire on Douglas Road after high winds knocked down a hydro line in the area.

“Sustainability is the study of how to ensure and promote the long-term viability and survival of an area’s culture and environment. It is especially relevant in areas marked by rapid development and population growth.

During a two-week session held in June, students prepared presentations on various sustainability projects, including traffic awareness day, redeveloping the Core Inn Youth Centre and even the creation of a sustainability institute.

According to Peter Allan of the Chamber of Commerce, the island is lucky to have a young crop of aspiring consultants at its service.

“With an opportunity for the community,” he said, “Salt Spring Island is a real crucible for sustainable practices and already has so many success stories.”

The Simply Salt Spring Campaign, Saturday market and strong network of island growers all contribute to making the island a great place for sustainability efforts, he said.

Allan worked alongside students and business owners to produce a green accommodation guide.

Beginning next year, hotels and B & B owners will be able to qualify for a “Green Accommodation” certificate if they satisfy a number of requirements on the checklist.

Categories include waste management, water and energy conservation, guest education and community impact.

Completing the project shows just how receptive Salt Spring can be for such projects and Starik is clear he and his students are not finished yet.

In an interview held shortly after Starik moved to the island last month, he explained why he had decided to focus on Salt Spring.

While Starik and his wife Margery Moore exchanged their wedding vows on a 1999 trip to the island, the couple also developed a passion for the unique lifestyle found in the Gulf Islands and on the West Coast in general.

He attributed this to the area’s history, population and physical landscape.

“It’s much easier to promote sustainability before the damage has been done,” he said.

“Sustainability on the Gulf Islands does not require tearing anything down or starting over since there still remains so much of the natural environment to work with.”

Starik said even though many individuals and initiatives are working to support further initiatives, there is still a need to bring them all together.

“There are already networks of sustainability in the area, but there isn’t much coordination between them,” he said. “The institute would provide a meeting place for all these different groups to exchange ideas.”

Though projects like the Core Inn redevelopment project and a traffic plan remain on the radar as short-term goals, Starik said the island could eventually serve as a base to further sustainability practices throughout the world.

He expressed interest in working with businesses, governments and non-profit organizations in order to bring the project to fruition, but said he must finish unpacking his bags before anything concrete gets set up.

“The process begins by working in your own backyard and that’s already happening,” he said.

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PARC explores sales concept

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is contemplating seeking sales commissions on merchandise sold at public events in community parks under its jurisdiction.

"An example of such events would be a skateboarding competition or other similar event where it may be expected that manufacturers will offer to set up sales booths or tables," stated PARC operations manager Dave Gibbons in a memo presented to last Monday's brief PARC meeting.

"In other communities, such sales are usually subject to a 'house' commission payment of 15 per cent such sales are usually subject to a 'house' commission payment of 15 per cent or more. Currently PARC does not have such a policy in place," Gibbons said research into the issue is ongoing and a report is anticipated in September.

In other PARC news: Gibbons also reported last week on indoor pool planning arising from the project's building committee’s activities.

PARC

"In all-concrete tank with a PVC liner has been selected by the committee, he said, subject to receipt of the latest concrete figures for Salt Spring.

The pool deck finish will be concrete with a good quality epoxy finish, and pool lanes will be at least two metres wide.

Change room lockers will not be included in the contract for tender.

Meanwhile, pressure is on to complete the project design details.

"The schedule must be developed using November 9 as the last possible date in 2005 that Capital Regional District board approval can be obtained for contract award," states Gibbons' report. "In order to meet the agenda deadline for the board meeting, PARC must consider the contract award recommendations no later than November 3."

High school scholarship winners named

Following are the 2005 GISD graduating class scholar­ship recipients.

Accommodations Group Scholarship, Jim Dawson; Apple Festival Bursary, Jesse Hran­chuk; Art of the Fence Bursaries, Marz Fra­nco-Behchman, Kayla Weber; Barbara Richards Memo­rial Scholarships, Lindsay Bryan; Mirage Logan-Webb, Brenda (Kayo) Hel­frich Memorial, Amanda Sykes; CUPE Local 788 Memorial Bursary, Tammy Dean; Cam Johnson; Cana­dian Federation of University Women Scholarship, Rebecca­ Dixon; Canadian College Entrance Scholarship, Cam Johnson; Cana­dian Federation of University Women Scholarship, Rebecca­ Dixon; Canadian University Women Bursary, Katie Attwood; Catherine Prius Award, Jim Dawson; Clark, Little Book Prize for Poetry, Rebecca Dixon; Creative Writing Scholarship, Zoe Guigueno; Cuf­f Life Memorial Bursaries, Alyssa Mundy, Ginger Mundy, Mo Searle, Kayla Weber; Derek Crawford Assynci Inc. Scholarship, Jesse Lobbato; Don Good­man Award, Chelsi Milner; Dr. James Buchanan Memorial Scholarship, Misha Liner; French Immersion Scholar­ship, Katie Attwood; Gan­ges Village Market Bursary, Ellen Squire; Gilbert James Mout Memorial Scholar­ship, Jenna Mc:Brindle; GIS­P PAC Excellence in Science Scholarship, Rebecca Dixon; GIS­P PAC Excellence in Humanities Scholar­ship, Chelsi Milner; GIS­P PAC Excellence in Science Scholarship, Alex Perkins; Gordon Caruso Memorial Bursary, Ben San­chez; Gulf Islands Commu­nity Arts Council Bursaries, Ann Cooper, Zoe Guigueno; Gulf Islands Television Society Scholarship for the Visual Arts, Caitlin Bishop; Gulf Islands School District #64 Scholarship, Lindsay Bryan; Gulf Islands Teachers' Association Scholarship, Alex Perkins; Gulf Islands Teachers’ Association Bursary, Katie Attwood; Harris and Company Scholarship, Garrett Macdonell; Hastings House Memorial Award, Jim Dawson; Hospital Employ­ees Union Bursary, Amber Reid; IODE Award Chosen by Peers, Jason McLean; IODE Environmental Award, Hannah Munro; Island Farm­ers Institute Bursary, Rich Vigno, Jane Mount Memo­rial Award, Anna Delahaye, Lucan Parker; Jean Shophland Memorial Scholarship, Nor­iko Shimoda; Katsuori & Kimiko Manakami Memori­al Scholarship, John Arnett, Robin Yin; Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships, Jesse Hran­chuk, Alex Perkins; Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Junior Volunteer Award, Jocelyn Dohlem; Mason Towneby Memorial Award, Jesse Johnston-Hill; Mari­lyn Rynes Memorial Bursaries, Tammy Dean, Jesse Hran­chuk, Nicola Walker; Margaret Haddow Memorial Scholarship, Jason McLean; Mary & Harry Williamson Memorial Bursaries, Zoe Guigueno, Simon Millerd, Kayla Weber; Maybe Island Lions Fred Greenlake Bur­sary, Michelle Forte; Nich­olas Howard Memorial Bur­sary, Tammy Dean, Jesse Hran­chuk, Nicola Walker; Margaret Haddow Memorial Scholarship, Jason McLean; Mary & Harry Williamson Memorial Bursaries, Zoe Guigueno, Simon Millerd, Kayla Weber; Maybe Island Lions Fred Greenlake Bur­sary, Michelle Forte; 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Representatives from all sides of the ongoing power line debate will meet in Vancouver on Thursday to voice their wishes on how the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) should approach its review of an application to upgrade transmission lines running over Galiano and Salt Spring islands.

The hearing is the first stage in the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's (BCTC) attempt to obtain approval for its plan to replace the existing 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line with a new 230-kV line.

The project is expected to cost $245 million and is scheduled to be in service by 2010.

In June, residents crammed Arnprior during a BCTC-sponsored public information session to voice apprehension about the plan.

BCTC said diverting the power lines or burying them underground adds millions to the project cost.

Islands Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams will attend the hearing as a "non-active intervener" on behalf of the Trust.

She said the procedural council for a preliminary hearing agreed to set out the parameters of what the review process will look like.

"We hope to identify the principle issues and discuss the scope of their review," she said.

Issues regarding hearings take place, who will be invited and what evidence can be included will be considered. The council will have a conference call with local trustees from Galiano and Salt Spring islands before the meeting to ensure the islands' needs are properly addressed.

The meeting is open only to members of the public registered as non-active or active interveners.

Although a final list of participants had not been drafted on Tuesday afternoon, BCTC vice-president and general counsel Karen Egan-Pettell estimated there could be anywhere from 50 to 100.

He said most members represented community groups along the right-of-way between Salt Delta and Dresdner.

The BCUC is an independent regulatory agency of the provincial government responsible for regulating the province's natural gas and electricity utilities.

BCTC's full application is available at www.bctc.com.

BCUC transmission line review begins

Kids will be kids

One of the most obvious facts that grows up to a child is that they have forgotten what it is to be a child.

Randall Jarrell

Aна Cross of Nanaaimo, B.C., would know all about that. Recently, Ana was busted by a city bylaw enforcement officer for illegally operating a business on city property. The officer wrote her up and closed her down.

The "business" was a lemonade stand that Ana has been running by her house since she was seven. Ana is now 10 years old.

It isn't the bylaw control officer that's at fault — they get a complaint, they have to act on it. What ticks me off is that Ana Cross has a neighbour so narrow-minded and small-hearted that he or she drives satisfaction from seeing the law on a child.

For what — being too grown-up for her age?

Could be. Maturity and responsibility are certainly character traits we encourage in our young people these days. According to an article in USA Today, many American schools have found a brand-new bogeyman — red ink.

School administrators have determined that the sight of seeing a large red "X" through a wrong answer on a test or examination might prove to be too "stressful, demeaning, even frightening" for the tender psyches of school-age children. Teachers are being urged to go back to their Crayola boxes and opt for "more pleasant" colours such as green, orange or purple.

Screen for school kids' fragile sensibilities extends to the playground. The "banter of tag and dodge ball" have been banned from several American schools on the grounds that they are "too competitive." The principal of a Santa Monica, California elementary school finds the game of particular relegation.

In this game," she says, "there is a 'victim' who is designated as 'It.' This creates a self-esteem issue." She says all competitive sports — from soccer and baseball to marbles and Musical Chairs — should be tossed out in favor of "affirmative" sports like, well, pogo-sticking, yoga, or, that is about it, really.

If the folks at the Tufts Educational Day Care Center in Massachusetts have their way, kids will be pre-conditioned long before they even get to Grade One. At Tufts, pre-schoolers are required to agree to a contract that reads in part, "I know how to listen to my teachers. When my teachers talk to me, I will not scream, try to hit, or say 'You're not my boss.' If I do any of these things, I will go to the sensory loft so I can slow down my heart.'"

Presumably each child will be paired with a lawyer with power of attorney since they won't yet have learned to read or write.

Don't feel smug, Canucks. Things are just as goofy at this side of the border. Not long ago the Women Teachers' Association of North York, Ontario published a brochure calling for the removal of "violent" and "militaristic" language in classrooms. The brochure replaces expressions such as "killing two birds with one stone" and "knock out" with milquetoasty bromides like "getting two for the price of one" and "...".

The easy

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Knowing it was not possible to escape North York highschool. The brochure urged teachers to instruct their students always to "press," not "hit" the computer key.

If, like me, you think the Brave New World of educational hypersensitivity is a little bit much, be of good cheer because we're not alone. Mrs. Sarah Goldberg of New York city is our corner.

Each school day, Mrs. Goldberg sent her son to a rather exclusive elementary school on Manhattan's West Side. And every day she sent with Jonahn a cartoon of a smiling, spouting whale which she drew on the brown paper bag that contained his lunch. (The son's name was Jonah, Jonah and the whale — gotta?).

Each morning, Jonah would put his lunch bag with all the other kids' lunch bags and each day at noon the teacher would distribute all the lunches.

Because of the whale, Jonah and his friends knew which lunch was Jonah's and they thought it was very cool.

The teacher disagreed.

Mrs. Goldberg got a telephone call from her son's teacher asking her to stop drawing the whale on the lunch bag because it was stressful to children with pictogram-friendly names.

The next day, Jonah arrived at school with the usual whale-festooned lunchbag and a note to the teacher. The note read: "The Goldberg family whale policy will continue. Tell the other kids to get over it."

To our friends on Salt Spring!

"Thanks for stopping by"

Kids will be kids

WIT & WHIMSY
WITH ARTHUR BLACK

School administrators have determined that the sight of seeing a large red "X" through a wrong answer on a test or examination might prove to be too "stressful, demeaning, even frightening" for the tender psyches of school-age children. Teachers are being urged to go back to their Crayola boxes and opt for "more pleasant" colours such as green, orange or purple.

Screen for school kids' fragile sensibilities extends to the playground. The "banter of tag and dodge ball" have been banned from several American schools on the grounds that they are "too competitive." The principal of a Santa Monica, California elementary school finds the game of particular relegation.

In this game," she says, "there is a 'victim' who is designated as 'It.' This creates a self-esteem issue." She says all competitive sports — from soccer and baseball to marbles and Musical Chairs — should be tossed out in favor of "affirmative" sports like, well, pogo-sticking, yoga, or, that is about it, really.

If the folks at the Tufts Educational Day Care Center in Massachusetts have their way, kids will be pre-conditioned long before they even get to Grade One. At Tufts, pre-schoolers are required to agree to a contract that reads in part, "I know how to listen to my teachers. When my teachers talk to me, I will not scream, try to hit, or say 'You're not my boss.' If I do any of these things, I will go to the sensory loft so I can slow down my heart.'"

Presumably each child will be paired with a lawyer with power of attorney since they won't yet have learned to read or write.

Don't feel smug, Canucks. Things are just as goofy at this side of the border. Not long ago the Women Teachers' Association of North York, Ontario published a brochure calling for the removal of "violent" and "militaristic" language in classrooms. The brochure replaces expressions such as "killing two birds with one stone" and "knock out" with milquetoasty bromides like "getting two for the price of one" and "...".

The easy

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Bogged-down marina applicant asks: 'Are we there yet?'

It’s time to rein in the hysteria about Ganges harbour development. At last week’s Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, at least one person expressed shock about how the Ganges Marina proposal could even have caused the hardworking front to change or the Moby’s sale “allowed” to occur.

Few have interpreted even giving first reading to Bylaw 404 related to the Ganges Marina proposal for commercial accommodation, residential and retail-marina services as the LTC flashing an exuberant green light.

Fortunately, most people expressing opposition are informed about the process and some basic planning realities.

That includes the fact that use of Ganges Harbour for commercial purposes is both historic and continues in the island’s official community plan (OCP), which islanders approved (even if they didn’t agree) through a long and complicated process in the 1990s.

The Moby’s property’s previous owners had even acquired a development permit a few years ago for a 22-unit harbour side, which did not require a rezoning or OCP amendment because it conformed to existing zoning and the OCP. That development night was a valuable part of the property. (And no one should be surprised if after B&B Ganges Marina wins the zoning change contest it puts the property up for sale with the shiny new approvals in place.)

Second, as Landtrust chair David Fastig stressed at last week’s pub-

lic meeting, giving first reading to a bylaw does not guarantee it will pass, nor does it imply the LTC approves of the proposal. It simply gives a forum for the details to be presented and consid-
ered in a highly official and theoretically fair manner.

Whether the particular projects should or will meet public and LTC approval remains to be seen.

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Gulf Islands Driftwood

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Letters to the Editor

Take a number

Your July 27 editorial welcoming some esteemed environmental activists to Salt Spring is apropos, but needs a few grains of salt.

There is a danger with these newcomers, as with our own locals once they retire, that their pensions and big bank accounts will leave them with too much time on their hands.

They look around for local causes and suspects, and train their fire, donations and polished rhetoric on established practices. Suddenly it is an outrage to complete the Ganges Brandywine each summer — heavens — they’re filling in the ocean! Neon signs might advertise McDonald’s — how can Mother Nature survive that? Barn roofs must be a certain colour, clothes lines are prohibited.

A lettre de cachet to the CPR, and out come the eco-police, while an anonymous mob of tourists hails the predication of a neighbour. All too often, these eco-freaks fail to recognize their own species within life’s garden.

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Master plan

The public groundswell against the Ganges Marina development is growing fast. At a Town meeting, Mr. Booth mentioned that few objections to it had passed his way. By now you will be aware that a group (SOS — Save Our Shoreline) has been formed and organizational meetings are taking place. A public meeting will be held on August 17 at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel (147 Veurus Bay Road). At that meeting, people will be asked how they feel about the proposed development as it now stands and also what fact they would hope to see at the end of their harbour.

There are many who feel that the development would bring huge benefit to the developer and not much to the public, except the inheritance of the result of bad planning, irreversible, and leaving possibilities for other commercial owners to develop in the same way.

What surely is needed here is time to put together a master plan for the harbour, with input from the community as to what they would see as public benefit. There are questions to raise.

With such a plan in place, decisions would be easier for the Trust in future. Other strategic property around the public groundswell has been formed and organizational meetings are taking place. A public meeting will be held on August 17 at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel (147 Veurus Bay Road). At that meeting, people will be asked how they feel about the proposed development as it now stands and also what fact they would hope to see at the end of their harbour.

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Trust members should be clear that open view and access issues are of immense importance in deciding the future of public waterfront and time should be allowed for public opinion.

If this marine project, now up for such an early decision from the Trust, is allowed to proceed, it risks leaving a lasting bad legacy. It will set a precedent for others which, short of buying them out eventually as in Vancouver and some smaller communities, could not be reversed. Perhaps the Trust knows that there is a real sense of indignation at the effrontery of the Ganges Marina having already erected a prominent sign on their roadside property, declaring that "Chain around this block". This invasion is as egregious as to their proposed 14 strata-titled vacation suites and five residential penthouses and commercial "units" on the "road block", now "COMING SOON" — fractional ownership and financing available — as if all is a "done deal", implying Trust approval, of course is not yet so.

If there exists a general feeling of apprehension over the marina's otherwise unknown agenda for the future of the end of our harbour it can perhaps be understood when considering its owners' manner of business and the four-year-long history of its being allowed to proceed at will in pursuit of its plans.

Incredible

I hope this letter is not too late. It has just recently come to my attention that the school board was considering funding the SWOVA program to continue its delivery in the classrooms of School District #64. Is this the same school board that has told us our children need to sacrifice a day of school and actual curriculum because there is not enough money?

Somehow though, they believe it is more important to fund SWOVA? Am I the only incredulous one?

My next question: Has Judith Boel ever made herself known from voting or speaking to any school board that involve SWOVA? I ask this because I know that Judith Boel has been a long-time supporter of SWOVA. I know this because I have seen her in the SWOVA office. I know this because from 1997-2000 I requested for SWOVA developing curricula and delivering workshops in classrooms in this and other school districts.

I did believe and continue to believe that providing youth with options for addressing conflicts and resolving relationships issues is very relevant. I did believe and continue to believe that this sort of information can be an important tool for reducing school and relationship violence.

However, I don't believe and never did believe that violence and aggression are solely male characteristics and that we need to "educate" our young men into feeling shame for simply being male — that all the world's conflicts are due to our gender bias or productive or healthy. I left SWOVA because I perceived this attitude to be ingrained within the SWOVA organization itself.

So I offer the following to School District #64: I am willing to volunteer/donate six hours of workshop help to the middle school, and six hours to the high school, of workshops devoted to developing tools that help youth address the relevant issues facing them today with confidence, tolerance, and enough self-respect to know how to draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable actions of themselves and others. Isn't that what we really want for our youth? Oh — along with a decent education of course.

Kim Davidson
Hedger, Salt Spring

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Fall Fair Focus

Canning & Preserving

By Sandy Barclay

Canning and preserving is an activity that knows no bounds! It is an easy economical year round activity for all ages. With the harvest time so close we are able to get together with friends and family and start pickling! Having a canning party can be tons of fun for all ages. Homemade preserves are delicious! You can make one of a kind specialties that you can't buy in the store and enjoy them year round. Canning is a tradition that lets us keep our past in the present.

Everyone with trophies still out there is asked to return them to 351 Rainbow Road by August 15. Please call ahead 537-4753 and thank you in advance!

Anyone with safety vests that could be donated for use at the Fall Fair please call Sandy at 538-1084.

Fall Fair catalogues can be found at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, the Visitor Information Centre and at The Driftwood.

Get a taste of our Fall Fair catalogues and enter to win a $100 gift certificate! These catalogues are also available at the Visitor Information Centre and at the Driftwood.
More letters

Still opposed

I must respond to last week’s In Response article on the Ganges Marina proj­ect by Tom Navratil, who identified himself as a mem­ber of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

While we acknowledge the right of all our members to express their personal views, the conservancy continues to be opposed to the current proposal, expressed in Bylew 404, which was given first reading in June. In par­ticular, we oppose the need for further infill of Ganges Harbour for the proposed commercial and residential use and the precedent that would be set for additional commercial development on our critical shoreline.

As I made clear at the recent Local Trust Com­mittee meeting, it is simply wrong to say that the infill is a “legal” or “bureaucratic” requirement by government. What is required is a permit from the federal government for any infill of the harbour and it is that permit that we are opposing.

We support the urgent need for a long-term man­agement plan for Ganges Harbour, including an eco­logical health assessment, and seawall plan, before any new shoreline or water-based developments are approved.

PETER LAMB, President, SSI Conservancy

Unhappy portrait

Recently at the Saturday farmers market I was asked by a kindly nature-lover, “And how is our wildlife far­ing here on Salt Spring?”

In spite of huge conserv­ation campaigns by many individuals and organiza­tions, the following snapshot of the current state of our wildlife population and habitat is not the happy por­trait that most of us wish it could be.

1) One by one, all of our active great blue heronries have been destroyed by habi­tat fragmentation. There are no known heronries left on Salt Spring.
2) There are only two known active oystercatcher nesting sites left here now. The two chicks that hatched at the Walter Bay nesting site this summer are dead. Over the past decade, people have consistently disre­garded the posted signage to stay away during the nesting season. The intru­sions caused by people and their unleashed dogs into the shorebirds’ small, isolated nests has been entirely destroyed by development.
3) This summer, a preg­nant harbour porpoise, who had come into the Walter Bay Wildlife Sanctuary to give birth, was hit head on and killed by a speeding motor boat, going so fast the por­poise didn’t stand a chance. The small sign posted at the entrance to the bay says “Please do not enter, bird sanctuary and fish nursery. Thank you for caring.”
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5) The quality of our pota­toe water supply is such that more and more people are drinking bottled water now.
6) The use of pesticides and herbicides is illegal, although they have been banned in many commu­nities elsewhere.
7) The magnificent swallows of early spring wildflowers that once flourished on the southwestern slope of Chan­nel Ridge have been entirely destroyed by development.
8) Over 50 years, our agricultural lands have been gradually being subdivided and used for non-agrarian use.
9) We are experienc­ing an increase in Scotch broom, glaucous-winged gulls, manila and varnish clams, white rats and roof rats, crows and European starlings.
10) Ninety per cent of Salt­ Spring is privately owned. Real nature” is being bull­dozed into “real estate” at an alarming rate. The culture of deep connection and rever­ence for all living beings is being replaced by a culture of busyness and speed.

Many years from now, I wonder what our daughter will say when asked by a kindly nature-lover, “And how is our wildlife far­ing here on Salt Spring?”

NINA RAGINSKY, Coordinator, Waterbird Watch Collective

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**Dignity**

There's a need for a food bank on this island. It's unfortunate and not the fault of the island community. It is more deeply rooted in the government in power.

Skeptics say to me that all the food banks do is feed the transients and lay-abouts who suck everything they can from the social programs. My answer is that there will always be types of people in our society because, unlike some societies, we will not allow people to starve if at all possible and there are some with no social conscience.

Poverty is only chosen by a few. About three percent of the documented annual total food assistance is misused. Those who don't "choose" poverty cash in a great deal of dignity to come to the food bank for relief. These are the people that the food bank tries to assist and help retain some of that dignity.

To this end a new building is being built to allow that dignity to be assisted. No longer will the assisted have to pass through those waiting to be helped.

Admiral Lodge #170, A.F. & A.M., and the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society have combined to raise funds to complete the goal of a new building. I have been proud of our community in its response to our fundraising and as every day we get closer we will see a much-needed addition to our community.

Thank you to all the donors. For those who would still like to participate you can mail or drop off your tax-deductible contribution to the Community Services Society, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2X6, or call me at 537-2975.

Randy Sloan, Committee chairman, food bank project

**Say no**

My wife and I recently returned from a delightful trip aboard the motor vessel Songhees up Princess Louisa Inlet and other interesting places along the way.

The itinerary included an overnight anchoring at the Gar­ den Bay, Pender Harbour.

I remembered Pender Har­ bour from 30 years or so ago to one of the most beautiful inlets on the south coast, and was looking very forward to seeing it again.

When we entered the harbour headed toward our anchoring location, I was dismayed to see the change!

The whole place is crammed with huge houses, not so huge houses, marinas, out­ stations for private yacht clubs, commercial establish­ ments of one sort or another. It has been ruined!

We would not wish to go back to a place like this. One can see commercial development anywhere, but that happens in no going back. Development combined to raise funds to complete the goal of a new building. I have been proud of our community in its response to our fundraising and as every day we get closer we will see a much-needed addition to our community.

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Best of luck and much prosperity to the new owners.

George the Bapal Plan

**GF**

**What’s for Dinner?**

**The Ganges Village Market Feta & Parmesan Chicken**

Short cuts to cooking for one or two with Sarah Lynn

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- Preheat oven to *350*

  Combine together *¼ cup feta cheese* with *¼ package cream cheese*, *¼ cup grated parmesan cheese*, *¼ teaspoon finely grated lemon rind*, *1 clove garlic minced*, *¼ cup sour cream*, *salt* and *freshly cracked black pepper* to taste. Mix until smooth (the mixture will be very thick). Place 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts in a shallow pan, top with mixture and bake for 30 minutes or until cooked through. Let stand for 5 minutes after baking, then Enjoy!

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**Rants & Roses**

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Roses to all the developers who toil to create another piece of paradise for us. I pray it is a yearly event.

Roses to all the people who feel it is their duty to take care of the countryside. I pray it is a yearly event.

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Many camp-flavoured bouquets for Kathy and Dave Thomas, who rescued our old, confused cat and lav­ ished it with much care on hand. She is safe at home, still confused, but happy. DB and NW

A big bouquet of chocolate roses to Island Gourmet Safaris for giving two New Yorkers an experience they will never forget. And two dozen satin roses to Wendy for duty above and beyond. You are an example of true island hospitality.

A bouquet of roses to the size of Salt Spring for Yolanda. Blessings on your voyage to the light. We will miss you free spirit. R&S

Armfuls of many-coloured roses from Sue and Virginia to Richard Murakami, who got our old, ailing cat back its feet again and wouldn’t accept payment. “Put it in your Newman Family Productions account,” he said with a shrug of his shoulders and a big smile!

A shipful of roses to the captains of the Skeena Queen, who choose not to blow the ship’s deafening whistle unless it was necessary.

Armfuls of roses to the man who rescued me to my rescue from rolling over with my car at Cushier Lake.

Roses to the lady who body, Carol Crewe, who posted four of my credit cards at the credit union. Thank you. In thank you from the bottom of my heart. RL

Beautiful bouquets of roses to Dan and Sandy for their very special friendship to Jim, who meant so much to him. Gardens of roses to Catherine, Michael and Francis for their many friend­ ships and kindnesses. A perfect white rose for Michael’s perfect flute played for Jim and family on a lovely sum­ mer evening on the hospital patio. Roses to all hands to the staff of Lady Minto, and to Drs. Preshaw and De Kock for their compassionate care of our brother.

Roses to those who helped with Fritz’s return. Cathie Freamo herself worked at Fulford ferry terminal keep­ ing an eye on; David Bor­ rowed took care of Vau­ vius; the RCMP came within five minutes of receiving our call and began an investiga­tion; the Long Harbour and Fulford ferry workers were alerted and kept eyes on in eye out on all sailings, and Jena from the SPCA, despite being off-island on vaca­ tion, began working towards securing Fritz in case he was taken to the mainland, MI.

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**The Living Word**

John 6: Verse 28

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent.”

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OR

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OR

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**DESSERT**

Choose from 4 different flours of Harbour Market (pint) Menu items may be changed to accommodate dietary needs

Christine Goddard

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Email: news@gulfislands.net
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One-stop shopping — Salt Spring style — at ArtCraft

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

If you find yourself at a loss when setting out to explore the island's galleries, workshops and studios, a stop by ArtCraft may just prove an inspiring experience.

Located within the Ganges village core, ArtCraft offers visitors a chance to look over thousands of items crafted by artisans from around the Gulf Islands.

"It's always fun to see people's reactions when they first enter what seems like a very simple building on the outside," said ArtCraft manager April Curtis. "As they step through the door, they suddenly find themselves in a treasure trove of different items."

ArtCraft started out at Salt Spring's historic Mahon Hall 38 years ago during Canada's centennial year as a move to give artists a place to showcase their wares for the public.

As the island's reputation as an artists' haven rose steadily during the 1970s, so too did ArtCraft and it now hosts works by more than 200 craftspeople.

Curtis said organizers pride themselves on the originality and high quality work on display each year, but assured would-be art enthusiasts there is always something on hand to suit budgets large and small.

Whether your interests lie in finding that special piece to fill out the living room or you merely need to pick up a few gifts for friends and family, Curtis said ArtCraft is the perfect starting point.

This year's show includes children's clothing and toys, music, literature, photographs, paintings, food, folk art, jewellery, sculpture and so much more.

"New items are constantly coming in as artists replace what is getting sold," she said.

Another ArtCraft feature is the evolving Stage Gallery exhibit space, where certain artists and themes are highlighted.

ArtCraft also gives people the chance to meet with artists who frequently drop by to demonstrate their craft. Curtis encourages visitors to ask questions about the creative process and production methods.

ArtCraft will continue at Mahon Hall until September 19. It is open daily between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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MBA Singers 6:30 pm at The glasses 9:30 pm

**thurs. august 4**
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Sunglasses. Paralectric gypsy music at Tree House Cafe, 11:30 pm
Open Stage. With Randall Raymond at The Foster Inn.

**frid. august 5**
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Sunyata. Paralectric gypsy music at Tree House Cafe, 11:30 pm
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Interchill Records DJs, Shipstones, 8 pm

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**live entertainment**
Elena Women's Choir. ArtSpring, 6 pm
Planet Music. Original urban jazz at Tree House. 8:30 pm
Perform. At the Glass Onion, 9 pm
Buck Daddy, Shipstones, 8 pm

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**Slow Island Movement** — Because about this growing movement from Kathy Dunster in her informative and entertaining presentation. The Slow Food movement has a mission to promote food diversity and to prevent the extinction of domestic grandparents, fruits, vegetables and animals. It has members in 50 countries and recognizes that agriculture is the foundation of the cultural landscapes.

**exhibitions**

• Galleries Lap Gallery exhibits over two dozen photographs by George S. Zimbal. Opening reception takes place Friday, August 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.

• Thunderbolt Gallery hosts an exhibit of work by Ojibway artist Ice Bear until August 13.

• Vista within the Familiar: New paintings by Stefanie Doro show at Salt Spring Woodworks through August.

• Photo Synthesis — Sixth annual group photo show & sale — runs to August 14 at ArtSpring.

• Tradition meets innovation in a Basketry Fusion exhibit in the Stage Gallery at ArtCraft. ArtCraft is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays until 9 p.m. in Mahon Hall.

• Two Friends, paintings by Libby Jutras and Val Konig, is at the Open Space gallery in ArtSpring.

• Studies are on display at the VIG until August 6 are Salt Spring Folk Art, Rumes at Play and Pacific Basketry.

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Diners offered a taste of island art at restaurant’s unique ‘exhibition’

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer
The owners of Salt Spring’s newest eatery are not only giving diners the chance to taste some of the island’s distinctive flavours, but are offering them a sample of some homegrown art at the same time.

“All our food is local, so why not bring local artists in the restaurant as well,” said Glass Onion owner Peggy Barron. “It gives a kind of different look to the restaurant and gives locals and tourists alike a chance to see the vast array of art that is available here.”

Unlike more traditional gallery events where works are strung up along a wall, organizers behind the Glass Onion event have decided to place paintings, poems, songs and other two-dimensional works under the restaurant’s glass tabletops, giving art lovers the chance to take in some culture with their cuisine.

“We wanted to do something different with the tabletops,” she said. “So far, the response from customers has been excellent.”

All items “on the table” are slated for auction in September and Barron said people interested in placing bids should feel free to participate in the ongoing silent auction.

A portion of funds raised will be donated to charities of the artists’ choosing. Knowing their work is serving to help out those in need while giving some additional exposure has many of the show’s 11 artists equally pleased with the venture.

The exhibition has even helped out Christian Tatonetti, a musician and graphic artist who has lived on Salt Spring for the past 10 years. “This is a brilliant opportunity,” he said. “This way of showing the art helps people get closer to the work.”

Since most exhibitions usually feature art mounted on the walls, Tatonetti said, patrons often have a hard time getting to see the work close up.

He custom-made a pastel drawing to suit a four-person window-side table and its vivid colours help liven up the room, while lyrics written along the top of the work are hoped to inspire restaurant guests as they ponder the menu and await their meal.

Now that’s food for thought.

The show will run until September. It also features works by Joanne Bealy, Evelyn White, Sarah Morris, Michael Levy, Florence, Patricia Brown, Erin Haford, Joji, Carlos Munez, Tiiu Meltola and Richard Earle.
Konig and Jutras team up for show of new paintings

This month’s art exhibit at ArtSpring’s open space gallery features watercolour and acrylic paintings by Libby Jutras and Val Konig, two of Salt Spring’s well-kown art teachers.

The show will feature mostly new works: florals, still lifes and local scenery. Some are “demos” — paintings done in a class setting, usually to demonstrate a principle of composition.

A dramatic, large still life of Lemons in a Blue Bowl — celebrates the artist’s love of the ordinary. The viewer is keenly aware of the juiciness of the lemons in this sensual watercolour painting.

One of Konig’s favourite offerings is a large acrylic painting entitled Beach at Lawn Hill. Her family frequently scavenged for sea shells and Japanese glass balls on this beach on the Queen Charlotte Islands in the early 70s. “This scene brings back many poignant memories,” said Konig.

For almost a decade, Jutras and Konig taught summer seminars in watercolour together. In the last few years they have branched out into teaching weekly classes and summer courses in their own private studios.

Jutras has also taught in Bucerias, Mexico in the winter months for several years. After two trips to Mexico, Konig is planning to follow suit with a couple of workshops in Puerto Vallarta this December.

Often using a step-by-step modality, they both hope to inspire beginning and intermediate artists through encouragement and positive critiques of their works. They also provide suggestions on how to change or complete works in progress into successful paintings.

They have shown their works together in the past at Moby’s and in the “open space gallery” at ArtSpring — otherwise known as the lobby — where their work will be hung till the end of August.

Our first issue was only the beginning. Next issue published in September.
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ArtSpring hosts Elektra choir

Elektra Women’s Choir brings its award-winning music to ArtSpring on Saturday, August 6. In a program perfectly suited to a glorious summer night, works by Debussy and Vaughan Williams will be performed, as well as newer songs from Canada and Ireland. Under the direction of co-founders/co-directors Morna Edmundson and Diane Loome, the Elektra Women’s Choir was founded in 1987 and is regarded as a leader in the classical women’s choir movement worldwide. Elektra is known for its adventurous programming, seeking out music written specifically for women and commissioning new works.

The singers are selected by audition and share an enthusiasm for challenging repertoire. Elektra has won four consecutive first prizes for women’s choirs in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation’s National Choral Competition, as well as several major prizes for performance of contemporary music. The group frequently collaborates with other local musical organizations such as CBC, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and Chor Leoni Men’s Choir, and its first CD, Elektra Women’s Choir (1992), received a Juno award nomination.

Elektra Women’s Choir appears as part of ArtSpring’s Sizzling Summer Nights Festival, sponsored by Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art. Special support for this event is provided by Island Savings Credit Union. Call the ticket centre (537.2102) or send an e-mail message (tickets@artspring.ca) to reserve tickets — $18 adults; $8 students — for the performance, which begins at 8 p.m.

EXTRA PARTS: A spare tuba sits in the background as the National Youth Orchestra of Canada performs a Sunset Symphony on the high school soccer field Saturday night, as part of ArtSpring’s Sizzling Summer Nights Festival.

Recently announced Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) grants and bursaries will give a boost to creative individuals and endeavours. Laurin Kelsey was awarded the $1,000 post-secondary bursary to assist her in pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in Theatre. Kelsey is focussing on costume, set and prop design and has been asked to assist with two productions heading into her third year at UVic. Professional development grants of $100 helped Janis Wased and Aja Robb take a welding course with Steve Patterson.

Four community events also received $350 grants. They were Salt Spring’s weavers and spinners guild for an Ivan Sayers lecture; arts council bestows grants and bursaries

Artists invited: second paint-in

Last year’s inaugural Labour Day weekend Paint-in on Salt Spring was such a success that organizers are set to do it again. Saturday, September 3 is the date for the Celebrate Art on Salt Spring event, which is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Painters’ Guild. Painting takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on that day, with maps and general information provided, along with coffee and muffins.

Artists interested in painting en plein air in Ganges on September 3 should contact Melissa Howard at aspg@saltspring.com or 537.2360 to register for the event. Registration fee is $10. Participants may also offer paintings for sale, although commercial sales are not the event’s main purpose.

Upcoming performances

Deep Cove Jazz with the Ryga-Rones Quartet Saturday, August 13, 8:00 pm Music that evokes feelings of tranquility and beauty performed by a truly stellar group of musicians.

This concert is supported by Lott Investment Management.

Gilbert & Sullivan in the Parlour Sunday, August 14, 2:30 pm Host Bill Richardson welcomes four singers and a pianist into our parlour for an irresistible parade of melody, humour and satire.

This concert is supported by Winners, Pacific Ferré Dog & Grain Products.

Blissful Isle: Chamber Music from England Saturday, August 20 (8:00 pm) Salt Spring’s favourite chamber musicians return for a rapturous evening of instrumental music.

Discover your summer of entertainment at ArtSpring.
Harlan's has been an island haven for lovers of chocolates and confections for over 25 years

Located in the heart of Ganges Village, Harlan's has earned a reputation as a purveyor of only the finest chocolates for generations of islanders and tourists alike. Now not only do chocholics find their way to Harlan's, but lovers of ice cream find their way to Harlan's over and over again. The store is open 7 days a week until 9 p.m.

Harlan's features hand made Italian Gelato and Sorbetto (ice creams), made fresh each day on the island. There are always 18 flavours on display but the flavours change often as there are over 80 flavours currently to choose from. For those unfamiliar with Gelato, it is lower in fat then traditional ice cream yet creamier and more flavourful. The Sorbetto are dairy free and have almost no fat at all. The owners call it Simply Better ice cream.

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You can also enjoy Salt Spring Gelato while waiting to catch your ferry at the new Tsawwassen Quay Market at the Tsawwassen BC Ferry Terminal. Soon you will be able to enjoy their Gelato while shopping at the Mayfair Mall.
While you are on our beautiful island, you can enjoy their Sorbetto at Auntie Pesto’s and while taking in an event at Artspring. You can also have Salt Spring Gelato delivered to your home through Dinners to Go.

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Paradise relists for 2nd month run at ArtSpring

By SUE NEWMAN

Special to the Driftwood

You’ve heard of Reality TV? Well, this is “Reality Theatre!” It’s comedy, drama, music, politics and... it’s for sale!

Paradise Lots — Relisted is in its second month of summer stock, playing alike. Don’t be confused by rave reviews of theatre— it’s for sale!

The original Driftwood Island venues, on CBC Radio and beyond. Miceli has released two CDs since 1970s.

One of Salt Spring’s most mesmerizing musicians performs at ArtSpring next week as part of a summer series.

Guitarist and composer Alan Miceli takes the stage on Thursday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Miceli has released two CDs since 2002 — The Spaces Between andErrington Way — and his work has been heard in various island venues, on CBC Radio and beyond.

As a youth he was inspired by artists such as Andres Segovia and Christopher Parkening, and he studied with Norbert Kraft at the Toronto Conservatory of Music in the 1970s.

Miceli has combined years of musical training and meditation practice to create an original and moving sound.

Tickets for the show are $12 and available through the Ticket Centre at ArtSpring.
By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

As you turn the Salt Spring Conservancy asks people to spend a beautiful summer day indoors, but it didn’t have any trouble convincing more than 400 people to support an environmentally friendly island homes on Sunday.

Whether hidden in the hills or nested within gardens village, residents opened their homes to encourage people to visit. Residents opened their homes to encourage people to visit.

“Terry’s tour was on Sunday. The tour was a reality. While most eco homes can cost more than $200 per square foot, Hildebrand and Haigh managed to get theirs in for under $100.

“As soon as you have someone to do the natural staff, first it costs a heck of a lot, second, the materials 12; be shipped in from all over,” she said. “The money and energy needed to produce the home begins to threaten the whole reason for building the house.”

Taking it slow would also save your relationship, she said, adding that 60 per cent of the work on building projects together end up divorced.

Brown at Elizabeth White’s bungalow, late afternoon on the home. Residents in this cob home located near Raders Beach. The home was one of Sunday’s Eco-Home Tour, which attracted more than 400 people.

“They have taken the leap and get into easily into an eco-home.

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“The biggest surprise is Kevin Perry, a professional mudder with Habitat Homes, the couple has almost completed the shell of their future home, which remained cool despite Sunday’s scorching heat.

Perry said it was great to see friends, family and neighbours get involved in covering the straw bale frame with wet clay.

While the home resembles a large sandcastle at the moment, he assured visitors the whole thing would appear more like the picturesque white-washed homes in Face Off and The Ice Storm. And Terry’s daughters are played by a well-versed who’s who of pointy-nosed it-girls: Evan Rachel Wood, Erika Christensen, Kerri Russell, and Alix Will.

“Sometimes conserving energy is just a matter of letting your laundry air dry on a clothesline,” she said. “All you need for that are two trees and some rope.”

Now that’s something nearly any island homeowner can afford.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy and Salt Spring One Tree Challenge organized the tour and proceeds from the event, estimated $10,000, will go to conservation operations.

This week’s New Arrivals...

- ALEXANDER - DIRECTOR’S CUT
- ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING - GUESS WHO

...your locally owned video shop!
Child care needs the focus at Mayne Island jamboree

Mayne Island will be a professional development mecca next weekend when childcare providers gather for the Child Care Jamboree.

“The idea is to produce site-based training for childcare providers in the Gulf Islands,” said Family Place coordinator Ragnhild Flakstad.

“We chose Mayne because it is central to all of the other Gulf Islands and also because it demonstrates that even if a community is isolated there are still young children on each island and, even though it’s a limited population these children need those services just as much as they do in a larger centre.”

Sessions run from Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14.

On Friday evening the community is invited to join the fun at a West African dance led by members of Moondance Dynamic Arts School at the Agricultural Hall.

Moondance is also offering a toddlers’ dance workshop on Saturday as part of the jamboree.

Curriculum for the action-packed weekend was developed after canvassing those working in the field pinpointed areas they were interested in.

Caring for children with special needs was one topic desired, so that will be covered by parents Vincenzo Gruppuso and Paula Brito sharing their perspectives on challenges faced by families as their children enter traditional care settings.

“We want to give the participants a simulation of what it’s like to be a parent of a child with special needs — to empathize with the difficulties,” said Flakstad.

A Saturday luncheon forum will be hosted by Jan White, the southern Vancou­ver Island Success by Six program coordinator.

On Sunday, August 14, Salt Spring teacher Janet Hoag will lead a workshop called Do Bugs Have Hair? It will give childcare work­ers practical strategies for activities involving toddlers in an outdoor setting.

Funding for accommodation and travel expenses is available for licensed childcare providers, preschool teachers and family resource staff.

A $55 fee is charged for anyone else wishing to attend, although subsidies are also available if the fee is a barrier to attending.

People should inquire with Flakstad at 537-9176 or ssfamily@telus.net.

The weekend is sponsored by Salt Spring Island Community Services, which received a $24,591 grant from the Ministry of Child and Family Development, Child Care Provider Pro­fessional Development and Training Fund.

Thriftly Foods is also one of the supporters of this project.

The Child Care Jamboree is a springboard for a series of classes and workshops that will be offered later in the fall and winter on a num­ber of related topics.

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Garden brings peace: sitting with the Trails

As the sun climbs these leaves more bright, let me reach and touch this green light warming up from inside. (from Openings to Lighten the Way by John Sorrell) By SHARON SORRELL Special to the Driftwood

Well, due to my broken heart, I’m not dancing with wolves and must certainly not running with the bulls in Palermo, but I can sit with the quails. When we moved into our house a few years back, gravel filled in patches of grass and blackberry brambles in what passed for a yard. Slowly over the years we plumped up new earth, sowed fresh grass, and planted beds of wildflowers.

As the garden grew, I watched more birds come to visit. Then dragonflies hove in and could I not know, how many different kinds of honeybees. Each year more and more butterflies flit on tiny purple oases to huge Monarchs, have graced our little plot, and velvet green swallows chose our bird-house for a nest this year. But then, last July, for the first time, the quails came.

There must be three or four families all chirping and excursioning, settling out their distress call and flying up into the trees when our cut-out comes. I can lie on the hammock in the early hours of the morning and watch them go up and down our yard, almost so close I could touch them. Then in the cool of the evening, as I lie in bed, their funny song lulls me to sleep.

My husband says that the quail have come because I have grown a thriving garden where they can find the food they need. He is a great lover of nature and can see that in a drop of rain. I’ve always admired how, even though he may be under a great deal of stress, grief or work, he can lie for the briefest moments let all go to truly breathe in the sparkle of the night sky or reach out from within and feel the sun’s reflection off the distant snow-capped mountain.

I, on the other hand, have had to learn how to do this. When I was caught up in a worry or a mood, I could hardly see beyond it. Gar-
Basketball boys benefit from camp

Last week we heard how well the Gulf Islands Secondary School boys basketball team fared in their first 24 hours at a basketball camp at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Although it was a disappointment, it was a good learning experience and we were able to extract the positives on the way to winning our second game of the day against Bristol Bay, a team from Alaska. The arrival of our team sparked us to make our comeback, and to our beds! Our bodies physically drained, our approach to the next day was fuelled by our rejuvenated love for the game. We played three 20-minute games and won two, including one against our rival Lambrick Park of Victoria. This was the first time beating Lambrick in five years. We decided to celebrate by spending our free afternoon at the lake and going out for a team dinner.

That night, we returned to the gym for the final competition. We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to watch these festivities in the new athletic centre. The athleticism displayed by these high school players, particularly in the dunk contest, was astounding. None of this compared to the performance of Earl Knight, a Gonzaga forward who threw down amazing dunks, and Derek Raivio, who seemed to never miss a shot in another game between Gonzaga players. Thursday morning we were allowed to sleep in until 7 a.m. before our 8:45 tip-off time. Here we looked forward to meeting the one team we lost to — the Valets 3 Eastmont team — a day earlier. Unfortunately, we started slow, which enabled Eastmont to mount a 25-5 lead at the half.

In the second, a revitalized Salt Spring team returned to the floor with a hunger for revenge. We quickly gained momentum, knowing that if we lost, we would be sent home early. Rallying within five points, we could not hold on and the amazing comeback was cut short by a score of 55-26. Shortly after our ill-fated defeat, we departed campus feeling fulfilled and confident, bound for Bellingham, a seven-hour drive. A quick stop at Jack-in-The-Box, our first meal in 12 hours, filled the void and we proceeded on to the Comfort Inn, our first real bed in a week.

The next morning we travelled to Bellis Fair Mall for a quick shop and immediately departed for our 2 p.m. sailing home. The entire trip was a success in the way of skill development and team chemistry. We are hopeful to see the support continue into next season as we make a bid for a triumphant season.

We would like to thank the community for all of their support and generous donations and again say thanks.
Stewart nabs tennis honours from World Masters Games

Salt Spring tennis player Ann Stewart came home from Edmonton with prizes on the weekend after competing in the 2005 World Masters Games.

Stewart won a bronze medal in the 60-69-year-old women's singles division and returned to the doubles consolation bracket with her partner Nayda Veeman from Saskatchewan.

"I haven't played with her for six years," said Stewart. However, the women were regular tennis and tournament partners when Stewart lived in Saskatoon.

"This was by far the biggest one we have ever done," she said.

Competitors from 33 countries attended the July 22-31 Edmonton games, which designate certain master ages for different sports.

"It was a much bigger event than I thought it would be, with 21,000 athletes in all kinds of sports," Stewart said.

Players from Taiwan

Stewart said her tennis partner was "a wonderful host city," with an international food fair and "heritage days" event set up.

The next World Masters Games is set for Sydney, Australia in 2009.

Golfers set pace at Victoria fundraiser

Salt Spring golfers pumped out top scores at the 35th annual Heart Tournament for ladies at Uplands Golf Club on July 20.

Connie Hardy's team was runner up with net 57, while the winner's score was 56.

"I have been a golf club member for 15 years," said Hardy. "I've won a bronze medal in the 60-69-year-old age group for the last five years and was happy to be, with an international field," she said.

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Salt Spring Stringray swimmers exploded off the blocks last weekend, picking up personal best times in all five of her events.

Andrews, Maggie Birch, Cameron, while Alex Cranall came home with three medals at the provincial championships.

"I have been a swimming coach and竞赛er for 13 years," said Andrews. "My experience has taught me that swimming is an excellent form of exercise and a great way to stay healthy and fit."
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Claudia Picks a WINNER!

Place a classified ad in the Driftwood and your name is automatically entered to win a BC49 lotto ticket.

BUY IT! SELL IT! FIND IT!
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THIS WEEK’S WINNER IS... S. WATKINS
Come to the Driftwood office to claim your prize.

228 Lower Ganges Road

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All FALL FAIR TOBACCO in to be by August 15, 2005.
Please take to Caretakers Cottage at the Farmers’ Institute.

FOR SALE

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**June**

**Nice info:** finished opportunity in Ganges. Large, yard, appl., 34 retail work shop use. Home De-

**340 HOUSES FOR RENTALS**

**Property Management**

- **Mid yr lease**
  - 3 bdrm furnished $1500.00
  - 2 bthrm 4 while
  - 5912 lower walkout $875.00
  - 7.5 bhp outboard motor.

- **New lease**
  - 3 bed­
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  - $3,000/mth

- **New lease**
  - WESTFALIA
  - FOR ONLY $7000

- **New lease**
  - CAMPERS & CARAVANS
  - ACCOMMODATION

- **New lease**
  - SHARED HUNTING & FISHING

- **New lease**
  - 1075 Mid Island
  - 2 bdrm unfurnished $1050.00

- **New lease**
  - MARINA HOUSES
  - 3 bdrm unfurnished $1200.00

- **New lease**
  - 1064 Mid Island
  - 2 bdrm + den unfurnished $1250.00

- **New lease**
  - 912 Mid Island
  - 1 1/2 bdrm unfurnished $1300.00

- **New lease**
  - Cedar Road, 3+ bdrm, Excellent
  - shape $1350.00

- **New lease**
  - 912 Mid Island
  - 2 bdrm 4 while unfurnished $1500.00

- **New lease**
  - Upper Ganges
  - term summary: 1 bdrm unfurnished $1450.00

- **New lease**
  - New Cowichan Lake
  - term... .... .. ........... .......... $3,000/mth

- **New lease**
  - 2 bdrm mini mobile in Excellent condition

- **New lease**
  - 320 Upper Ganges
  - term... .... .. ........... .......... $3,000/mth

- **New lease**
  - 520 HOUSES FOR RENTAL
  - offering free housing.

- **New lease**
  - FULFORD MARINA
  - 3 bdrm furnished $2000.00

- **New lease**
  - 7 min. to town & well maintained

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  - 537-9125

- **New lease**
  - 7.5 bhp outboard motor.

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LOOKING SHARP: Master knife-maker Seth Burton sharpens a blade with his hand-held, pedaled-power sharpener as he sells his wares at the Saturday market in Centennial Park.

Canadiana Crossword
Before and After
By Roseline Rossov and Jamie Ker

ACROSS
1. Coffee
2. Canadian railway co.
3. Back
4. 12 Sheltered side
5. 14 Penatlite
6. 33 Only
7. 16 Batic
8. 18 Anisian
9. 20 Port Credit
10. 22 Westdale
11. 23 Arowton
12. 24 Comeback
13. 27 Moon Bay
14. 31 Author Painting
15. 32 Kelson
16. 33 Film rating
17. 34 Toronto Land
18. 35 Victorian house
to the west, located in town, renovated
19. 35 500th Street
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25 Kit
26 Car
27 Heating plant
28 400 Computer key
29 500 Radio
30 750 Harney
31 1000 Not included
32 1000 Black Diamond
33 1500 Quebec City
34 2000 Holy mackerel
35 2300 Buckels
36 3000 Leashes
37 3500 Leucias
38 4000 Golfballs
39 5000 Grizzlies
40 10000 Eagles
41 15000 Devils
42 20000 Owls
43 25000 Gulls
44 30000 Ravens
45 35000 Magpies
46 40000 Turkeys
47 50000 Partridges
48 55000 Marmots
down.

TIP OF THE WEEK:
The Dolphin is the most popular at the night time swimming. As usual, the evening is August 11th at the early morning of August 12th. This is the time that the Dolphin is not predicted to swim as spectacular as last, but it always a spectacular and treat for the Dolphin show. It can do all the of the celebration of summer and the royal sign is Leo, for the Lemonire Dolphin every year. The Lemonire Dolphin will be swimming near the beach when the time of the day is getting really active, in the early hours of August 12th, the Lemonire Dolphin will be swimming again as mark you calendar, tell your friends, plan a trip in the day or evening in you can, in order to have enough energy to stay awake, and visible close out.

Arts (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Mixing play and romance with work and metal despite the weight of your attitudes one at a time. Consider that our personalities that we are meant to learn about when we are weak we tend to control. However, in our world of thought and feeling you are and have .and be ing your vision within reach. Grandiose evolutionary changes in your life continues.

Business (Apr 21 - May 20)
Jupiter, the king of all the planets.

Can (May 21 - Jun 21)
Solar and social engagements of one another or one another are coming. Preventing your mind from wandering away from the present to some kind memory or future laden dream is the main challenge. Meanwhile, expanding the stationery changes in your life continues.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
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Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Telling inning of what you have done continues. This includes skills, talents and potential in your life. This includes a prior accomplishments. Concentration upon the need step towards building your life is the call. As a cornerstone of your world is to honor our outer self and make the opportunity to make creative choices. Can you feel the gratitude you will feel if you know you need to exercise? In that, you need to honor our outer self.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
You have heard the saying, the meaning of life is the meaning of you is going to mean. Nobody can call validity or any what the meaning of life is. This is an example of the work that is to be many propagandists, you would like to see... or... see what the meaning of the connection. The process has come to bring focus and present to your style. In the time of August 11 into the not survive in the end. So, when the time of August 12, others?

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Making and even skipping away being self-obsessing. Consider that our personality that we are meant to learn about when we are weak we tend to control. However, in our world of thought and feeling you are and have .and be ing your vision within reach. Grandiose evolutionary changes in your life continues.

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Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
In what areas do you do that is to or to deepen commitments? When you do that is to or to deepen commitments you need to have an outer self, as that is to or to deepen commitments you need to have an outer self, as that is to or to deepen commitments. Consider that our personality that we are meant to learn about when we are weak we tend to control. However, in our world of thought and feeling you are and have .and be ing your vision within reach. Grandiose evolutionary changes in your life continues.

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
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This Week's Horoscope
By Michael O’Gorman

GRAND JUNCTION Clinics, Suite A, Aug. 31 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 537-8779.
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Business Breakfas Treat, Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7:00 a.m., 537-9025.

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**GOLF TEES**

Business Ladies golf results from July 26 were:

Low gross: Dora Reynolds, 46.
Low gross runner-up: Joanna Barrett, 52.
Low net: Carol McIntosh, 36 5.
Low net runner-up: Joanna Barrett, 37.
Low putt: Joanna Barrett, 14.
Low putt runner-up: Femmy Schuurmans, 17.

**HIGH ROLLERS**

High scores in Special Olympics bowling at Kings Lane Recreation on July 27 were Clara Dale 144, Mah-jor Bains, 300, and Jason Newport, 173.

The air is warm, lakes are calling and summer time has come. At this time of year, family vacations are the cliché activity for the 21st-century teen and here on Salt Spring, this cliché is witnessed in many ways than one.

First of all, a few days after the last exams, there are those who leave the island for summer paradises such as Europe, the Caribbean and the family lakeside cottages. Some of these people don’t come back for a few days before the start of school.

However, those of us teens who stay on Salt Spring for the summer experience the reciprocal phenomenon — youth from all over the country coming to check out our home town.

While family outings are fairly normal occurrences with younger children, teens, being more independent sometimes would prefer “toughing it on their own,” or spending some of that time with their friends, even if it means staying at home.

And yet, each year hundreds of families, including teens, visit from all over the globe. After realizing this, I got to thinking “why is it that teens from all across Canada leave their hometowns, their friends and independence to vacation with their families?” Are they in it just to make the family happy? Or are they in it for the travel opportunities? If so, what is this huge benefit of travel?”

Currently, three of my good friends are in Europe for the summer and one is in the Arctic.

They aren’t there just to make Mom and Dad happy, they are there because they chose to travel and in the process, they are having their eyes opened wide.

They are probably learning more about themselves, the world and what they want to do with their lives than the rest of us could in five summers at home.

Now, don’t get me wrong, I love Salt Spring and everything it has to offer. It is obviously a beautiful and, judging by the amount of tourists here every year, a very popular destination.

However, the irony of this whole situation is how few come from all across Canada. Experience things here in our hometown that we would never even dream of trying. Why is it that travellers in our hometown can learn so much, even in a week, that we do not in our entire childhood and vice-versa?

The expression has always said something to the effect of “you can learn more by travelling than you could ever learn from books.” But, maybe it’s not the actual travelling that is so beneficial. What if part of this education is actually returning home, with a new outlook of your hometown and on life?

There’s no doubt that when we come home from a long trip, we see our home, with a new outlook, as this may be irreplaceable.

So, maybe that time to travel is one that you spend more about yourself, even if you are from your own home town.

**Talk targets hormone health**

A free lecture called Homeopathy for a Healthy Menopause is being presented next Tuesday, August 10 by local homeopath Karin Beviere. It runs from 7 to 8 p.m.

More and more women are looking for a natural and safe means to treat the hot flashes, mood-swings, depression, headaches, irregular menstrual cycles and host of other troublesome symptoms associated with menopause.

Although the symptoms go on for their own in time, a correctly-chosen homeopathic remedy often helps to ease them, said Beviere. “A constitutional remedy and the guidance of an experienced homeopath can be helpful for both physical and emotional aspects of menopause.”

During her talk, Beviere will describe the fundamental principles of homeopathy, how it can be safely used to help hormonal imbalances and stress, and the most common remedies one might try for menstrual symptoms.

Homeopathy is recognized by the World Health Organization as one of the most widely used form of health care on the planet. Often confused with herbalism, naturopathy, or holistic medicine, homeopathy is a unique system of medicine that has been in use for over 200 years.

It uses natural substances that are non-toxic and non-addictive and treats the whole person.

Contact 653-4841 for details and to pre-register.

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**Gulf Islands Driftwood**

**The many ways we can learn from travel**

**TALK ABOUT WITH LAURA STEWART**

With Laura Stewart

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**Fresh Talk with Michael Conford**

**Quest for the Perfect Peach**

Peaches are revered the world over for their delicate beauty, exquisite fragrance, and most of all their succulent taste.

Most people think of the peach as native to North America, but history shows that cultivation of peaches began in China as early as 2000 BC. The ancient Chinese saw the peach as a symbol of femininity, marriage, and immortality. By 200 BC the Greeks and Persians were enjoying these precious treats, and in the first century AD the Romans began cultivation. From Italy, the peach spread throughout Europe, and from early Spanish settlers, to the Americas. By the mid-1700s peaches were so plentiful on the North American continent that botanists thought of them as native fruits.

Today there are over 800 peach growers in British Columbia, located mainly in the southeastern areas of the Okanagan, Similkameen, and Kootenay valleys. Together they produce nearly 7 million kilograms of peaches per year, which is about 20% of the total Canadian production. Fresh peaches are harvested by hand to avoid bruising. The most widely grown variety in BC is the Redhaven peach. This medium size gem has a lightly blushed yellow to red skin, with a juicy and tasty flesh. The Redhaven is a semi-Freestone variety and is also one of the best peaches for canning and freezing.

The Freestone peach is the earliest of the BC peach varieties, with peaches appearing from mid-August to early September. Peaches are grown primarily for their good eating quality and are marketed fresh or as canned and frozen products. Over 25 varieties of peaches are produced in the province annually. The main peach-growing areas are the Okanagan Valley, the Thompson Okanagan region, and the lower Fraser Valley.

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**Photography**

The 9th annual salt spring photographic art exhibition and sale from July 24 to August 14

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