House size, setbacks steal the OCP show

Few other issues examined at five different OCP meetings

BY GAIL SJUBERG
AND SEAN MCINTYRE

Hoping for diverse input on scores of official community plan (OCP) recommendations, the Islands Trust has instead been flooded by sentiment on two: a suggested 3,000-square-foot house-size limit and doubling of setbacks from the shoreline.

In 15 hours of Islands Trust meetings held in ArtSpring, at Lions Hall and Fulford Hall from Wednesday through Monday, speakers over-whelmingly told trustees Peter Lamb and George Elzing they rejected those ideas.

“I’m angry as heck that you guys are considering to make my house legal non-conforming,” said Isabella Point resident Wes Akerman on Monday afternoon. “What are you guys doing! I just moved in last spring and the next thing I know you’re tell- ing me my house will be legal non-conforming.”

The environment focus group recommended increasing the current 15-metre setback for devel-opment in shoreline zones (which can be reduced to 10 metres with a geotechnical engineer’s certifi-cation) to 30 metres.

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MEDIA

Salt Spring radio licence approved

Residents can tune in to island radio soon

A Salt Spring radio station is set to hit the air-waves after the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) gave approval to broadcast in an October 22 decision. The station, to be known as CFSI-FM at 107.9, is headed by Richard Moses and Gary Brooks under the Salt Spring Island Radio Corp. According to the application, the CFSI-FM proposal includes 123 hours of local programing weekly, including varied musical selections, and information and discussion programs. The station will also broad-cast 60 minutes of aboriginal programming and 90 minutes of religious programing weekly, states the CRTC broadcast decision report.

The application for the station beat out another proposal submitted to the CRTC by Jack Woodward, Eamon Murphy and Shilo Zyl-bergold. The CRTC stated in its report that Salt Spring could not sustain two commercial sta- tions at this time.

The commission chose CFSI-FM because it will broadcast for a higher coverage area and offer more hours of local programing.

FULFORD OCP

Fulford opposes bigger village

Trustees urged to solve existing problems first

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Residents at Monday afternoon’s official community plan (OCP) review meeting at Fulford Hall stood united in their opposition over village boundary expansion plans that could more than double the community’s size.

“If I feel this whole exercise is an excuse for massive develop- ment,” said Jim Andrew, a resi-dent of Fulford village. “There is no growth, it’s only black.”

Former Salt Spring Island trustee Bob Andrew said the Full-ford OCP review focus group’s recommendation to concentrate development in an expanded Fulford would hasten the village’s certain demise.

“Don’t mess with home,” he told trustees. “If all recom-mendations went through, this would not be home for a lot of the people sitting here today.”

Speakers voiced full sup-port to preserve the status quo. Some demanded trust- ees remove the issue from the table as soon as possible.

“This proposal would totally destroy the reason why we love this area so much,” said Den-nis O’Hara. “Why is the Trust forcing us to get so confronta-tional?”

The village’s immediate pri-ority, speakers agreed, should be finding a solution to the worsening traffic situation created by the loading and FULFORD MEETING continued on 2

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“...how on earth can you make a decision to expand the boundaries when you have an unsolved problem and it is not a minor problem?” said Mardan Dary, criticizing the current situation displayed in the facility. “It is worse than it was 10 years ago and it will be worse 10 years from now.”

Fullford’s Mary Davidson called on trustees to suspend any decisions with B.C. Ferries provides more information about its plans to alleviate congestion in the area.

“I don’t feel like the rest of Salt Spring understands our situation,” said the people of Fullford can only agree once the ferry situation is addressed.”

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In September, B.C. Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall said the company is not scheduled to consider a solution until 2009 at the very earliest.

Parking and ferry terminal expansion, she said, is unlikely to occur until well into the next decade.

Participants urged trustees to “pressure B.C. Ferries and the Ministry of Transportation to expedite a solution to Fullford’s daily gridlock woes.”

“...we need to get B.C. Ferries pinned down,” said Ronald Bain, a resident of Roeland Road.

Realtor Li Read urged trustees to advise the public to the OCP review until opinions from a second batch of focus groups can be obtained.

“Instead of going forward and setting things in motion, why not set up a second round of focus groups?” she asked. "We are talking about the whole 21st century here.”

Trusteesighter Lamb and George Ehrg will said they recognized the community’s support to the OCP focus group proposal to expand the village boundary, but stopped short of casting the proposal out of the discussion.

“We are prepared to sit with a small group from Fullford,” Lamb said, adding that the intent of the public meetings is for people to input ideas for considerations.

“I look forward to discussing all these issues,” he said.

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problems on fast track to resolution

by chris stephenson

a staff report comment about “filling in” Kanaka Road Skate Park bowls as a solution to trash and vandal issues was not a serious suggestion, says the parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) operations manager.

“We have no plans to do that,” said Dave Gibbon last Wednesday, after recent meetings with skate park stakeholders.

PARC is pleased with results of a meeting held with school representatives, RVCM and members of the Salt Spring Skate Park Society two weeks ago, said Gibbon.

“Everyone is taking a proactive role on the issue,” he said. “What everyone is trying to achieve is to be responsible and pick up after yourself.”

He said other solutions include more teacher and parent presence at the park.

Public attention to PARC’s concerns was aroused by public opinion from a September 24 PARC staff report written by Gibbon.

“Parks and school district staff have reached a level of frustration where some feel the bowls should be filled in and the area returned to use as a playground,” states the report.

Skate park society chair Stefan Gesingser said people who use the park do not take the comment lightly.

“The recent comments in the parks board report about potentially filling in the skate park were clearly not well thought out,” he said Sunday.

Gessinger said the park “is a huge success and the youth are really involved.”

“Gessinger admits that trash at the park is an issue, but the users are working on it.

“The skaters and bikers realized the need to take ownership and pick up after themselves.”

However, Gessinger said like any public space that is heavily used, it will require cleaning and attention.

“It's much like Centennial Park on a busy weekend.”

As for the vandalism, Gessinger, said park users are not interested in destructive behaviour. He said skaters and bikers are the ones cleaning up damage after it happens.

“The vandalism is by a small group of people,” he said. “That’s a policing issue.”

Gessinger said if park users spot vandalism occurring they should report it to the RVCM.

Solutions to skate park issues should be dealt with by the community as a whole and not just left for the skaters and bikers to figure out, he said.

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Transportation commission sets priorities

Members take on pedestrian woes

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

A group of Salt Spring residents walks carefully across Lower Ganges Road near the Upper Ganges turnout on a rainy afternoon. Cars zip past on the wet, black pavement without stopping and the drivers stretch their heads sideways with curious looks on their faces.

One group member, an engineering consultant, expresses the need for a sidewalk and crosswalk, as well as a roundabout, to effectively control traffic. Holman pointed out members need to set priorities and get things moving.

One priority is to decide on recommendations for constructing bicycle lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks on both Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads under the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan. Richard James, the plan’s chief engineering consultant, said the project’s aim is essentially to encourage residents to travel less by car, and offer safe alternatives.

He said with the state of current Island roadways, people have no incentive to walk or bike.

“You have a high exposure [to traffic] with a small amount of people with huge risk. Are you surprised no one wants to walk?” he asked commission members.

James said some of the pedestrian accident hot spots are the intersections of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads and the Ganges Village Market entrances.

He estimates the total project cost at $5.4 million. It includes a 2.5-metre-wide paved east sidewalk with crosswalks along Lower Ganges, as well as two 1.8-metre bicycle lanes. It also includes a roundabout or traffic signals at the Lower Ganges and Upper Ganges road intersection. The same development would occur along Rainbow Road.

The project is supported by the CRD, Ministry of Transportation and Islands Trust.

For TTC members, the next step forward is to decide what part of the project is the starting point under their current budget.

“What’s the biggest bang for the buck?” Holman asked.

Another project on the forefront for the commission is the Salt Spring transit system. A 24-passenger minibus hit the streets of Salt Spring on January 7 with another bus to follow after an initial ridership assessment is done. TTC will set up an open house prior to the first day of the service, as well as try to set preliminary schedules, stops and fares.

“We need to present to the public the preliminary idea,” Holman said. “It’s important that we keep engaging people and make them understand that we are listening.”

The proposed routes service all three ferry terminals on the island, plus Ganges village with bus stops still to be determined.

The next TTC meeting is scheduled for today, October 24, at 7 p.m. at the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action office at 124 Lower Ganges Road. Members of the public can observe the meeting, at which members will make key decisions on the transit plan.

For Holman and rest of the commission members, it’s only the beginning of their work.

“Meetings are my life,” Holman joked.

“You have to put an investment [of time] up front,” he added.
BC Hydro is now undertaking a significant hazard tree removal program along power lines on Salt Spring Island and Pender Islands. A hazard tree is one that is defective, has an imminent danger of falling, or may endanger other riparian areas on the island. Wigen and other island residents intent on preserving one of Ganges’ few remaining wetland environments, “I think by December or January, any chance to prevent the destruction of Swanson’s Pond will be absolutely useless,” said Nancy Wigen. “What has happened to the creek is a foretaste of what is planned for the pond, and it would all be done long before any public meeting, I feel sick to see this happening yet again in my lifetime.”

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One year later, St. Mary Lake shrinking

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Lower St. Mary Lake water levels have convinced one lake resident that a weir built to control the flow doesn’t work properly.

North Salt Spring Waterworks Dis-trict (NSSWD) completed the weir in October 2006 to control the outflow of the lake into nearby Duck Creek. The weir is a concrete structure six feet across and three feet high.

St. Mary lake resident Ed Davis said in his 34 years living along the water he has never seen it so low at this time of year.

Davis speculated the weir was built too low to properly control the water flow. He said the lake is now a few feet short of what the NSSWD said it would be after construction.

“Years ago (NSSWD workers) staked the boundaries to say where the water level was going to be. It’s way off,” he said during a tour of his property last Friday.

Davis said when the beavers dammed the lake, the level was a lot higher. He pointed to his dock where tires for parking boats which used to be in the water now hang in the air.

“I used to park my float plane there.”

Davis said to get the lake up to nor-mal levels will take an awful lot of water.

“How many inches of rain will it take?” he asked.

Davis plans to track water levels of St. Mary this winter to see if the rainy season makes any difference.

NSSWD president Trevor Hutton agreed the lake is lower than normal, but there are many factors to be looked at before pointing to the weir, he said.

When the old beaver dam controlled the water supply, Davis said, it took a lot longer to lower the levels. After con-struction of the weir, the lake dropped at a steeper rate.

Hutton also said the past summer was unusually mild, which contributes to the lack of fresh water added to St. Mary.

However, NSSWD plans to increase the height of the weir, but it first needs to apply for a new licence from the Ministry of Environment.

“The second stage is to set the height of the lake to historical levels,” Hutton said.

Despite the abnormal level of St. Mary, Hutton assured there is no cause for concern.

“The levels are good,” he said.

St. Mary Lake is used by the NSSWD as one source for drinking water on the island.

In other NSSWD news:

An aerator will return to St. Mary Lake in the spring of 2008. The device is used to pump oxygen and create movement in the water to control phosphorous levels.

Hutton said the aerator, which will run in the summer months, should be beneficial.

“There are big changes to the phosph-orous levels lower down.”

A watersworks engineering study is also set to be released soon. The study looks at the NSSWD water supply, treatment and distribution systems.

Rock Salt hosts morning show

Friday

CBC Victoria will plug in on Salt Spring this Friday for a live broadcast of the morning show at the Rock Salt Cafe.

On the Island, hosted by Gregor Grainger, will focus on the relationship islanders have with B.C. Ferries.

Program manager Peter Hutchinson said Salt Spring, like all the Gulf Islands, depends on B.C. Ferries as a mode of transportation.

“We wanted to do a live show from a place where people commute on B.C. Ferries,” he said.

Guest speakers include B.C. Ferries president David Hahn live from Victoria and Hutchinson hopes to hear from Salt Spring residents as well.

“We want to catch an authentic voice from people who use the ferries.”

Hutchinson said CBC chose the location because they wanted to get close to a ferry terminal where the action is.

Victoria-based On the Island travels to out-of-the-city destinations a few times a year.

Hutchinson said the show is a great opportunity for islanders to share their views.

The show runs from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and can be heard at 90.5 FM.
OCP REVIEW

OCP public hearing a tale of two issues

Hot button topics dominate five-meeting review

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

The consistent dominance of two long-standing issues at public meetings has some islanders questioning whether the official community plan (OCP) consultation process offers the public a truly comprehensive review.

According to Jim Stanland, a Salt Spring Island resident who attended all five of the meetings, participants assembled at Lions Hall so many times that participants might have become complacent to the issues.

For its next series of public meetings, Stanland suggests Islands Trust representatives treat particularly contentious issues.

Speaking at Monday afternoon’s OCP review public meeting, trustee George Ehring told participants maintaining the agriculture and housing sectors was the priority.

“The provision of housing will see our socio-economic diversity,” Ehring said. “This has been something of a long-standing concern.”

Water supply, industrial zoning, home-based businesses, preserving a strong agricultural base, legalizing secondary suites and seasonal cottages and managing the potential conflict in all are significant aspects of the OCP he said.

The low number of comments addressing such issues came from a lack of time or a lack of public concern is anybody’s guess, said Ehring.

Hot-button issues were also downpouring of larger parcels of land and expanding the village boundary to accommodate more housing.

Members of the public were well-hearing, 

The public said it was a lot of fun,” Ehring said. “This has been a rationale for the increase given by the property owner’s anticipated rise in sea level and severity of coastal storms expected due to global warming and the resultant damage that could occur to waterfront homes.

Some people scorneous concerns about their home’s future safety.

“If I want to build a shack on the shore, why should you stop me?” asked Paddy Way resident Andrew Gardner at Sunday’s meeting. “If it gets washed [by a storm], I’ll just build another one.”

“Let’s be absolutely clear, it’s a dead straight down: we don’t need you. Thank you,” he said.

Though an e-mail message was distributed Thursday urging people who were residents and developers “to speak up at the next meetings, input was still dominated by house size and setback opponents at the Sunday afternoon meeting at Lions Hall, where the audience at times spilled out the door. A number of individual home owners spoke against proposed setbacks.

Fisherman’s Lane resident Alan Wood, whose article that claimed only 10 per cent of a home’s energy consumption occurs due to its construction; the other 90 per cent occurs when it’s lived in, suggesting the home’s energy efficiency is something more critical.

“Drop the size fixation,” he said.

“Focus your energy and resources where 98 per cent of the problem lies.”

The tune didn’t change much at the afternoon and evening meetings at Fulford Hall, although Fulford issues were aired more thor-

According to Cynthia Anderson, a planner from focus group, the situation is governed by Section 91(18) of the Local Government Act, which states: “If a building or other structure, the use of which does not conform to the legal non-conforming” means the buildings on it cannot be rebuilt in a way that would violate the new rules if those buildings burn down or are otherwise substantially destroyed.

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“Regarding an increased setback,” said Layard. She applauded efforts to develop guide-

“The fear I have of this proposed OCP is that I believe it in itself is fear based.”

ARVID CHALMERS

Real estate agents working with waterfront development, trust-

ees said people could apply for a variance permit if the size or topog-

rath of their lot, combined with setbacks, made it difficult to build a house.

“Let’s have to get a variance to build a house? That’s a bad bylaw,” said realtor Mylès Wilson. “You shouldn’t have to do that.”

Seth Berkowitz, a member of the focus group recommending the house-size limit, explained to Sunday’s gathering the thinking behind the idea. Members considered the amount of natural resources used to build larger homes and the excessive styling waste that arises when the house’s life ends, plus the ecological effects of a large house.

“Some on the committee thought 3,000 square feet was too big, some thought it was too small, too small, come up with another number,” said Berkowitz.

Some people did speak in favour of the proposed limit, including Rainbow Road resident Norah Layard. She applauded efforts to reduce the ecological impact of human development, which sees driveways, homes and landscaping reduce native species and habitat, even if “prescriptive measures might not be the way.”

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Seth Berkowitz, a member of the focus group recommending the house-size limit, explained to Sunday’s gathering the thinking behind the idea. Members considered the amount of natural resources used to build larger homes and the excessive styling waste that arises when the house’s life ends, plus the ecological effects of a large house.

“Some on the committee thought 3,000 square feet was too big, some thought it was too small, too small, come up with another number,” said Berkowitz.

Some people did speak in favour of the proposed limit, including Rainbow Road resident Norah Layard. She applauded efforts to reduce the ecological impact of human development, which sees driveways, homes and landscaping reduce native species and habitat, even if “prescriptive measures might not be the way.”

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Public has spoken

Salt Spring property owners have vigorously expressed their opinions regarding house-size limits and shoreline setback increases proposed in the current official community plan (OCP) review.

Without public support — and these clearly don’t have it — the measures should fail. There’s nothing ridiculous about investigating what local bylaws might do to reduce climate change, or impacts. Relying only on individuals to voluntarily “do the right thing” is not enough and laws will need to be put in place.

However, making innumerable existing homes legal non-conforming and other properties unavailable feasibly for homes with the stroke of a pen is not the way to do it.

Variances could be applied for, true, but leaving it up to individuals — whether elected trustees or appointed Board of Variance members — is not acceptable land use practice.

If the legal status of all existing homes could somehow be guaranteed, perhaps some changes could be contemplated in the directions being proposed in future. But so far the Trust has offered nothing in response to people concerned about their financial future.

It’s a positive scene to have so many people express their views about what matters to them at recent public meetings. In the meantime, there hasn’t been much time to talk about other pertinent issues, such as letting seasonal cottages and secondary suites provide affordable rental accommodation.

A mere six years ago, when Land Use Bylaw #205 was being finalized, the “second kitchen” or secondary suite debate raged. This suggestion has been raised again, along with use of seasonal cottages to provide affordable rental accommodation, and we’ve heard barely a whisper about it to date.

Islanders wanting to talk about that issue, or proposals to increase the number of employment-based workers allowed in home-based businesses or to boost the amount of industrial-zoned land, for example, can do so by writing to elected trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb or the Islands Trust office by phone, email or in writing.

All feedback will be documented and recommendations revisited before the next public meetings early in 2008.

The Issue: OCP Review
We Say: Listen to the people

Fire hall plan needs closer look

BY ROGER MIDDLETON

Nobody wants to deny our firefighters the funds they need to do their job well. They are a dedicated and highly respected group of islanders who have served this community well. Meeting their needs is important to us all.

Still, the Salt Spring Fire Protection District strategic plan, unveiled last month, needs a closer look. Over the next five years the capital budget is planned to increase by $8.35 million and operating costs by $1.16 million. Our taxes are going up! If the plan is adopted, fire taxes could increase 1% per cent by 2012. By next year, it will cost more to fight fires than for our share of the Islands Trust budget, by 2012, more than our entire share of the CRD budget.

If your 2007 fire levy was $260 (house assessed at $500,000), it could more than double to $528 by 2012. This will stress even further our households that are already struggling to make ends meet, how come all this is happening?

We do need a new fire hall, but should we also be looking to build this hall for less than the budgeted $5.8 million?

The new fire hall is not the most expensive item on the agenda. The proposal to transform our firefighting force from a largely volunteer group to a team of 25 full-time paid firefighters will be more than twice as expensive as the new fire hall. This is a highly significant proposal and I, for one, do not think it should be adopted without general debate.

After all, volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. Our volunteer firefighters are amongst the finest and this proposal would find us changing away from this tradition to reliance upon a primarily full-time paid force. Is this something we should be content to see happen without general debate?

Might one solution to reduced volunteer numbers be to double the hourly payment rate to volunteers while they are on duty? Increasing volunteer wage costs by $150,000 would be a lot cheaper than increasing career firefighter wages by $1.16 million.

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As an October 17 Driftwood article noted, the fire district does not have a finance committee to exercise financial discipline. Neither is there an external finance committee to provide this oversight. In the absence of such financial oversight, it is left to us, the taxpaying public, to review the 10-year strategic plan ideas and an open house is set for this purpose on Saturday, October 27.

Finally, we need to be concerned about the loss of the presence of our fire hall in downtown Ganges. The fire hall, with its clock tower, is the most central and visible building in the downtown area. The red fire tenders, parked downtown, particularly on Saturdays in summer, are an important reminder to us of the very real danger of fire on this island, not only for our visitors but also for all of us island residents.

With firefighters moving to a more remote location, will we lose sight of the true meaning of the word fire? We need to be concerned about this loss, to whom the building site will be sold and how it might be redeveloped after it is sold.

Will it be owned by the community or by private development interests? Will there be community brainstorming over the uses to which it could be put, followed by a competition among island architects to produce the best design, or will it just become another commercial building? Can we design space to allow our fire department the ability to retain a presence, even though it would no longer be fire hall #1?

There is a lot to ponder. To see the plan, you may find it either at the library, the Ganges hall or by visiting www.saltspringfire.com.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.
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**SALT SPRING SAYS**

**We asked:** Would you feel safer if B.C. Ferries did drug testing?

**RICKY GOLLER**

It doesn’t really matter. I’ve never had problems on the ferries.

**PATTI THOMAS**

Not really. I think people have a professionalism they uphold.

**CHRISTINE ATKINSON**

No, what they do on their own free time is their business.

**ROSS KING**

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**Different cases**

I am writing to clarify points made in Lamb and George Ehring’s letter in your October 18 editorial regarding two court cases initiated by the Islands Trust involving short-term vacation rentals— one on Salt Spring Island and one on North Pender Island.

Contrary to your editorial, the Islands Trust is not seeking the “same kind of injunction” in both situations as you, since noted, circumstances are different in each case.

The legal proceedings in the North Pender case have been underway for several years. The Trust took the extraordinary step of seeking an interlocutory injunction because it believed that normal court processes were simply taking too long, and its first step is to file a claim. If the hearing of the claim is not processed in a timely manner, an interim or interlocutory order to prevent a particular use of a property requested, until the court has had an opportunity to hear the matter. In the North Pender case, the Trust asked for this type of order because it was worried that the owners had no valid defence to their breach of the bylaw. This interim order was turned down because the judge found that the owners in that case could have a defence that may succeed on the hearing of the main action. The court has not decided the main action, and there is, as yet, no final outcome.

On Salt Spring Island we have filed pleadings and are awaiting the owners’ formal defence. As the North Pender decision is not a final consideration of the case or the defence in that case, it is not of great assistance in the Salt Spring case. As the cases are at different stages and the processes are different, waiting for the outcome of the North Pender Island case before proceeding with the case on Salt Spring Island would not have made sense. The功德 suffered by the affected neighbours who expect the Islands Trust to enforce the bylaw under the Escalator case is not as great, as the Salt Spring Island community could make a case that the owners had no valid defence to their breach of the bylaw. This presumption is a far stronger case for an interlocutory order being granted.

**Values reflected**

We have just returned from Sunday’s public meeting on the official community plan (OCP) review. Property owners concerned with potential loss of value with proposed new setbacks expressed their concerns, as appropriate. They were listened to with respect and possible alternatives were suggested.

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**Time for baby-boomers to face life of hedonism**

At the bottom of the escalators in Victo- ria’s Tillicum Mall, there is a lonely Orange Julius stand and a lottery booth. Adjacent to the lottery booth are a dozen metal bistro tables scattered about, each occupied by a solitary, elderly male clutching a lukewarm cup of coffee.

These men have seen better days. Bad backs or bad pensions or simply bad luck have brought them here to this place. These gentlemen aren’t here to yank on the weather. They are all business.

Alongside the stale cup of coffee lies a Keno ticket. The old men rarely look at the tickets. They know their lucky numbers by heart. They do not play Keno. Where the numbers are concerned, they are some number of importance. They have played the same numbers over and over again, through storms and clear skies, up and down. The old men stare intently at the video screen perched above the lottery booth under the escalator, as it flashes the winning KENO numbers.

Some would say it is a gambling addiction, some may call it boredom. But for most of these worn-out, blue-collar workers, it is called a retirement plan. It is a way of life. But if KENO and a cold cup of coffee is the alternative, I would just as soon grab a hot dog and a Keno ticket and live under the boardwalk.

**Peter Vincent**

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**Quote of the Week:**

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FULLFORD RESIDENT IM ANDREW, ON THE FULLFORD OCP

**RECOMMENDATIONS.**
**Flawed strategy**

The “IT” — or Islands Trust — has again brought forward the 30-metre setback from waterfront suggestion with other contentious issues. This is unexcusable.

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The IT appears to be stirring the pot to make the public aware that previous things continues to be known as an island surrounded by water which remains in steady conflict.

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Punishing success

I have read the recommendations for inclusion in the new official community plan. The most disturbing proposal is to limit homes to a maximum square footage of 3,000 square feet, regardless of the size of the lot. This would constitute another alarming erosion of property rights ever since they failed to be enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights.

It appears that the current regime and their supporters are showing themselves to be much more totalitarian than anyone anticipated when they were elected.

The 3,000-square-foot proposal is mean-spiritedness and “big brotherism” at its worst. In other words, let’s punish success. This would be much more plausible than trying to beat up on those who have achieved their version of success and able to build a large home.

For many of us, our homes are probably our biggest investment and constitute the major portion of our retirement savings.

By the way, my wife and I are quite content with our 1,500-square-foot home on Salt Spring and we would never begrudge our neighbours if they choose to build something bigger.

GRANT LAPRADE, AYR

Preserve community

I have been a resident of Salt Spring Island for six years and I want to give my feedback about some of the proposed changes to the OCP.

I realize that the trustees have a difficult job, but I often wonder if they care very deeply about what happens to our island. Our island is very precious to us, and we must care very deeply about what happens to it.

I too have been drawn to live on Salt Spring because of its special character — and because of the special nature of the people who Salt Spring and we would never begrudge our neighbours if they choose to build something bigger.

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I am concerned that this special character of our island is being destroyed. One reason I wanted to live here is because of its “rural community” atmosphere. What is a “rural community” atmosphere?

It is one where people of many different backgrounds and levels of fortune all live and work together side by side, peacefully respecting each other.

We have different opinions. You can find people from all walks of life on this island — farmers, lawyers, auto mechanics, teachers, loggers, environment- mentalists, doctors, store owners and so on.

Yet we are happy to let everyone live in harmony, sharing the island with each other and with the tourists who come and go with little or no ill will and their money.

For the past two years, I have felt this harmony and community atmosphere being destroyed by attempts to put in place more “rules” about how we must behave on Salt Spring.

The current Trust committee seems to think there is a need for more “permits” and “permissions” for everything we do. One can feel an environment of distrust, fear and anger building as accusations fly and legislation is put in place to deal with items as variable as how much dirt we can move around on our land to what kind of building materials we are allowed to use in our homes.

The mandate of the Islands Trust is “to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of the province generally.”

Where is the preservation of our “unique environment” which is the caring community of Salt Spring? Are we not creating a fortress of Salt Spring rather than preserving its nourishing environment?

When we think of Salt Spring’s “environment,” are we thinking of the people of the island as well as the beauty that nature has given us? If we destroy the community feeling among the people of Salt Spring while attempting to protect the unique natural environment, what have we gained?

We need to consider and care for the residents of this island with at least as much respect as we do the elements of nature we live in.

We are creative enough to find ways to allow both to prosper and grow. Please look at some of the recommendations in the OCP review and ask yourself, “Does this proposal respect and nourish the people of this precious island?”

They are what makes our island special.

RUTH ANNE TAYLOR, MOUNT BELLER HEIGTHS

Off course

Last Monday night I witnessed the chair and the board of directors of the Salt Spring Harbour Authority conduct their AGM.

The prime topic of the meeting was their thinly veiled innuendoes and insinuations that Captain Bart Terwiel, former harbour master, has mishandled some funds.

After Bart left the meeting the defamation increased.

In the 20 years of attending various AGMs, I have never seen such smug unprofessionalism.

If was with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans I would fire the lot for their inability to effectively communicate and manage their harbour master. For disrespect towards some workers they have hired; for their inability to provide adequate information to the members; there were no minutes available from last year’s AGM, no con- struction available for the members, no detailed annual report, postponed matters, a mute treasurer, a motion by a member from the floor was refused by the chair, and the accountant, Jean Elwell, was unfortunately absent and unable to answer key questions.

And equally dumbfounding was the fact that the board of directors refused to accept any responsibility for the failure of a cash flow system that has been a prob- lem for years, nor did they ask for any legal advice before they proceeded to fire a man and tarnish his reputation.

Maybe new directors will demonstrate better naviga- tional skills.

MONA FERTIG, GANGES

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK?

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
Proposed Bylaw No. 431

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning Proposed Bylaw No. 431, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. The information session and public hearing for this bylaw will precede the regular monthly Local Trust Committee Meeting to be held on the same day.

DATE: Thursday, November 1, 2007
LOCATION: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Public Information Session
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM - Public Hearing


In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 431 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

(a) by changing the zoning of That Part of Lot 1, Block B, Section 1, Range 4 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1371, Lying to the East of a Boundary Parallel to and Perpendicular Distant 40 Feet from the Westernly Boundary of Said Lot, from Commercial Accommodation 1 Zone Variation (g) – CA1(g), to Commercial Accommodation 1 Zone Variation (g) – CA1(g), as shown on Plan No. 1, in order to permit an increase in the maximum allowable lot coverage from 33 percent to 60 percent, to legalize existing buildings and structures, and to add new exterior decks and storage structures.

Plan No. 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 431

Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., between the hours of 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Friday, October 12, 2007 and up to and inclusive Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw 431 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9116; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm by completing the Public Hearing, November 1, 2007, Submission Form before 4:30 PM on October 23, 2007.

2. To the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.
Rants

A hug, unwelcome, stinky, decomposing bunch of roses to all the narrow-minded, clever-clawed, upper-class, middle-aged ex-baby-boomer island residents who feel it necessary to make “anything up to thirty-something” on this island feel ignored and unwanted. When you ignore something as simple as holding a door open, or when you push in front when someone is clearly observing something before them, maybe you should think for a few seconds, get out of your island bubble, and smile and say, “thank you” or “excuse me” – it’s the least thing. Just remember that these are the people who are serving you and working for you. Who you will rely on even more when you are elderly.

ROSES

Roses blasted into the sky to rain down in fragrant splendor. We encourage you, not to make an apt analogy and make us all roar with laughter in the process. Thank you for taking the time to help!

Sending a Bobcat’s Bucket of Bountiful Roses to express our gratitude for the efforts and generosity of the individuals and businesses who contributed their time and materials to our beautification project at Fernwood School: Harold Hoffman and Family; George Hurel and Hurd Eucalyptus; Lawrie Netsh and Reg Taylor; Slegg Lumber Ltd.; The Plant Farm; Gulf Coast Materials; SSSI Landscape Supply; Dave Hershuley; Anira, Mark and William. To those who may have been inadvertently omitted, we ask forgiveness. Fernwood Elementary School community.

Boquets of old-fashioned red roses (who else could have sported the Salt Spring Island Women’s Institute pie booth at the fall fair and apple fest) brought my flowers and apples, and some of you who donated a bit extra. You have helped provide sight-saving vitamins for a year for more than 1,100 needy children. Blessing! Nancy Wigen

The Nairn House Memorial Foundation and GISS thank the following people for giving time and energy for the Howe Court: Hans Hazenboom, Perry Booth, David Hershell, Steve LaFortune, Tony Hambrook, Brian Everest, Cam Johnson, DION Hackett, Dan Foley, Rachel Gerlach and Harold Hoffman.

A warehouse of roses to all the volunteers who work on the Island Comfort Quilts. You have always admired the work, organization and fun you all have making the quilts, but I never dreamed that I would be a recipient! Yes, I can say that after the diagnosis, I felt cold and really appreciated the warmth of knowing the volunteers that worked on my very own quilt! Special bouquets to Elizabeth and Margaret Lee and the others who started such a wonderful project. Diane Hales

Roses to the kind gentle- man on Friday in the GVM parking lot for his help when Will caught his thumb in the locked car door. In my quest to get it on the thumb and tend to him, I’m sure I forgot to thank you. Many thanks. (He is doing well!) Island Pathways, Garden Club’s Partners Creating Path- ways Committee thank everyone who came out to their work bees on Wednesday and Sunday. The turn-out was great. Jean Gelbicks

A truck load of roses to Three Point Motors Proper- ties for the logs contributed for lumber for the GISS wood shop. Much of the wood from stock will be converted to Christmas presents by the students.

Armfuls of fantastic roses to all those who helped create Phoenix School’s new zipline: Greg Bellawancer, Dean, Hindi, Braden and Seth Crouse; Brandy Dailey; Axel Dollheiser; Dave Hershall, Mark Hughes; Drew Jory; Keith from the bicycle shop, Bad Kerr; Lindsey MacQueen, Marie Mullens; Devon Quinn; Slegg Lumber; Graham Tzebode, one anonymous donor, and anyone inadvertently omitted from this list. A Kubota loadful of roses to Bob Troyer for bringing it all together. They say it takes a community to raise a child. Apparently it takes a commun- ity to build a zipline too. All of us at Phoenix.

Delicate bunches of wild roses to the community supporters of the Ivan Say- fer’s vintage clothing clothing show: Cathy Cronin of GISS Music parents, GVM, Calvin’s Bis- sons, Salt Spring Coffee Company and Pomodoro. You make Salt Spring such a wonderful place to live. The Women Spinners Guild and Seeds for Malawi Group

Bright, yam-coloured roses to Martin and Marie for coming to my aid on Thanksgiving with the one ingredient I forgot to buy for my favourite dish. Although the recipe called for honey, the maple syrup that Marie brought from Quebec elevated the yams to a higher place. Thank you, Maggie O

A dragonboat full of blue roses to the following to whom we rely on to help make our fundrais- ing dance a success: Dave at Living Water Media Services, Colleen Stewart, Carl Graham, Brenda at Blue Velvet Upholster- ies, Rob and Sharon, GVM, Mouat’s Hardware, Island Sav- ings and The Mud Bay Blues Band: SSSI Dragonboat Club

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Brush clearing requested by Japanese garden group

Garden group eyes sewer site

Members of the Ganges Sewer local service committee and prospective new neighbours from the Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island could soon team up to redecorate a green space bordering Ganges Creek.

Sewer committee members heard a presentation from Japanese Garden Society construction coordinator Deb Stevenson during the sewer AGM on October 12.

Stevenson explained how the garden society would like to clear the path on the sewer facility property by cutting back ivy, blackberries and morning glory plants. “The creek and walkway, as they exist today, are on the treatment property,” noted Capital Regional District local services coordinator Gary Hendren.

Sewer committee members also expressed mild concern about removing screening vegetation from the treatment plant, but voiced support for the project.

Stevenson also indicated that the Japanese Garden Society hoped the CRD would be willing to move an existing fence by 25 feet on the northwest corner of the property. Before the CRD could consider moving the fence, the sewer committee would need to complete a scheduled long-term plan in order to determine future requirements of the site. Hendren said, “It’s possible the Ganges Sewer could need to expand the footprint to meet demand in the future.” Hendren indicated that the sewer committee would also need to establish liability and maintenance issues through a memorandum of understanding.

With an eye toward helping the Japanese Garden Society get started on the project before the long-term study is completed, sewer committee members offered to complete a site visit with gardeners so that ground clearing can get underway as soon as possible.

A BIG GVM THANK YOU

To all our customers for your patience with our latest shelf renovation as we continue to grow with the island! These new shelves will make more room for an ever growing variety of new products and create more aisle space for your shopping convenience.

Thank You!

Also, a THANK YOU to the young crew of GVM staff for their pride and hard work for making the new shelving transition as painless as possible!

THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET ROASTED RED PEPPER TOMATO SOUP

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn

Roasted Red Peppers: Traditionally a raw hot chili pepper slowly roasted over an open flame. The roasting of peppers wrinkles and loosens the skin so that they may be peeled. It blanched, a caramelised taste results. This is desired by some but is not essential for the many incidental uses of roasted red peppers. One of the most versatile ingredients used in many cuisines, roasted red pepper is commonly found in Mediterranean, Mexican and Southwestern cuisines. A member of the capsicum family, red bell peppers have a mild tang and no “bite” at all, since they contain a recessive gene that eliminates capsaicin, the substance that makes chili peppers hot. Why not try creating your own signature dish with roasted red peppers?

Over medium heat sauté 3 tablespoons butter, 1 small chopped onion, 3 cloves minced garlic until soft.

Cool, then puree together with 10 roasted red peppers (1 jar) or 1 small can diced tomatoes & 3 cups vegetable stock in a blender or food processor until a smooth consistency. Add 3/4 cup cooking sherry or red wine (optional), 1 teaspoon paprika & 2 teaspoons sugar. Simmer over low heat for 15 minutes. Add 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream & simmer for 5 minutes more. Add salt & pepper to taste. If you desire a thicker soup, mix together in a small bowl 3 tablespoons flour & 3 tablespoons water until smooth then add to your hot soup & stir.

Top with a fresh sprig of basil or parsley. Serve with a fresh, hearty bread like Mountain Grain from our bakery department.

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The CD was produced as a fundraiser for the Fiddleworks Community Development Society, a non-profit organization spearheaded by RT and “dedicated to bringing people together to share in the joy of music, develop life and leadership skills and build community.” The organization, which was founded eight years ago, has recently incorporated as a non-profit society and funds raised from CD sales will help realize the organization’s goals.

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WORLD MUSIC

Juno-winning Alex Cuba at BPH

Alexis Puentes forms base of trio

Islanders are in for a treat when Cuban-born Alexis Puentes — who is now known as Alex Cuba — presents a concert at Beaver Point Hall next week. Puentes and accompanying musicians will perform on Thursday, November 1, beginning at 8 p.m. Lou Ellis of the Maiz Verde group, which supports projects such as musical instrument collection for Cuban musicians, is organizing the event.

“(Puentes) plays contemporary Cuban music, so he takes elements from jazz, funk and other contemporary styles, but it’s all based on Cuban rhythms,” said Ellis. He takes Cuban music “to another level altogether,” she said.

Last year Puentes’ CD called Humo De Tabaco won the JUNO award for Best World Music Album, against esteemed competition like Alpha Viva, Dalio and Ceho Machado.

He recently learned he’s been nominated in Best Producer and Best World Music Solo Artist categories of the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Cuban percussionist Jose Sanchez, who now lives on Salt Spring, is part of Puentes’ group next Thursday.

“According to Alexis, he’s one of the best timbales players around right now,” said Ellis. Puentes has performed on Salt Spring in the past in a group with his brother Adonis (known then as The Puentes Brothers), but is now based in Smithers and works as a solo artist and plays with different musicians.

He is currently on tour promoting his new album called Aqua del Pozo (or Water From the Well). “Personally I’m thrilled to be able to present someone of Alexis’ stature. He’s one of those musicians who has remained really true to Cuban music, but also true to himself as well and his passion for Latin jazz. . . . He plays with so much integrity and so much love for Cuba and her culture. For a lot of people it’s really easy to forget your roots once you start to make it and get yourself out there, but he’s really passionate about who he is and where he’s from.”

Ellis also said he’s truly enthused about performing for islanders at Beaver Point Hall.

“Every conversation I have with him he sounds more and more excited about coming to play for us here. He could play for thousands of people and that to me is a sign of true musicianship — he’s as excited to play at Beaver Point Hall as he is at Massey Hall . . . the show will be quite incredible.”

Tickets for the show are $30 and on sale at Acoustic Planet Music. Funds raised from sales of the freshly baked goodies of sweets and savouries, plus Salt Spring Coffee and Monsoon Coast chai will benefit Maiz Verde.

For more information, see www.alexcuba.com.

FINE ART

Pegasus hosts trio for Visions in Stone show

Opening reception on Thurs., Oct. 25

Visions in Stone: An Exhibition of Stone-themed Original Sculpture and Paintings opens at Pegasus Gallery this week, running from Thursday, October 25 until Sunday, November 4. Salt Spring artist Roland Gatin, along with Ken Kirkby of Vancouver Island and Kristina Boardman of Victoria, have produced work for the intriguing exhibit and will be in attendance at the opening reception on Thursday, October 25 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Exhibiting at Pegasus for the first time, Gatin has developed a revolutionary method of working in “multi-stone.” “Using hundreds of imported softly coloured soapstone, he first builds, then carves his pieces,” states a press release.

Kirkby, an emigrant from Poland, has always been attracted to Canada’s diverse collections.

“Having spent nearly six years living with various Inuit tribes in the Arctic, Ken’s love of silent places and far-reaching spaces is clearly seen in his paintings of Inuit “inukshuks”— the lonely stone sculptures seen as place markers and directional signs in the barren.

Kirkby’s paintings have been exhibited in international and corporate collections. Having a special affinity toward stone in all its settings, Kristina Boardman has focused on the ever varied and jewel-like world of ocean stone, selecting each for its unique beauty.

“Each stone settles into place on her canvas just as a thought settles in the mind,” describes a press release.

Boardman’s pieces remind viewers that stones are millions of years old and are treasures of nature.

For further information, contact Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art at 537-2421.
Stagecoach hosts family event

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The event features live music performed by two youth bands, The Tri- men and Small Dogs at Large.

As an added bonus, keen squash-cutting artisans can bring their carved pump-kins to the event and win a prize.

While the event is set as a fundraiser for the Stage- coach School for the Per- forming Arts, admission is free, but participants can purchase items at the concession and pay $1 for games.

“We were looking for a fundraiser and [Stagecoach teacher] Sue Newman sug- gested the idea. In Stage- coach we’re all about cos- tumes and performance and Halloween is also about costumes and per- formance,” said one of the event’s organizers, Karen Arney.

The event runs from 6-9 p.m.
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Q. How much room do you need?
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Marine Construction Notice – Revised
Mid-August to November 2007

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BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) is replacing and upgrading the existing 138 kV overhead transmission lines and submarine cables connecting southern Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland with new 230 kV infrastructure. Between mid-August and November 2007, crews will decommission and remove three 138 kV submarine cables in Trincomali Channel and Georgia Strait. The work in Trincomali Channel will begin mid-August and the work in Georgia Strait will begin mid-September. During the cable removal there will be barges with cranes and tugboats working in the water near the cable terminal stations and along the cable route. To ensure the safety of the public and the workers, the contractor will restrict public access around the active work sites.

CABLE REMOVAL SCHEDULE – TRINCOMALI CHANNEL & GEORGIA STRAIT

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TOASTMASTERS
Islander heads to B.C. event

Area contest features two local winners

Two Salt Spring Toastmasters were winners at recent regional competitions.

At an October 15 meeting on Salt Spring chaired by Ilona Deri, Bud Bowes won the humorous speech contest with the tale of an adventurous hike he had with his son.

Rowan Rowell won the table topics contest, responding to the question, “If you could go back to school and train for another career, what would you do and why?” Congratulations to both for their efforts.

Then last week Rowell won the Divisional Table Topics Contest held in Nanaimo. She will now go progress to the provincial competition in Harrison Hot Springs early in November. Salt Spring Toastmasters meet every Monday at ArtSpring from 7-9 p.m. except on statutory holidays. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Stan at 537-9754 or Bob at 537-9884.

CHICKEN TALES: Children’s book writer Pam Adams launches her new book Blossom to Blondie at West of the Moon Saturday.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Elders speak about the past

ArtSpring program brings storytelling to students

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Driftwood staff

Salt Spring students are learning the importance of oral history from people like artist-musician Oona McOuat, who brings the medium of storytelling into island classrooms this month.

McOuat, who is sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council, is part of a long-running arts council program to bring local artists into schools.

This October, McOuat is working with a group of Grade 2 students from Salt Spring Elementary, bringing a network of elder storytellers into the class to share their histories.

Afterwards, students will retell, write and illustrate what they heard into storybook form and give a copy to the presenter.

“It’s an intergenerational program. The children really appreciate the differences and the similarities of the stories,” said students learn the importance of storytelling while they listen to the lives of the elders.

Halloween Events

Musical ‘demons,’ special effects at Halloween concert band show

This weekend at ArtSpring

Demons will rise at ArtSpring this weekend for a frightful Halloween show of music and special effects to scare all ages from their seats.

Dawn Hage, music director for Return of the Demons III, is excited about the performance and described the show as a family event that includes spooky music, both familiar and unknown, and special effects designed to leave the audience with a memorable case of the heebie jeebies.

Effects will be created by Marv Coulthard, who will use a wide selection of lights from strobe to pinpoint, a fog machine and creepy props such as a five-foot skeleton, among many other items drawn from his bottomless bag of tricks.

The musicians, dressed in Halloween costumes, will play haunting songs, including and reading skills and they learn how to tell stories in their own words.

This is her class’ first involvement with the program and so far McOuat has been fantastic.

The program consists of four sessions, which are approximately two hours long each.

The first presenter was Victoria Olchowekci, Olchowekci, who grew up in rural Manitoba, told students about her childhood on the farm.

“There was no electricity at that time so we did our homework by lamp,” she said during the session last Thursday.

A retired educator and artist, Olchowekci holds workshops to help people write about their lives.

“The stories are absolutely fascinating,” she said in an interview after the class.

McOuat will finish up the sessions on November 1 with a celebration among the teachers, students and presenters involved in the creation of the books.

She hopes to continue her work as an artist in the classroom in the spring.

WHAT’S ON This Week? See Page 25

Salt Spring Island Rotary Club Presents

The Annual Hardware & Casino Party

Saturday, October 27th, 2007

Farmers’ Institute, Rainbow Road

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The “bros.” head to the Falconshead Grill this Friday, Octo-
ber 26, beginning at 6 p.m. They say that old tunes have been sharpened up, the fluff has been ground down and stripped away from new tunes, and the band’s repertoire of songs from the ‘30s through ’70s is more solid than ever.

Diners can expect an informal evening of “acoustic music.” Those familiar with the Fulford Inn sessions will know that “acoustic” means no amplifiers.

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Canadian Pacific Ballet tours coastal B.C. this November and stops for two appearances on Salt Spring.

On November 5 and 6, the ballet will present two evenings of 19th-century Romantic and Classical dance with performances set to the music of Brahms, Bach and Tchaikovsky.

Anthony Edgington, the company’s managing direc-
tor and publicist, said the 19th-century works performed are mostly lost in Canada. The company’s goal is to preserve the works and spread Classical and Romantic ballet to areas that normally don’t have a chance to watch a live performance.

The ballet performed here last year. Edgington said the event was successful and the company hopes Salt Spring will become part of its regular tour.

“We’re excited about coming back,” he said.

Canadian Pacific Ballet was founded by former prima ballerina Roberta Taylor and principal dancer Graham McMonagle. The pair is based in Victoria’s historic Market Square. In the spring of 2007, the company made its debut tour of eight regional cities.

In May of the same year, the ballet produced its first full-length performance at Victoria’s McPherson Play-
house.

The show starts both nights at 7 p.m. at ArtSpring. Tickets are $45 for adults and $37 for students and seniors, and available at ArtSpring. Groups rates are available.

Other stops on the tour include Snoke and Sidney.

For more information, contact ArtSpring at www. artspring.ca or the Canadian Pacific Ballet at www. canadianpacificballet.org.
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5:30 – 7:00pm Yoga with Brett Wearne
7:30 – 9pm Meditation with Heather Martin

TUESDAY
5:15 – 6:45pm Yoga with Gay Meagley
7 – 8:30pm Yoga for Men with Dorothy Price

WEDNESDAY
9 – 10:30am All Levels Yoga with Dorothy Price

THURSDAY
9 – 11am Vijnana Yoga Level 2 with Cathy Valentine
6 – 7:30pm Yoga with Celeste Mallet

FRIDAY
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This weekend offers hands on learning of nutrition, homeopathy and herbal medicine specific to the needs of women’s health with an emphasis on the mind-body connection. Creating a nurturing circle of women, we will connect with our bodies and with others to enhance our experience.
Saturday & Sunday 9 – 11am – Vijnana Yoga Level 2 with Cathy Valentine
9:15 – 10:30am – Yoga with Brett Wearne
5:15 – 6:45pm Yoga with Gay Meagley

November 23 – 25 – Alignment Through Yoga
Teacher: Brett Wearne
This weekend is about developing your understanding of fascial support in the body and deepening your Yoga practice. The incredible Gatehouse Yoga studio is a wonderful space to find that clear and quiet space that exists within you. This weekend will provide plenty of space and time for you to do that.
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Contact Jamie 537-0602

December 7 – 1 January 1 – Week long Vipassana Retreat
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Jane Ellison, of the Western Front in Vancouver, will lead a movement session each day. This period of intensive practice is suitable for both beginning and experienced practitioners will include meditation instructions, guided Loving Kindness practices, Dharma Talks and individual interviews. Registration is not yet open for this event.
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Doctors expand on aesthetics at next CFUW meeting

All are welcome to Saturday event

Dr. Georges Benloulou and Dr. Jan Malherbe will speak on Skin Health, Aesthetics and Aging as guest speakers at the next meeting of Salt Spring’s University Women’s Club (CFUW) on Saturday, October 27. Both doctors are certified family physicians who, upon completing their medical education, relocated to Salt Spring. Benloulou’s career took him from South Africa to the United Kingdom, then Saskatchewan and on to British Columbia. Malherbe worked in South Africa, then New Zealand and Saskatchewan before setting up practice on Salt Spring. Beyond practising family medicine and aesthetics, Malherbe has developed his interests in aesthetics, specifically laser treatments. Benloulou’s special interests are complementary aesthetics techniques such as injectibles and photodynam-ic therapy, in addition to laser treatments. Both physicians consult and treat clients at the Let’s Face It clinic located in Benloulou’s medical office on Crot- ton Road. The Salt Spring chapter of CFUW usually meets at 10 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at Lions Hall (except for the November 17 meeting). Non-members are welcome to attend. A modest donation to the CFUW Charitable Trust would be appreciated.

Ten Thousand Villages event Saturday

Developing world craftspeople benefit

Islanders will be able to visit the world on Saturday, October 27 with Ten Thou-sand Villages festival sale of world crafts. The Outreach Committee of Salt Spring Island United Church will host the Ten Thousand Villages fair trade craft sale, which will feature fine crafts produced by artisans from 35 countries in the developing world. "It is exciting to see the fine craft items from around the world," states a recent press release. "Setting up interesting displays and then watching the excite-

ment and interest of community members at the sale itself adds to the fun." Volunteers and customers will have the opportunity to buy interesting and beauti-

ful items, all while promoting fair trade for people in the developing world. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit project of the Mennonite Central Com-

mittee and works with artis-

sans who would otherwise be unemployed or under-

employed. "Income from the sales of their crafts helps pay for food, education, health care and housing," explains press material. The goal of Ten Thou-

sand Villages fair trade is to improve the livelihood and well-being of disadvantaged artisans, especially women, by providing employment opportunities and market access; strengthen artisan groups by paying a fair price for their products and pro-

viding continuity in the trading relationship; and to protect human rights by promoting social justice, sound environmental prac-

tices and economic security. This year’s sale features items such as folding wood tables, tablecloths and nap-

kins from southern India, recycled sari hats, scarves and handbags from Nepal, pottery, rainsticks and artic- ulating animals from Chile. The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 27 at the Salt Spring United Church.

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Living wills at talk
Lawyer speaks at Community Ed event

This month on Salt Spring, local lawyer James Pasuta will discuss the topic of ‘living wills.’

Pasuta is well known for his community involvement and also for his expertise on a subject that relates not only to the island’s senior population, but also to the general public.

“What are our rights when we cannot speak for ourselves?” asks a recent press release. “Humans tend to procrastinate when dealing with uncomfortable matters. Wills, funeral arrangements and personal care issues are often left until it is too late... accidents happen every day and death touches us all eventually.”

In B.C. in the year 2000, the Representation Act came into effect. The act allowed one to appoint someone else to make financial, legal, health and professional care decisions if one is unable to deal with these matters personally.

A person’s Last Will and Testament deals with matters of property after their death. The term “living will” is used to describe legal directives related to someone’s personal care. In some provinces the term is referred to as a health-care proxy. Provinces vary in the age of proxies and context of living wills and power of attorneys.

“This is a must-attend presentation,” states a press release, “where Pasuta will answer questions and guide participants through this complex process.”

Community Education offers the talk at the Harbour House Hotel on Monday, October 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. The talk will include a light lunch. People can register through www.sscommunity-ed.com or in person at the Driftwood, Salt Spring library, PARC office, Salt Spring Books or the School District 64 board office. Registration can also be done by phone at 537-0037, where messages are checked daily.

Seniors activities
Health and cultural benefits offered through Braehaven-based program

Seniors can access outings and more

A limited number of spaces are available for island seniors in the Community Adult Day Program based from the new Braehaven Assisted Living Residence on Blain Road.

The program is for seniors who live independently but wish to join others in outings, cultural events and other activities. The spaces are non-subsidized with a daily fee of $33.

According to program coordinator Cecilia Pech, the program offers a variety of therapeutic programs and services to assist individuals requiring supportive care due to long-term health-related problems. Activities include gentle exercise, yoga, art, music, cultural events and outings with the focus on improving quality of life, increasing physical activity and reducing isolation.

“The program recognizes individual needs, abilities and desires, while encouraging client participation towards an optimal level of health. A diverse and flexible holistic approach is emphasized by the staff and volunteers,” said Pech.

If the older lives with a caregiver, the program provides some respite hours for those involved in their daily care.

“This is an island opportunity for Salt Spring residents who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the Vancouver Island Health Authority to attend the Community Adult Day Program and determine if it can be of benefit,” said Pech.

Prospective clients can contact Pech at 537-5020, extension 227.

PERSONAL HEALING

On Salt Spring in November

Ger Lyons, a global spiritual teacher, returns to Salt Spring in November to hold two Core Transformational Healing Workshops.

Lyons, a Cork Ireland native, is a powerful healer carrying a vast wealth of knowledge stemming from, as press material states, “a life of passionate exploration of the profound healing gift he was born with.”

This depth of knowledge and wisdom comes from the deep study and relentless research of many spiritual and traditional medicine practices around the world.”

Lyons’ first two workshops held in Canada (on Salt Spring Island) took place in June of this year and were enormously successful. Press material explains that many people have experienced profound healing and life-altering experiences through Lyons’ teachings.

“In a session with Ger, we receive a very powerful transmission of high sacred healing energy. As the energy melts into the body it starts to expose, release and dissolve anything that is not based on love and expansion and growth of consciousness.”

Two introductory sessions take place on Thursday, November 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. and Thursday, November 8 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., in order for people to meet Lyons and experience some of the healing available.

Two more in-depth workshops, ranging from four to six days, will also take place in November.

For more information on dates and times for these workshops and to register, contact Michelle Renick at 538-8410 or e-mail michelle@renick@netzero.com

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ISLAND HISTORY

New book cherishes hospital

Launch event on Sat., Oct. 27

BY MITCHELL SHEHUR

Islanders are invited to reminisce over one of Salt Spring’s greatest treasures with the new release of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Salt Spring Island A History. Written by islanders Charles Kahn and Sue Mouat and published by Salt Spring Press, the 96-page magazine-style publication is stuffed with archived photographs charting progress of the ven-
erated institution from its fundraising origins in 1913 up to the latest developments in 2007.

Kahn and Mouat’s book features numerous recordings about the colourful charac-
ters and delightful incidents that surround the history of the building.

In one example, the book recounts how Dr. A. R. Fraser, who worked at Lady Minto from 1915-16, “would dance the highland fling to relieve tension” when facing some difficult medical operations or fire emergencies.

And by reading the Lady Minto history, islanders might recognize a certain timelessness about Salt Spring happenings — with pioneer neighbours refusing to be moved from their outline right-of-

way, taxpayers’ reluctance to finance improvements in the 1910s and the community groups rising to the challenge by fundraising.

One of note, the Guild of Sunshine, helped find the hospital along with Dr. Lionel Beech and a few other prominent islanders.

In addition to this publica-
tion, Kahn is also the author of Mouat’s: The First Hundred Years, and Forget-
ting Cashoe Creek, Salt Spring Island.

Kahn and Mouat’s new book will be launched on Sat-

day, October 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the extended care unit of Lady Minto Hospital. It’s also available from Kahn (537-1899), Volume II Book-
store, Steffich Fine Art gallery, Salt Spring Books, Subway’s Book Shop, Lady Minto Hos-

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All net proceeds from the sale of the book, which costs $20, benefit the hospital foundation.

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Dragons soar to second place

Players eager to meet division leaders Sunday

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PONY CLUB

Second-place national Pony Club quiz competition winners are, from left, Kaitlin Fraser, Sierra Boudreau, Emma Woodland and Sonja Korkeleinen, with all but Woodland sailing from Salt Spring.

National competition no match for island Pony Club members

Girls place second in Edmonton

A Salt Spring-based Pony Club team placed second out of 16 teams at a national competition in Edmonton on the Thanksgiving weekend. Kaitlin Fraser, Sierra Boudreau, Sonja Korkeleinen and Emma Woodland (from the Cowichan District) represented the B.C. Islands Region at the Pony Club 2007 National Quiz in Edmonton. The girls competed against teams from all over Canada and one team from the U.S.A. The winning team was from Saskatchewan.

“Quizzes are staged to test a Pony Clubber’s theoretical knowledge of horsemanship and of various Pony Club activities,” explains a press release. “The top four scores from each regional quiz competition qualify Pony Club members to participate in the national quiz.

Quizzists of an individual written test and ID tables (for the individual score) as well as game stations that count for the team score. The written test, ID tables and games are based on horse theory and knowledge of every kind.

“The girls would like to say a big thank you to Wendy Charlton, who coached all four girls in preparation for the regional and national quiz. Also, thanks to Thrifty’s and GVM, which support the Pony Club.”

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Before the half-time whistle, Montebello booted the ball to George, who deftly moved it over to Petroski. Kopekiser then powered the ball into the goal to make the score three to nil.

The second half started off with Levitt scoring his second goal with an unassisted runner that took flight near the edge, edging the score to 4-0. Peninsula turned up the heat with a challenging offensive that put two goals in the net in rapid succession. Team M stepped up to meet the challenge, however, and the game ended at 4-2.

The Salt Spring U13 Gelato team came down to earth with a bump in a double header weekend. On Saturday at Juan De Fuca, a sleepy and sluggish start saw Salt Spring going down by half-time. Things improved in the second half as the girls fought for pride and were unlucky to concede twice more with a final score of 5-0.

Prospect Lake was the glamorous destination on Sunday. Salt Spring had learned and Gelato stormed the field. In the first half, Edson Ashford scored the first goal on her new community soccer career with a crisp shot off an unchallenged corner kick in the final minutes of the losing game. Her well-earned tally was the highlight of the match against an extremely fit and well-organized Bays United team at the top of the U18 Silver Division.

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£Limited time financing offer based on new in-stock 2007 Honda models. Finance example based on 2007 Odyssey LX, model 38879, financed at 0.9% APR equals $980.28 per month on approved credit. ‡MSRP is $34,805 (includes $1,505 freight and PDI) financed at 0.9% APR equals $980.28 per month on approved credit. ¥As reported by Car and Driver, March 2007.