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HONOURING THE EXTRAORDINARY: Audrey Wild, 92, who has volunteered with the Salt Spring Public Library for 32 years, holds the Lifetime Achievement Award she received from library board president Judy Nurse, left, and chief librarian Karen Hudson at the library's volunteer appreciation brunch at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club on Sunday. For the full text of Nurse's presentation speech, see www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

MYSTERY

Missing dog Bailey found buried

Family appeals for information about death of pet

BY EMELIE PEACOCK

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After three stressful weeks looking for their white Labrador Bailey, Sarah and James Nicol were informed this past weekend that he had been found in a grave near Juniper Place.

The Nicols' yard is fenced and four-and-a-half-year-old Bailey would sometimes sleep on their porch, which is where the family saw him last on May 15. The following morning when Sarah was planning to take him for a hike, he was gone.

The Nicols think his disappearance must have been sometime between 8:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday, as the Purolator delivery person didn't see Bailey when they stopped by at that hour.

Bailey's disappearance was "very unusual and out of character," James said, as he never strayed further than a 300-foot radius from the property.

The Nicols think Bailey might have been hit by a vehicle somewhere on their road.

Another possibility is that Bailey was shot.

James said he found a small hole in Bailey's upper quarter, where a person would shoot a deer when hunting, yet there was no other noticeable trauma to Bailey's body.

Some people commenting on social media posts about Bailey being found have stated his death may have to do with farming. The Nicols say this is highly unlikely as Bailey hadn't run away before and wasn't interested in chasing livestock, even with sheep living near their home.

While they do not yet know how their dog's life ended, James explained that after his death someone went to a lot of trouble to bury him. Bailey was found on a private property at Juniper Place near Trustees Trail. James walked with an RCMP officer about a quarter of a kilometre in from the road to get where Bailey was buried. The grave was "two and a half, almost three feet deep, by about two and a half feet across," which James estimated would have taken at least 30 minutes to dig, and covered in rocks.

"Even the officer couldn't quite get his head

around it . . . we both couldn't realize how much trouble this person went through to hide this animal."

The Nicols are hoping whoever knows what happened to Bailey will come forward. If he was hit by a driver, Sarah said, "We understand it was a mistake. If they're scared, let us know and there'd be no hurt feelings."

They are also appealing to anyone who uses security cameras on Rainbow Road between Pal- lot Way and Juniper Place and up Juniper to the Trustees Trail trailhead to check footage between the night of Sunday, May 15 and the following morning. If they see something that might be helpful they are asked to call the Salt Spring RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555.

Bailey's death has brought some apprehension and fear, the Nicols said, and has prompted them to get cameras installed in their home and plans to reinforce their gates.

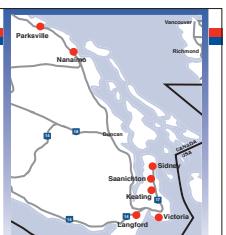
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Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM on Construction of a NEW MAIN FIRE HALL

Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that voting in a referendum on the construction of a new main fire hall will be held during the month of June 2022.

Voting will be exclusively by mail-in ballot. **Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in June 2022. Eligible voters that do not receive a ballot by mail by 15 June 2022 may collect a ballot at the Ganges fire hall, Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.** Any person not on the present list of property owners able to demonstrate they are eligible, may obtain a registration form from the Ganges fire hall, return it to the hall or complete and enclose it along with the mail ballot. Registration forms will be available at the Ganges fire hall.

Ballots must be received by mail or dropped off at the Ganges Fire Hall by 4:00 pm, 30 June 2022.

Those eligible to vote in this referendum will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen eighteen years of age or older.
2. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to this election.
3. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District for at least 30 days prior to 30 June 2022.
4. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The board or corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf. Place the written designation, separate from the ballot, in the stamped return envelope provided with the ballot package mailed/given to eligible voters.
5. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot package in the mail by 15 June 2022 may collect one from the Ganges fire hall, Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as a designated authorized agent of a land-owning corporation and personally, if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Ganges, BC, this 19th day of May 2022

**Anthony A. Kennedy
Returning Officer**

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

CRD and fire board make deal for old hall

Several benefits for fire operations and community cited by both parties

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The agreement to transfer ownership of Fire Hall #1 in Ganges from the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) to the Capital Regional District (CRD) is a win-win for the fire district and the community, according to Rollie Cook.

Announcing the deal in a news release last week, fire board chair Cook said it's a positive step for both the fire department and the community.

"The fire department gets to remain in the building during the construction period, rent free, and the building in the centre of Ganges will still operate as a public asset," he added.

During consultations initiated by SSIFPD, several organizations on Salt Spring recommended the old fire hall be redeployed as a public asset, potentially as a venue for a year-round public market to strengthen food security and enhance tourism opportunities.

Anne Macey, a spokesperson for the Agricultural Alliance on Salt Spring, said, "The members of Salt Spring's farming and food sector support keeping the old fire hall as a community asset and we look forward to discussing the establishment of a year-round market in that central hub."

Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman threw his support behind the idea of a "local, ideally year-round food market."

"CRD will have four years to assess the upgrading required and feasibility of such use for the building," he stated in an email to the Driftwood, including the potential costs. "CRD won't support any uses that are not consistent with the 'make it, bake it, grow it' criteria for the Saturday and Tuesday Farmers' markets, so we are not competing unfairly with commercial outlets in Ganges."

Another potential benefit, if the referendum passes and the CRD takes ownership of the site, is the possibility of securing tenure over the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure property in front of the hall. Holman explained this might look like

a transfer or licence of occupation for the inside parking lot fronting the fire hall, which could have benefits for traffic management and pedestrian and cycling safety.

All of these plans are moot, however, Holman said, if voters don't approve of borrowing to build the new fire hall. Calling it the most important infrastructure priority on the island, he said the referendum "is our best chance for the community to finally replace an unsafe, 60-year-old fire hall that will collapse in an earthquake with a post-disaster building — on donated land and with no tax increase required."

The CRD recently made a \$1-million contribution in federal gas tax funding to the hall project. While gas tax funding can't be used to buy property, Holman explained, it allows for the funding of fire halls.

As part of the ownership transfer agreement, a 30,000-gallon water storage tank for fighting fires in the downtown core will be retained.

"CRD will have four years to assess the upgrading required and feasibility of such use for the building."

**GARY HOLMAN
SSI CRD director**

"It makes good sense operationally and will help reduce insurance rates for both residents and businesses," stated Salt Spring Fire Chief Jamie Holmes.

Holman stressed that the additional benefits of free use of the property for four years and the water storage would not have been possible with a private sale.

Referendum ballots have been mailed out to property owners on Salt Spring, asking whether they approve of the SSIFPD borrowing \$9.7-million to build a new fire hall at 455 Lower Ganges Rd. A major campaign pitch by the fire protection district is that this borrowing will be achieved without increases to property taxes.

"At a guaranteed provincial rate, borrowing costs can be covered without a tax increase," Cook stated, thanks to the accumulation of \$3 million in reserves over the past few years by the fire district, along with the \$1 million CRD gas tax contribution.

Anyone 18 years of age or older, who is a resident of B.C., a Canadian citizen and a property owner on Salt Spring, can vote in the referendum. Ballots are due at the Ganges fire hall by June 30, either by mail or into a box controlled by election officials.

For more details about the project and vote, visit saltspringfire.com.

Bailey: 'Nicest dog you've ever met'

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Their dog has now been reburied, James said, which brought some relief to "at least have him home again." Sarah said she's grateful for community members who helped look for Bailey, who she described as a very friendly and goofy dog.

"The nicest dog you've ever met," James added, recalling all of the random islanders who knew him and wanted to spend time with him.



PHOTO COURTESY SARAH NICOL
The Nicol family's dog Bailey.

Bailey would always have a piece of firewood

from the pile at their home in his mouth, which he'd transport to friends' homes.

"He liked holding something in his mouth when he greeted you," James said. "And just gave the biggest, biggest hugs," Sarah added. "Not a mean bone in his body."

The days before Bailey's disappearance were spent with dog friends, hiking up Mount Erskine and swimming at the beach.

"He had a good last weekend," Sarah said.



PHOTO COURTESY SSI RCMP

TRIBUTE: From left, Salt Spring RCMP members Cpl. Matt Crist, Cst. Felix Charette-Thibault, Sgt. Clive Seabrook and Cst. Ted Turgeon stand beside a dogwood tree they planted in honour of Jose Gaspar, who passed away in February. Gaspar was a longtime supporter of the RCMP and the local detachment, whose grandson is also a member of the RCMP's major crimes section. The tree is the same species as the four trees Gaspar arranged to have planted at the Salt Spring detachment to honour four RCMP members killed by a gunman in Mayerthorpe, Alta. in 2005. In other police news, the detachment released its first-quarter report for 2022 last week. It can be viewed at gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

CONSERVATION

Rainforest campaign gets boost

Less than \$80,000 needed to secure valued lands

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The funds required to protect a 15-acre swathe of rainforest on Salt Spring are coming together swiftly, and the campaign was recently given a \$20,000 boost by a new conservation award.

Jean Wilkinson is a neighbour of the 15.5-acre site, dubbed the Creek-side Rainforest, that came up for sale late last fall. Concerned it would be developed or logged, she and Julia Grace began gathering pledges from neighbours to purchase the site for the purpose of protecting it. She estimated over \$400,000 came in the form of pledges from neighbours and friends in this initial push.

Wilkinson met with Susan Bloom prior to the philanthropist's passing on Dec. 6, 2021, after Bloom offered to contribute \$200,000 to the initiative. Half of that amount was in the form of matching dollars.

"When I got the email from Susan Bloom, offering \$200,000, I just about fell off my chair," Wilkinson said. "We had a lovely meeting with her, this is just a couple of weeks before she passed. And the really nice thing is that she has done so much philanthropy in conservation and other areas, but generally anonymously, but because it was her neighbourhood she was willing to have her name attached to it."

To ensure ongoing maintenance and stewardship of the land, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC) took the lead on the project with The Land Conservancy of BC as a fundraising partner. Funds will "purchase the land and establish a land management endowment fund so that the land can be protected in perpetuity, which is really important, and associated costs," said SSIC executive director Penny Barnes.

The initiative was recently one of 13 efforts awarded the first BC Conservation and Biodiversity Award that brought with it \$20,000.

The 15.5 acres of lowland coastal temperate rainforest to be protected is downstream of and adjoins the 19.5-acre Jarrod's Grove Nature Reserve, created in 2008. The two protected areas will together form 35 acres along the lower reaches of Cusheon Creek.

Wilkinson said she felt especially

lucky to have "a beach and a rainforest, right nearby . . . It's a really important refuge for species that need it damper and cooler," she explained, and one that will become all the more important with future climate change.

The area is also culturally significant, Wilkinson explained. There are numerous culturally modified trees (CMTs), trees altered by Indigenous peoples as part of traditional use. There are also deep middens that indicate the use of the Cusheon Creek estuary and Beddis Beach area as village sites by Coast Salish peoples.

"I'm hoping that we'll be able to do some collaboration with the local First Nations and find out a little more about the site," Wilkinson said.

The area currently has an out and back

trail and Wilkinson said the aim is to have a loop trail through the lands.

Less than \$80,000 in donations are now required to complete the land purchase.

Applications are open for the 2023 BC Conservation and Biodiversity Awards, with conservation-based charities and non-profit organizations across the province eligible to apply. The awards were set up to address the imbalance of charitable donations, which are "heavily skewed to the humanities relative to the environment" with less than five per cent of these donations in Canada going to environmental causes.

The BC Conservation and Biodiversity Awards, a donor-advised fund at Canada Gives, was founded by the Dennis Perry and Russ Crmolik families.

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Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing
Friday, June 24, 2022
at 11:00 a.m.

North Pender Island Community Hall
4418 Bedwell Harbour Road
North Pender Island, BC

Who should attend?
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaw.

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**Proposed Bylaw No. 123
Minor Official Community Plan Amendments**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION
MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Proposed Bylaw No. 123 about?
Proposed Bylaw No. 123 will amend the South Pender Official Community Plan (OCP) to include a First Nation introductory/acknowledgement statement and building design and siting guidelines. The building design and siting guidelines are intended to be used, where feasible, when the South Pender Island Local Trust Committee considers Development Variance Permit applications to vary the maximum floor area of residential buildings.

How do I get more information?
A copy of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the [South Pender Current Project webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after June 7, 2022.

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

Submissions
Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to vicphsub@islandtrust.bc.ca, mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.



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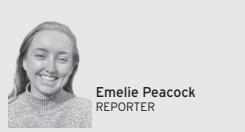
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EDITORIAL

Making a plan

And now for a bit of good news . . .

From the outside looking in, the recently completed process to create a 20-year master plan for the Rainbow Recreation Centre property appeared to be a pleasant walk in the park. That's not to say it was easy — lots of work clearly went into the project — but it was an example of a well-planned and executed public process that other organizations can learn from.

Since the Capital Regional District and Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) field all kinds of requests for new or improved recreational amenities, where to put what is an obvious question that needed answering through creation of a master plan. It was also a top priority in PARC's 2019 strategic plan. The 7.82-acre property at 262 Rainbow Rd. where the indoor pool is located was always envisioned as a place for more activities to take place.

Public interest and participation in the process was high. Some 900 people provided input on an initial survey and 763 gave feedback on three specific design concepts.

Thankfully there were no immediate urgent issues surrounding the Rainbow Road property to trigger emotions and derail the process. Some Salt Spring Tennis Association members did express deep displeasure with the proposal to put tennis courts at Rainbow Road rather than Portlock Park, where they have been for decades. Their concern is understandable, but the CRD and PARC have determined through years of effort that acquiring land for more baseball or soccer fields is seemingly impossible. Using land already owned by the CRD at Portlock Park seems to be the only option for expanding those basic recreational amenities. The tennis courts would need to be replaced at some point. Building new ones on the Rainbow Road acreage and repurposing the space at Portlock Park makes more sense. Giving pickleball players separate courts as the master plan proposes is also a no-brainer.

While largely staff driven and executed with help of paid contractors, the volunteer PARC commissioners' professional experience and connection to several different recreation-related areas was also invaluable. It underscores the need to ensure that kind of community heart and knowledge is not lost if a local community commission is adopted as a form of governance on Salt Spring.

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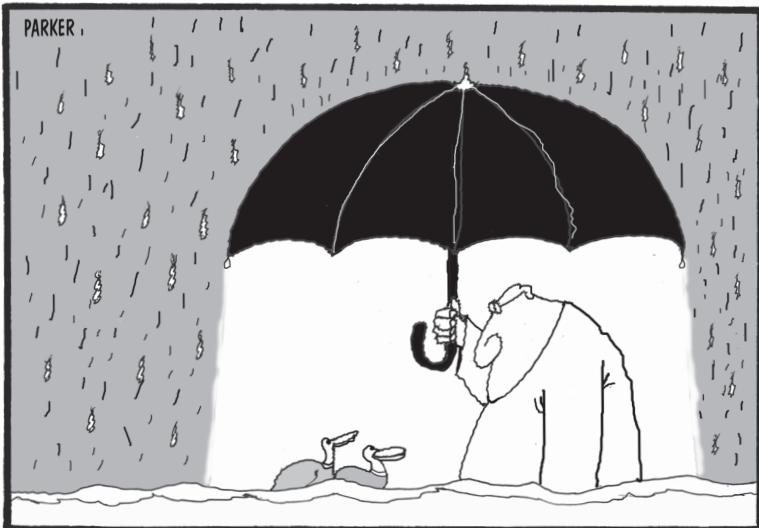
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Several hall options wanted

BY BRIAN SWANSON

I am skeptical about supporting the new \$13.7-million fire hall project. I feel we are being treated like sheep and are being forced down one particular path.

I don't like the process. I don't think it is the Salt Spring way to hire a PR firm (paid for by our tax dollars) to tout the building of any project. The project should speak for itself and I am skeptical when a project hires a PR firm to tout its justification.

Also I don't like how we have been over-taxed \$0.6 million per year, resulting in a \$3-million "slush fund." Despite the "no increase in taxes" spin, we are deciding how to spend \$0.6 million per year of our precious tax dollars for the next 15 years or more. The only option being presented is a new fire hall. This will be the most costly public structure on the island. Will this new fire hall make our island more fire-safe? Is this proposal addressing the most pressing need here in our island community?

I don't think a \$13.7-million fire hall will improve fire service or fix any of the limitations of our fire protection. Expensive fire truck housing will not add to our fire safety.

Since insufficient water is one limitation, perhaps investing in creating lake and salt-water access points around the island with pumps and tankers capable of utilizing both fresh and salt-water for fighting structure or forest fires is more important than a new building

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two times more expensive than the last proposal. I'm particularly concerned about

the potential for a large forest fire. Given our limited ferry capacity, we may not all easily escape the island if such a catastrophe were to occur.

Another important consideration is decreasing response time. Will spending \$13.7 million to relocate fire trucks

to the new site reduce the response time if your house was on fire? The fire department should have a general idea of the response time for every structure on Salt Spring. What is the time between notification of a fire and the fire department spraying 1,000 gallons of water onto your structure? Response time is critically important since

a 1,000-gallon fire can increase to a 10,000-gallon fire remarkably fast.

We already have two fire halls on the island in addition to the Ganges fire hall. Perhaps adding additional garage space to these two locations can be both less costly and shorten response times to many houses on the island.

We should be able to consider several potential options rather than being forced down one particular path. If we're going to spend \$13.7 million on the fire department then I'm not convinced we can't build a much less expensive garage for the fire trucks, also reduce response times and, in addition, fund some infrastructure to better deal with structure and forest fires.

THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Are you voting in favour of a new fire hall?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have you completely abandoned public mask wearing?



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

ISLAND VOICES

LETTERS to the editor

Agree with Paul

A huge thank you to Paul McElroy for expressing so eloquently in his June 1 column the horror and disgust I feel at U.S. Republicans, especially Ted Cruz, for whom unfettered gun ownership and use matters more than the lives of 19 elementary school children and two of their teachers, in Uvalde, Texas.

The U.S. is no longer a democracy worth the name.

JANE HORSBURGH,
SALT SPRING

Questions answered

This is a response to questions asked by Norah Lloyd in her June 1 letter.

First, in terms of restoring the old fire truck, that is a wonderful idea. Prior to Covid shutting down most public events, the fire department took the truck out for special occasions like parades. While it takes up a small amount of space, it is part of our heritage, and we plan to retain it and use it again soon for ceremonial purposes.

With respect to using our reserve funds for upgrading the existing fire hall, that is just not

a wise use of limited resources. The building, constructed in 1959, has many deficiencies and is simply not big enough for a modern fire department. If we put those reserve funds into renovating, we would be patching things up for something that is already well past its best-before date, as outlined in an independent third-party report (FireWise) that is available to read on our website.

Money is being spent on proven equipment and modern training methods to ensure that the latest techniques of firefighting are employed. Those expenses are covered in our operational budget and need not be taken from the capital funds set aside to build a new fire hall. With respect to extinguishing methods, we are also examining the feasibility of using seawater pumps for any major fires downtown.

With respect to accounting for rising costs, yes, those have been considered. We have built in escalation costs of eight per cent next year and five per cent for each of the two years after, plus a 20 per cent contingency on top of that. Those cost estimates have been reviewed by independent contractors in a market sounding and found to be accurate.

Your last question, about whether the new hospital emergency room expansion could

serve as a "viable emergency centre" instead of a new fire hall, the answer is no. The new emergency department is being established to deal with injuries, not to stage an emergency response that could include rescue operations and fire apparatus. While we work closely with medical emergency personnel, we each need very different structures and equipment to keep Salt Spring Islanders safe.

ROLLIE COOK,
CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Renters should be included in vote

It doesn't seem quite fair that people who live here but don't own land are not allowed to vote on issues like the new fire hall.

Many people own land on Salt Spring, but don't actually live here. We are like their "guest room" where they retreat when the big city gets to be too much. Sure they pay taxes, but we renters also pay our share of land tax through our rent. And absentee land owners don't participate in island issues like we do. We are often the volunteers running the operations of emergency planning and neighbourhood PODS, search and rescue,

emergency social services, and we also support the fire department in every other way we can.

Just because we've decided not to burden ourselves with the worries of private land ownership, should we be left out? No one can afford property here anymore anyway, so renting is often all we can do. We help our landlords pay their taxes, we work to the betterment of the island; why can we not voice our opinion on this issue?

We know how important a new fire hall is; we live here, we watch and hear the emergency trucks fly by late at night and we all know the state of the current fire hall. We need a new one.

We pay our way, and then some, but we don't get to vote. How crazy is that?

NEVA HOHN,
SALT SPRING

Editor's note: Renters are not allowed to vote in the fire hall referendum according to provincial government legislation governing "improvement districts." The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District is an improvement district (as is the North Salt Spring Waterworks District).

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"The really nice thing is that [Susan Bloom] has done so much philanthropy in conservation and other areas, but generally anonymously, but because it was her neighbourhood she was willing to have her name attached to it."

JEAN WILKINSON, FOR CREEKSIDER RAINFOREST PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN

Climate change must be considered with new fire hall proposal

BY BRYAN YOUNG AND

TRANSITION SALT SPRING BOARD

By the time summer finally gets underway on Salt Spring — if it comes at all — the votes will have been tallied for the fire hall referendum happening at the end of June.

Let's hope residents choose the right option for our challenging times.

Transition Salt Spring (TSS), the authors of the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan, is staking out a public position in favour of a new fire hall for three main reasons.

Reason #1: Flooding by 2050. Our fire service requires an earthquake-resistant building out of the path of rising sea levels and storm surges. The current widely accepted science adopted by the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the City of Vancouver has sea levels rising 50 cm by 2050 and 1 metre by 2100.

But an updated scenario supported by Environment and Climate Change Canada shows sea level rises of over 1.25 metres by 2100. This frightening scenario incorporates new forecasts illustrating the increasing risks of Antarctic ice sheet collapse. Essentially, CRD forecasts for sea-level rise were based on provincial direction that's now over 10 years old. That means they're built on the same sinking ground as the old fire hall

with expensive and heart-breaking consequences for us all. Ask the folks at Mouat's Home Hardware about flooding on the lower level. King tides have seen water seep into the lower parts of buildings in our village. Climate change is already here.

Reason #2: Unstable fill. There's a one in three chance of a devastating earthquake in our region within the next 50 years. Should this occur, the current fire hall would likely be destroyed and emergency services would be crippled when we need them most. Remember that the fire hall — like Grace Point Square, the post office, and many other buildings in the village core — are built on rubble over what was once a muddy estuary. The current fire hall was built to decades-old building codes and is experiencing ongoing "subsidence," which in technical terms means that it's sinking.

Reason #3: Climate change is delivering more frequent and complex emergencies. To address the escalating risks of emergencies precipitated by the increasing impacts of climate change right here on Salt Spring, we need a fire hall we can count on. As noted above, the current building is not up to the task. And we're not just talking about fire. We're talking about the kinds of complicated emergencies that require strong disaster man-

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agement and the seamless coordination of an array of emergency services.

We need to get serious about climate change on Salt Spring Island

The new fire hall is just one of many projects we need to implement in order to address the climate crisis. The CRD declared a "climate emergency" in 2019, but you certainly wouldn't know it. Sadly, the CRD is not unique. They, like most governments or corporate structures the world over, were built for stability, not crisis. This is why to date government agencies have largely failed their citizens in doing enough when it comes to tackling climate change.

It's time to let our leaders know that emergencies mean that urgent action is needed now. This is an important message as we prepare for local elections across B.C. in October when candidates have a chance to prove to the electorate that they're willing to make bold decisions to address this crisis. The price of climate inaction in dollars and lives will simply continue to go up if we do not act.

For example, local advocates of Salt Spring's Emergency Servic-

es program and its neighbourhood POD system need more love from the CRD. This program, along with FireSmart, needs more robust support to better help islanders learn how to protect themselves, our community and our ecosystems in the coming decades.

As TSS is discovering in its work in the Lake Maxwell watershed, our forests are sitting ducks for climate change-related impacts like fire, flooding, drought, wind storms and increasing threats to potable water quality. This is why TSS will soon be meeting with North Salt Spring Waterworks, CRD, Salt Spring Fire Rescue and Islands Trust officials to brief them on our preliminary findings and urge them to take coordinated action across our island to better protect our forests and freshwater sources.

The climate crisis will mean new challenges we simply haven't seen before. You don't have to look far to see that this is already happening. Just last year, two new phrases entered our conversations: "heat dome" and "atmospheric river." That's on top of phrases like "supply chain challenges," which will be an ever-present threat for our island community as these crises overlap and impacts multiply.

Which brings us to food security, and represents another reason for supporting the new fire hall. The site of the old fire hall can still be

a resource for our community for a couple of decades. For example, it could make a great space for a year-round market to support island farmers and increase the amount of island-grown food we currently consume, which now stands at a very low four per cent.

The impacts of climate change are already testing our community in a number of ways. Another new phrase, "climate grief," is a symptom of how these disturbing new realities are affecting many people, including our younger generations who will be left to clean up the mistakes we are making now. And while these crises are stressing us out, they're also focusing our attention on how we can actually do things better and smarter, for ourselves and for our planet.

Transition Salt Spring encourages islanders to take steps towards climate change resilience by voting in favour of the new fire hall in June.

Transition Salt Spring describes itself as "a registered charity whose sole objective is to work with islanders, local organizations and government to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 50 per cent by 2050 and increase the resiliency of our community and the ecosystems on which we depend in the face of climate change's accelerating impacts."

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Optimizing the shopping experience

Alli Gaines is the interim store manager at Transitions Thrift Shop.

"I studied textiles at university and am very interested in fashion and antiques," says Alli. "I have also shopped at Transitions my whole life, so when the position came up it felt like a really great fit."

Transitions provides a wide variety of second-hand clothing and home goods, as well as unique vintage and antique items.

Alli feels Transitions is a great place to shop.

"We work really hard to curate the goods we receive, keep them well organized and create engaging displays. We hope this creates an interesting and easy shopping experience for our customers."

She thanks Salt Spring Islanders for their contributions to the Transitions vision.



Alli Gaines

All of the proceeds from the Transitions Thrift Store are used to support IWAV's anti-violence programs.

"I am so grateful to our wonderful community. Without their generous donations and continued support at the store, we couldn't do what we do!"

Alli uses lists to boost her productivity at work.

"Then I cycle through the tasks from something I enjoy to something I might not like as much. This creates balance and keeps me focused."

In her spare time Alli works on printmaking and weaving projects. She also likes to garden and take care of her rabbits and ducks.

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Creating timeless images

Karena Holtz is an experienced and award-winning photographer and fine artist who captures the natural joy, aliveness, and beauty of the present moment on both film and canvas. With a passion for the wild outdoors, Karena specializes in intimate outdoor weddings, headshots and branding photography. By creating a playful and relaxed space, she invites her clients to access their authentic selves. From this space, her clients begin to touch that wild, free, natural place within themselves.

Drawing on her years working as an educator and facilitator, Karena empowers her clients to feel beautiful and confident in their skin. She is passionate about her craft and loves connecting with new and returning clients. She believes everyone deserves to look at their photos and say, "That feels like me" and "I am beautiful."

Karena paints from her Pender Island studio surrounded by woods and sea. She is inspired by the wilds of the Southern Gulf Islands and incorporates the female form into her imagery. Her acrylic paintings celebrate both a



Karena Holtz

woman's true nature and the beauty of our natural world.

As an artist, Karena has experienced the transition to the digital age and remembers shooting photos of families, children and brides on Salt Spring Island and participating in the Fall Fair with her daughters. Her craft has evolved with the shift in technology; she continues to hone her visual expressions as both a digital photographer and acrylic artist.

Karena has called the Southern Gulf Islands home for the past 30 years. She continues to enjoy the wilderness of this region through hiking, cycling and capturing images.

Karena considers it an honour and a joy to capture the essence of an individual or couple and create timeless images that highlight their natural elegant, bold, wild spirit.



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Fresco was created with the goal of providing islanders with professional service and quality HVAC installation. For nine years the company has been providing Salt Spring Island with heating, cooling and ventilation service work and installations.

Myriam is an entrepreneur at heart, but she says she never would have imagined finding herself running an HVAC business. However, since her husband Graham Outerbridge took a leap of faith to start his own business nine years ago, Myriam's involvement with Fresco has grown substantially. She now manages all areas of the administrative side of the business.

When not in the Fresco office, Myriam can be found creating content and occasionally baking cookies for her other business — Salt Spring Cookie Co. — which she co-owns with her friend Gemma McEachern.

"Any other spare second of free time is spent enjoying island life with my two daughters and husband."

Myriam's go-to productivity trick is to set a timer for a specific task. "I find that I almost always beat the timer this way



Myriam Outerbridge

and get through my workload faster," she says.

She encourages other women to follow their passions in creating a business.

"If you have a dream and a passion for something, take a chance on it. You'll never really know if it will be successful unless you try it."

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Serving the community



From left in front, Nancy Johnson, Russ Crouse (driver), Johanna Walkner. From left in back, Sophia vom Bauer Jackson, Sky Marcano, Gail Sjuberg, Lorraine Sullivan.

The Driftwood's 2022 group is a mostly female team with decades of experience in media and other industries.

Publisher Nancy Johnson has worked in the industry for 27 years in seven provinces as a publisher of both individual and regional newspaper groups.

Other long-time Driftwood employees are production manager/art director Lorraine Sullivan and editor Gail Sjuberg, plus dynamo ad sales rep Sky Marcano and award-winning reporter Emelie Peacock, who both joined the company last summer/fall, and new office manager Sophia vom Bauer Jackson, who was the store manager of Black Sheep Books for 15 years. She replaced Johanna Walkner, who retired after 10 years at the Driftwood.

still provides valuable back-up.

They love being in a business where they get to work with and serve readers, advertisers and the community at large.

"At the Driftwood we work hard not only to create effective print and online products but also to provide exceptional service to our community," says Nancy.

At the BC and Yukon Community News Media Association's Ma Murray Awards on May 14, the Driftwood received the gold award for newspaper excellence in its circulation category, and a bronze award for Community Service for the Let's Pick It Up, Salt Spring campaign. It was the second year in a row for a first-place Driftwood win among a competitive group of papers.

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Choices store owner Yolande Léger calls Choices "the little boutique around the corner."

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"I didn't set out to have a clothing store but it happened," she says. "I started working with special needs adults in 1984, then worked at Choices in 1995 both in the store and day program."

Yolande learned all about the clothing business and has owned the store since 2015.

"I enjoy the various aspects of running a store: shopping, displays, and interacting with customers. I'm a social person and love to find that perfect something for each customer."

Yolande says running a business takes hard work and it's always good to have a team, which she is lucky to have in Sam Barlow and Keely Roscoe, her "right and left hand." Both Sam and Keely love the



Yolande Léger, Sam Barlow, Keely Roscoe

store, the customers and shopping for things people will love. They both have years of experience working with special needs adults and assist the participants in customer service.

What makes the store unique is not just the clothing they sell but the fact Choices is also a day program for special needs adults.

"The store was opened to provide them employment opportunities," explains Yolande. "They are employed in the store using the skills they have developed. They too love interacting with customers."

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SWEET APPRECIATION: Windsor Plywood assistant manager Jess Harkema gets set to cut the cake for customer appreciation day on June 1, marking one year since Windsor's main store was destroyed by a fire. Hot dogs by donation to the Salt Spring Toy Run, Makita tool demos and customer deals were part of the day to thank the community for its support in the past year.

Letter to late mom decries market plan

Editor's note: Kevin Bell has submitted this letter to the editor in the form of a letter to his late mother.

Dear Mom,

Obviously, I have been using your death 22 years ago as a bit of an excuse to slow down on our usual correspondence. That said, I hope to be a more dutiful son going forward.

I do think about you periodically and when I do I imagine that you are in a nice place where “good times” is the order of the day. I think my religious friends would characterize this as “heaven” and from what I am lead to believe there are worse places to be.

Speaking of which, you'll be interested in some of the remarkable things taking place here on Salt Spring. There is usually some initiative underway here that causes me a degree of anguish. (I know this will concern you because in the past I was the most easygoing and agreeable of your nine children.)

By way of example — the CRD (if you are in heaven you will likely be unfamiliar with this organization) — is intent on buying a surplus fire hall in the village and converting it into a public market. It will be a venue for the sale of fruits, vegetables and other produce. This might be defensible if there were no other fruit, vegetable and farm produce facilities available to the 12,000 souls who call this home, but from my observation we have four stores in our midst, with in excess of 40,000 square feet of space dedicated to the provision of these very items.

The fact that the taxpayers will now be buying a building for a dollar and renovating it to the tune of several million dollars and then subsidizing the rents of some private sector businesses seems slightly absurd! In the envisioned new public market, the carrots and potatoes will be subsidized by the taxpayer while 200 feet away the same or similar carrots and potatoes will be expected to compete sans subsidy.

With gas prices over \$2 per litre, interest rates on a relentless move higher, global supply chain issues and the cancellation of the odd ferry schedule it appears that our CRD director thinks the taxpayers of Salt Spring can withstand even more bleeding, however unnecessary. Sadly, because of our dysfunctional governance model where one person makes these decisions, there is very little we can do about it — except keep paying for the extravagances. (I know what you're thinking but I will leave that comment unsaid.)

Say hello to Dad for me.

Your loving son,
Kevin



ISLAND LIFE



PHOTO BY RON WATTS

GOLD FOR LITTLE RAINBOWS: Enjoying the benefits of giving and receiving following the June 1 meeting of the 100 Men Who Care Salt Spring chapter are, from left, Gulf Islands Early Learning Society (GIELS) reps Andrea Hollingsworth and Janet Hoag, and Rod Martens, Scott Howe, Iain Pennington, Chris Levan and John Howe from the 100 Men group, Janice Shields from GIELS, and Kirk Laidlaw from 100 Men. Group members voted to give the \$10,000 collected at their meeting to the new Little Rainbows daycare centre at the Rainbow Recreation Centre site. The 100 Men Who Care group functions by having each member donate \$100 per meeting, where three charitable organizations make a pitch for the funds, and then voting for one of the charities. For more information, visit www.100mensaltspring.org.

TRIBUTES

Greenwoods to benefit from Jones memorial

Valdy and Bill Henderson recall long-time friend

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People can honour a Salt Spring resident who died in April, enjoy some great music and donate to a worthy cause all at the same time this Sunday, June 12 at Meaden Hall in the Legion building from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

That's when a memorial for Cliff Jones is being held, with donations collected for Greenwoods complex care facility, where Jones' wife Shelley Nitikman lives.

Salt Spring-based musicians Valdy and Bill Henderson will both be performing there, as they had known Jones going back decades through music industry connections.

Jones was manager/road manager for both Valdy and the Hometown Band, and tour manager for Henderson's Chilliwack band. (He also managed The Payolas, Idle Eyes, Diamond in the Rough and Boulevard, and was an executive with Haida Records, among other careers.)

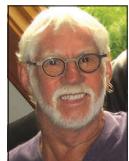
Jones and Nitikman moved to Salt Spring in 2008 after Nitikman's retirement as a B.C. Supreme Court master.

Valdy said Jones was exceptionally caring and committed in both his personal and professional activities.

"As the manager he was on it all the time. He worked hard. He had the same commitment he had as a good husband . . . he attended to business very avidly . . . because he liked what he was doing and he was good at it."

Among pieces Valdy will sing is a dementia-themed love song he wrote to words of a poem Vancouver Island musician Bob Ruzicka penned for his own partner.

Henderson remembers Jones as a bit of a "wild guy" who could make things even



CLIFF JONES

more interesting than they already were for his band, from standing out by donning an orange paratrooper-style jumpsuit and traditional geta footwear while they were at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan to having an original response to Chilliwack musicians being "unplugged" by roadies for headliner Eric Burdon and War, who must have felt Chilliwack's time was up.

Instead of the band just quitting and shuffling off the stage, they were inspired to keep playing when Jones brought a couple of metal garbage cans from their dressing room onto the stage.

"Claire [Lawrence] and I each got down on our knees and pulled the microphones down, had some drumsticks and started playing these garbage cans . . . And then we started doing things like leaning into the mic and going, 'they pulled our plugs, they pulled our plugs,' and 'boom bam bam crash.' The audience went absolutely ape. They just loved it. So Clifford was a part of all of that; that energy and that kind of attitude."

"He had mellowed considerably by the time he got here to Salt Spring," said Valdy.

More Jones stories will be shared on June 12. People are asked to RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/cliffjones>. Donations can also be made via www.greenwoodseldercare.org.

Greenwoods executive director Aletha Humphreys said that her entire team "is very appreciative and touched that Cliff's family has chosen his celebration of life to also be a fundraiser for Greenwoods. Cliff was so much a part of the Greenwoods family. Through his loving commitment and support of Shelley he also inspired us in our care. We learnt a lot from Cliff and he is missed."

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Who should attend?
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Proposed Bylaw No. 122
Land Use Bylaw Amendments

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

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What is Proposed Bylaw No. 122 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 122 will amend the South Pender Land Use Bylaw to include new agricultural regulations to align with the Agricultural Land Commission, reduce maximum floor areas for dwellings in the rural residential zones, reduce setbacks for dwellings and cottages in the rural residential zones, increase the setback from the natural boundary of the sea, include clauses for those buildings or structures that maybe be deemed legal non-conforming due to the new regulations, and other minor amendments.

How do I get more information?

A copy of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the [South Pender Current Project webpage](http://SouthPenderCurrentProject) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after June 7, 2022.

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

Submissions

Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to vpchsub@islandstrust.bc.ca, mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

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Marjorie May Nash
1921-2022

Marjorie Nash (nee Court) passed peacefully in her sleep on Thursday May 19, 2022. She was born in Portland, Oregon on October 18, 1921 and moved to Hamilton in 1922 where she attended a one room brick school. During WW2 she served in a munitions factory working 12 hour shifts. Her entire family attended St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and then Chalmers Presbyterian Church where she was married to Nathan Nash in 1949.

That is when her life as a farmer's wife began on the Nash Farm in Stoney Creek.

Their 4 children, Willard (Rose), Malcolm, Charles (Lynda) and Linda (Jim Gagnon) were the 6th generation to be raised on that same United Empire Loyalist farm.

Raising 4 kids and keeping up a house and helping on the farm kept her very busy but not too busy to serve countless volunteer hours.

Marjorie was a Commissioner for the local Girl Guides for 23 years, school PTA member for 10 years(two as president), United Church Women for 35 years, Boy Scouts Den Mother for 15 years and part of the Empire (Farmer) Institute for 30 years when she received a lifetime member pin from the Stoney Creek chapter.

Competitive square dancing was something Marjorie and Nathan both enjoyed and they travelled the world for competitions and just for fun. They even danced on the Great Wall of China!

In 1975 they sold the bulk of the family farm and in 1985 they made the big move West to Salt Spring Island. There they moved in to a house they had designed by their son Charles and built to lockup by a well known local family. Nathan worked on the finishing details of the build while Marjorie busied herself with decorating and creating a flower garden.

Not one to sit idle, Marjorie became very active in their new community and volunteered thousands of hours for several Island organizations. She was part of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary and helped out in the Thrift store. She joined the SSI Women's Institute and, among other activities, was one of the well known and respected Pie Ladies, making hundreds of fresh pies for the Salt Spring Fall Fair every year. She served tea and cookies to the (usually much younger) residents at Braehaven every week.

She and Nathan stayed active together enjoying travelling and continued to square dance at the Fritz Hall as members of the local Salty Wheels Dancers. As a Legion member she also enjoyed the regular Friday night dinners at Meadon Hall and would sit from table to table chatting with her many friends and colleagues.

Marjorie also enjoyed collecting tea spoons and tea cups from around the world on their many adventures and, in quieter moments, enjoyed cross stitch and patty point.

She loved animals and regularly donated to several animal rescue and protection groups. Her Border Collie, Skippy, was a constant source of joy and a great companion to her. She also became rather fond of Charles & Lynda's cats as well as their Newfoundland dog, Sumo.

With the rare exception of the coldest of winter days, Marjorie would always dress in a skirt and blouse and heels whether she was out for dinner or puttingter in her garden.

Marjorie was predeceased by her son Malcolm in 1975 and Nathan in 2002.

She eventually started slowing down and hung up her square dancing crinolines when she was 94 but continued assisting with lighter tasks for the Thrift store and Women's Institute for several more years. Dinners at the legion continued as a Friday night staple and Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy were evening favourites as well as any animal documentary she could find.

Charles and Lynda moved in with her in 2011 to assist with maintaining the house and caring for Marjorie as her health gradually deteriorated.

In 2019 she returned to Ontario and lived her remaining years with Willard and Rose in Severn Bridge.

She leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. There will be a family celebration of life in Ontario later this year.

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Doreen Minshall



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Doreen Minshall

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Time: Saturday, June 11, 2022,
2:00pm - 4:00pm.

The time has come to celebrate the incredible, mystical life of Doreen Grace Minshall. The celebration will be held at The Salt Spring Legion, Branch # 92, 120 Blain Rd. Salt Spring Island, under the Big Top Tent on Saturday, June 11th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

Those that knew and loved Doreen, also known fondly as Doreen on Salt Spring Island are invited to attend the celebration as we bid her farewell and share memories of the unique and magical spirit she was. If you are unable to attend but would like to share any memories, please email Doreen's daughter, Suzanne, at proactivesuz@gmail.com if you have a special photo or a song that reminds you of your time with Doreen, please email Suzanne by May 26th at proactivesuz@gmail.com. If you have any questions or would like a local contact, please reach out to Jean Elwell at jeanelwell.ca@gmail.com. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. To help us with an estimate of those attending, please RSVP via email to Suzanne (Doreen's daughter) at proactivesuz@gmail.com. As we will be outdoors, masks will not be required. However, please care for your own safety and level of comfort and respect the wishes of those around you.

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Information

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Coming Events

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, June 16, 7:00 pm

SSI Conservancy members, please note that the AGM will be online with access via computer (Zoom) or telephone. Please RSVP to debra@saltspingsconservancy.ca no later than June 15 with your choice of access (Zoom or telephone).

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Your need to know will prove stronger this week than it has for a while. Initially, the focus will be upon where and how to secure investments, and perhaps cultivate your garden. Mars in your sign remains among the bigger themes and as it conjuncts Chiron you will strongly assert your sense of authenticity.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

You are a natural born multi-tasker and this is likely very evident now. This trend will continue so this is your opportunity to get a lot done over the next while. Venus conjunct Uranus in your sign is bound to manifest as assertive expressions of your values and priorities and you will want to be clearly heard.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

The impulse to new modes of self-expression is strong already and will get stronger yet. While these have been in a gestation phase since Mercury re-entered Taurus while retrograde late last month, when it re-enters your sign this week you should notice that you are ready to share your opinions, plans and ideas.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

What and what you feel committed to is an important background theme for you. In the foreground, many new innovations, ideas and goals are on your mind. Your sights are set on the future and include stimulating new relationships. Meanwhile, changes in your public and professional life look promising.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

If you have been wanting to be seen and heard, both publicly and professionally, this is your cue. Success now depends on your ability to get disciplined and organized and to assert your sense of self-worth. Pushing for promotions and earned rewards is featured.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The focus has been to secure foundations close to home. While this trend will continue, it will also shift to include focusing on other new projects that have been waiting their turn. A spirit of inventiveness will steadily emerge to the degree that you are committed and focused on originality and excellence.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

A deep search after a possible period of feeling a little lost will shift into a new quality of clarity this week. Yet, in the place of this crystal vision may emerge the murky waters of unfulfilled desires. If this manifests as sadness, use it to propel your resolve to reach for new levels of fulfillment.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Discrepancy is an important faculty to cultivate and one which is extra important for you now. It is the inner teacher of assessing wants, needs, values and priorities with both the short and the longer term in mind. Lest you lapse into foolishness and regret, accept this challenge to think and act wisely.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

A period of critical analysis continues this week yet will also enter a period of increasing clarity. The quality and importance of significant relationships is featured. Knowing how you and others want and need to be engaged is part of the plot. Avoid simplistic conclusions and summon the courage to think and act wisely.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A period of contemplation, analysis and number crunching is likely now. Even more than usual, questions must be deciphered and answered and decisions must be made. A creative process is implied and it includes making plans for the future all wrapped in an inspired assertion of community building.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Creating an atmosphere of beauty combined with a sense of stability and security is a central theme now. This includes venturing into new territory in terms of accessing knowledge. The flip side is that you may find that you need a break from habitual sources. Aim for inspiration as well as so-called facts.

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CHROMATIC NAVIGATION

Fiona Duthie

JUN 10 — JUL 4

ArCraft Showcase Exhibition
Mahon Hall Stage
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Reception JUN 10 | 6 — 8 PM
Artist Talk JUN 12 | 2 — 3 PM

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EVENTS CALENDAR EMAIL:
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what's on this week

Wed.

June 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISPA Presents Moby Dick. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts production featuring theatre, dance and music students at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Tea à Tempo. Friends of Tea à Tempo present the first recital of the season at All Saints by-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and goodies.

The WannaBeatle 2. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Gulf Islands Board of Education. Public meeting of trustees. School board office. 1 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum. Open in Bittancourt House on the Farmers' Institute grounds on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thur.

June 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISPA Presents Moby Dick. See Wednesday listing.

Local Artist Showcase. Syd Del, Cat Deva, Julia & Todd, Sarah Satya, Li Samadhi and more. Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10 p.m.

Doug Thring. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic. Royal Canadian Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

14th Annual Grand[m]others to Grandmothers Scrabble Tournament and Fundraiser. Scrabble games at the Portlock Pavilion. 2 to 4 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Fri.

June 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISPA Presents Moby Dick. See Wednesday listing.

S.K. Wellington. A night of story and song with indie, pop, folk and rock artist, and local friends, at Beaver Point Hall. 7 p.m.

Morien Jones. On the deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Karaoke Night. At the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Dance With Shauna Devlin. Mateada Lounge. 9 p.m. to midnight.

The Fabulous Flakes. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Fri.

ACTIVITIES

Nature Salt Spring June Launch Extravaganza. See www.naturesaltspring.org/category/events/ for details of registration-required June 10-13 events.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is CRD director Gary Holman. The gathering will take place in the United Church Meadow, unless rain threatens, when it will revert to Zoom. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Email ask@saltspring.com for the link.

Sat

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Ashton Bachman. On the deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Caleb Hart Band. Inside at Moby's Pub. 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Sugar Beat. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. In Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

14th Annual Grand[m]others to Grandmothers Scrabble Tournament and Fundraiser. Auction, cash & carry, chili supper and snacks available. Lions Hall. 5:30 to 9 p.m. Proceeds to Stephen Lewis Foundation Turning the Tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Nature Salt Spring June Launch Extravaganza. See Friday listing.

Sun.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Moberg. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
The Costners. On the deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Cliff Jones Memorial & Greenwoods Fundraiser. Music and tributes, with donations to Greenwoods Eldercare. Meaden Hall. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/cliffjones>.

Jazz Jam. Hosted by the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society at the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Artist Talk. Fiona Duthie talks about her Chromatic Navigation work, the ArCraft Showcase exhibition at Mahon Hall. 2 to 3 p.m.

June 10

Sun.

ACTIVITIES

Nature Salt Spring June Launch Extravaganza. See Friday listing.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Mon.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tom Hooper. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Nature Salt Spring June Launch Extravaganza. See Friday listing.

Tues.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Terry Warbey & Craig McKerron. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Regular business meeting at Community Gospel Chapel (and watchable online via www.islandstrust.bc.ca). 9:30 a.m. with trustee reports and town hall beginning at noon.

Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo. Patricia Flannagan, soprano, performs at All Saints by-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and goodies.

Harry Warner. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Central Community Hall Board of Directors Meeting. Public welcome to attend meeting at Central Hall (lower hall). 7 p.m.

June 12

Wed.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness shows on Friday, June 10 through Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. www.thefritz.ca

EXHIBITIONS

- ArCraft opens for the season at Mahon Hall** on Friday, June 10, running daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also on Friday is the opening reception for the first **ArCraft Showcase** of the year, **Fiona Duthie's Chromatic Navigation**, from 6 to 8 p.m.

- Salt Spring Photofest** runs until June 17 with several exhibits in Ganges. See saltspringphotofest.com for all the details.

- Eclectic Visions**, the Salt Spring Photography Club's exhibition, runs at **Gallery 8** as part of Photofest, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

- The Photosynthesis group exhibits at ArtSpring** as part of Photofest, daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Julianne Slomka** shows fine art and photography in her **It's About Time** exhibit at **Salt Spring Gallery** from June 3 to 22 during gallery hours of Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- The Group of Six** photographers are showing work at **Island Savings** until June 17.

- Jeanne Lyons** presents **Explorations**: paintings, mixed media, prints and carvings in the **ArtSpring lobby**, which is open from Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and during ArtSpring performances.

- Brian Purcell** shows photographs in the library program room until June 27.

- Bernadette Mertens-McAllister** presents an exhibit called **A Child's World** at **Country Grocer's Roasters** Cafe through June.



PHOTO BY DREW MALCOLM/RZAK

Participants in a Race to Alaska event, where only human and wind power can be used to make it from Port Townsend, Wash. to Ketchikan, Alaska to win a \$10,000 U.S. prize.

ADVENTURES

Salt Springers sailing to Alaska

Crew undertakes

750-mile race

BY EMELIE PEACOCK

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island crew will be among 49 teams competing in the sixth Race to Alaska (R2AK), a 1,389-kilometre race where no motors or supports are allowed.

Teams will make their way from Port Townsend, Wash. on June 13 and push to be the first to arrive in Ketchikan, Alaska to nab a first-place prize of \$10,000 U.S. Team Pturbodactyl of Salt Spring is composed of John and James Tulip, Terry Biernan and John Hillier racing in a Corsair F-31R trimaran.

The R2AK is the longest human and wind-powered race in North America, race organizers explain, and race teams must use all their "physical endurance, saltwater know-how, and bulldog tenacity" to race the 750 cold water miles to Ketchikan.

The race's first stage is The Proving

Ground, where teams have 48 hours to cross the Strait of Juan de Fuca and make it to Victoria. Stage 2, To the Bitter End, starts on June 16 and has teams make the 710-mile trek from Victoria to Alaska. For the first time this year, teams can either make their way to Alaska via the inside of Vancouver Island waters or out of the Juan de Fuca strait into the Pacific Ocean.

A Salt Spring team took part in the last R2AK in 2019 and came in 13th on the final Stage 2. McGuffin Brothers Racing, composed of Callum, Cieran and Finn McGuffin and Duncan MacDonald, was the youngest team in that year's event. John Tulip took part in the 2017 R2AK with Chris Tulip, Roellen Gillmore and Rohan Gillmore, finishing in sixth place.



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Salt Spring Photofest

Exhibitions of photography at 13 different venues, including Eclectic Visions at Gallery 8 and Photosynthesis at ArtSpring.

June 3-17 • See saltspringphotofest.com for details

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