

## Pipeline project information sessions slated

by Pirjo Raits

Although there has been opposition to a proposal to build a 136 km natural gas transmission pipeline across the Georgia Strait from Sumas, Washington to Vancouver Island, it appears that the project is still very much alive.

The GSX Canada Pipeline Project, a joint venture between BC Hydro and Williams Gas Pipeline of Houston, Texas, will supply fuel for two gas turbine, combined cycle generating plants to be built at Port Alberni and Campbell River.

The National Energy Board has received an application from Georgia Strait Crossing Pipeline Limited to construct and operate the pipeline.

During the week of October 22, staff from the National Energy Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will be holding public information sessions from Cobble Hill to North Pender Island.

These sessions are not designed for debate on the

merits of the application, but are designed to assist individuals to prepare for meaningful participation in the upcoming public hearing.

The information session on Salt Spring Island will take place on Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m. in the Wheelhouse Room of the Harbour House Hotel.

Currently electricity is brought to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands by way of underwater cables. These cables are expected to end their useful life in six years. To upgrade or replace the existing cable would cost approximately \$400 million. The cost of the pipeline is estimated at \$260 million.

The project has met with opposition from Cobble Hill area residents and environmentalists who feel the pipeline may harm marine life and possibly boost greenhouse gases on Vancouver Island.

Vancouver Island gets 80 per cent of its energy from the mainland; the rest comes from on-island generation facilities.

## Bombing condemned

Local residents, who on Sunday morning heard of the U.S. attacks in Afghanistan, were quick to react.

Maggie Schubart, a long time activist and member of the Salt Spring Island Dissarmament Group, said she doesn't believe in violence of any kind.

"War has no winners, I don't believe in violence and this will achieve no objectives at all. The average

person has received no proof of anyone involved in this thing (the terrorist attack)."

David and Kay Koss echoed Schubart's reaction.

"I'm stunned—we've been ready for it, but we're stunned," said David Koss.

They both feel that true compassion, and a sense of responsibility would make more of a difference than bombs.



**SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY FISHERMEN**—Brothers Tyler Bulloch (left), age three, and Dylan Bulloch (right), age seven, show off a few of the many fish that they caught at the St. Mary Lake Kid's Fishing Derby, held on a crisp and cool Thanksgiving weekend Sunday afternoon. Elizabeth Fennell caught the biggest fish of the day, a trout that weighed 1130 grams.

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# More federal money for B.C. farmers

An agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will provide the province's farmers with \$24.4 million to offset income shortfalls in 2000.

The announcement was made by federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lyle Vanciel and John van Dongen, B.C.'s minister of agriculture, food and fisheries.

"This funding will go a long way toward helping B.C. farmers with income shortfalls that are clearly beyond their control," said Mr. Vanciel. "The Government of Canada is committed to safety-net programming that responds to the needs of farmers during times when economic and other forces create serious financial shortfalls."

"The province welcomes this new federal funding," said van Dongen. "While the province already offers its farmers an effective package of risk-management tools, this extra funding will give B.C. farmers a one-time boost."

In March, the federal government offered provinces an additional \$500 million in safety-net funding to address challenges facing the farm sec-

tor. Provinces were asked to match that funding based on the 60:40 federal-provincial cost-sharing formula. British Columbia's matching contribution is \$16.2 million.

The British Columbia agricultural safety nets advisory committee has met monthly since March to make recommendations on the allocation and use of British Columbia's share of the federal funding.

The funding delivered to

B.C. today supports the Agricultural Policy Framework agreement forged by ministers at their annual meeting last spring in Whitehorse, Yukon. During that meeting, ministers took a major step toward securing the long-term success of the agriculture and agri-food sector in Canada by agreeing in principle on a national action plan to make Canada the world leader in food safety, innovation, and environmental

protection.

One of the main points of the Yukon agreement is a continued focus on improving farmers' ability to manage the inherent risks of farming through safety-net programming and to renew the sector through programming for farmers that addresses their unique needs and helps them adapt to change.

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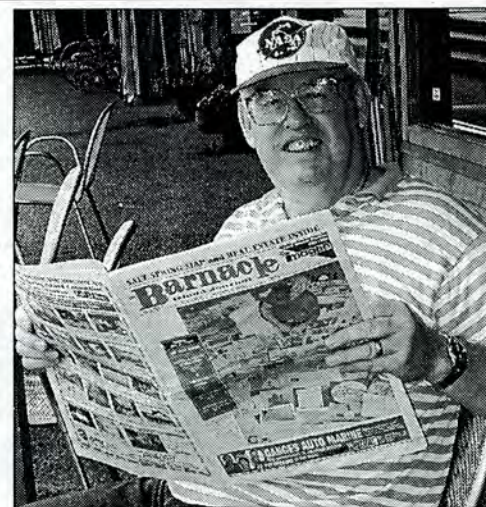
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# Fernwood gets Ministry accreditation

by Pirjo Raits

Fernwood Elementary School is an outstanding place for children, says School District 64 Gulf Islands Superintendent Duanne Sutherland.

Sutherland was on hand Wednesday, October 3 to present the school with an accreditation certificate from the Ministry of Education at the school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting.

The accreditation process began last year when the school set a growth plan for the next five years. The plan identified three areas they wished to highlight for growth: a plan to better meet the needs of all of the



Gathered for Fernwood's presentation of their accreditation certificate are: Supt. of SD 64 Duanne Sutherland, Susan Lee, Marjorie Jones, Sandy Harkema, Cathy Cronin, Judy Boylan, Principal Richard Bennett, and Judy Burch. Pirjo Raits photo

students; better performance in language arts; and improved opportunities for

students in the provision of music. "The five-year plan will help us meet those goals," said Fernwood School principal Richard Bennett.

## PARC outlines latest recreational activities

by Judy Harper

Judy Francis began the monthly Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with an invitation to all commissioners to be part of the volunteer floor team at The Brews 'n' Blues Fundraiser which is scheduled for October 20 at the Farmers Institute.

The one-day event will feature a variety of local and Vancouver Island beers and local blues musicians.

Steve Peterson, the only member of the public in attendance at the meeting, stated that, "junior soccer is in chaos as a result of PARC not being there to help and direct. The community wonders what is going on."

Wayne Fraser replied, "soccer runs on its own after registration, and we took late registration right up to an unavoidable two week closure which had to be dealt with."

Rosemary Trump reported that she was planning to work with Cindy Petrowski in continuing to develop

the telephone systems, Jamie Squier asked for space in the twice yearly newsletter for the Soccer Association, and Kelly Booth suggested a fax-back registration system.

A directory of local instructors will be available

**"Junior soccer is in chaos as a result of PARC not there to help and direct. The community wonders what is going on."**

on the PARC web page.

Wayne Fraser reported a letter of support from Sheri Standen regarding the existing initiative to find an off-leash facility for dogs. PARC is looking at suitable areas.

In an email from KidSport, an organization which helps children with financial difficulties to participate in sport, the group requested the support of PARC in raising

public awareness through the newsletter and possibly a web-site entry. "The Commission would want to support positive activities for kids," said Kelly Booth.

Chair Wayne Fraser thanked the commission committee responsible for putting together the PARC newsletter.

In nominating committee business, five commissioners' terms are up for renewal this year.

Letters will be going out to the community within the next few months to begin the process of electing or appointing commissioners.

In parkland planning, Bill Curtain presented a request from Rainbow Grove to run a water line across dedicated parkland. The motion was passed.

Meadowbrook Seniors Housing Project is cur-

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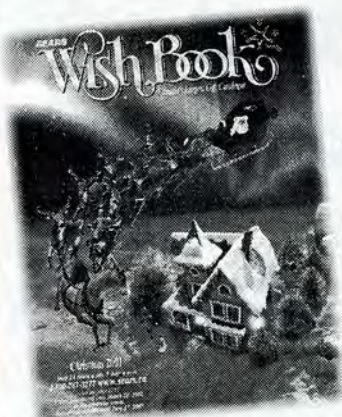
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## Salmon farm to hold open house

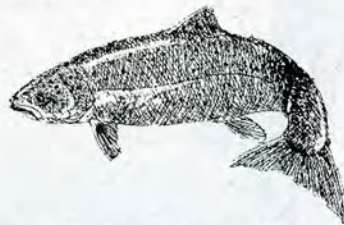
Salt Spring Aquafarm, along with Marine Harvest Canada, has spent many months working at developing "green technology" for the aquafarm industry. The public is invited to tour the Salt Spring Aquafarm Ltd. facility on Saturday, October 13.

This is an opportunity to check out the new technology and to see what an operating salmon farm looks like in the year 2001. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions of an industry expert while sampling some of Marine Harvest Canada's product hot off the barbecue.

Salt Spring Aquafarm has six closed-containment bags, which house close to 17,000 salmon each. The closed containment system was installed this spring is being tested against state-of-the-art cage technology equipped with the newest predation exclusion equipment.

The problems faced by aquafarmers

using pens has been that seals and sea lions kill fish through the nets. Divers constantly check the nets for holes. The new containment bags, which are black, help to eliminate sight temptation from predators.



It is hoped that they will also reduce the crowding that results in the death of fish.

There have also been concerns raised as to outbreaks of sea lice from farmed fish, which devastate juvenile wild salmon. The outbreaks have generally been associated with dense crowding of salmon as occurs in netcage farms.

As aquaculturists, Marine Harvest

Canada recognizes that environmental integrity and sustainability are key to maintaining the highest food product quality and safety, and to maintaining and expanding individual operations over the long term.

Their commitment includes dedication of resources to ongoing research and technological innovation that reduces or eliminates the environmental risks associated with its operations.

The Salt Spring site, says Marine Harvest Canada, is an ideal research site on many levels. The site is easily accessible by road and is located near research stations and government offices, so many of the difficult travel logistics associated with marine salmon farming are avoided.

The site characteristics are typical of many salmon farms on the East Coast of Vancouver Island and land-based power is an option for the enclosed system.

## New organization for Island businesswomen



*Getting down to business...  
with Romana Frey*

• Salt Spring Island Women in Business will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, at Salt Spring Vineyards.

The goal of this new organization is to provide an opportunity for women business owners, as well as women interested in starting a business, to network and build strategic alliances. Many of our members have expressed interest in attending workshops and training courses here on Salt Spring which would assist them in more effectively running their businesses. The topics most requested are marketing, advertising, financial management, dealing with government regulations, and staffing.

If you want to network with local businesswomen, or are interested in taking business workshops and courses, we'd love to meet

you. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Jan Harkley at 653-9494.

• Salt Spring Hours, not to be confused with the recently issued Salt Spring Dollars, have been in circulation for almost two years. The SS Hours Barter Network came together as a method for providing Islanders with a barter currency that can be used instead of Canadian money, the advantage being that you don't have to have "real" money to barter.

SS Hours have injected at least \$10,000 worth of currency in to the local economy that did not exist previously. It costs only \$12 to join the Network for one year. This fee is used to print a directory, which provides an inexpensive opportunity for members to advertise their services or products. New members receive three Hours in notes that are equivalent to

\$36, so you immediately make three times your investment! You can then trade with any other member, or non-member if they are willing to accept Hours.

The notes are equivalent to 1/4 hour or \$3. One hour has been arbitrarily set at a value of \$12, partly because we believe this is a reasonable wage and partly because it makes fractions of an hour an even amount.

The 156 current members provide a wide range of services, including massage, carpentry, landscaping, home design and business consulting. Interested persons can contact Baron Fowler at 538-0345 or baronfowler@yahoo.com.

• Earthworks Landscaping is an emerging worker co-operative that specializes in edible and medicinal landscaping, broom removal, and subsequent revegetation.

Their methods emphasize total sustainability; they use no chemicals and are committed to leaving as

light an ecological footprint as possible. The co-operative will design packages to assist people who want to learn how to grow, harvest and use their own food and medicinal plants.

They are also attempting to address the urgent problem of Scotch broom infestation on Salt Spring and its damaging effects on local ecosystems. To this end, Earthworks Landscaping is researching the most effective methods of eradicating broom and is hoping to turn broom into a useable product such as composted soil amendments, decorative wood, dye material, and basket making material. Anyone interested in more information should phone 537-4816.

• Rona Robbins, M.Ed., MFT Psychology, opened her practice in the Lancer Building in July. With over 20 years mental health experience in Canada and the U.S., her expertise is in family therapy, addictions, co-dependency issues, anxiety, family of origin issues and personal stress. Rona can be reached at 538-0301.

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# Volunteer firefighters from all walks of life

by Sundance Topham

## The Veteran

Russ Murcheson has seen it all. Well, maybe not, but in his 21-plus years as a member of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department, he's definitely seen a lot.

From grass fires, to house fires, to barge fires, to "attempted Brinks truck robberies," Murcheson has been witness to numerous Salt Spring Island stories.

"One of the more memorable things that's happened in my time as a volunteer firefighter is actually pretty funny," said Murcheson. "I used to own an Esso station at Grace Point, and two of the guys who worked for me, Ken Duke and Chris Gilbert, were also volunteer firefighters. One day we get a call about a fire, and as was usually the case we all drop what we're doing, and start running out the door to respond, leaving the gas jockey in charge. So all three of us leave at once, tearing out the door and bolting across the street. When we get to the other side of the street we look up and at that exact moment the Brinks truck is loading up money. I don't know what the guards were thinking seeing three guys madly running at them, but luckily, they didn't shoot us."

When Murcheson recalls his reasons for joining the volunteer firefighters he can't think of one overriding thing that compelled him to sign up.

"I knew you were going to ask me that, and I really don't know," said Murcheson. "I was asked to join by a couple



Russ Murcheson, who has volunteered for 21 years, and Fiona Foster, who is finishing her first year of training, are two of the many Islanders who are members of the Fire Department, now celebrating its fortieth year.

Sundance Topham photo

of acquaintances and I checked it out to see what it was like. It seemed like a good idea, so I joined up."

Despite not having a singular determination to be a firefighter, Murcheson has enjoyed his time as a volunteer firefighter immensely.

"The thing that I enjoy the most about the whole thing is probably the camaraderie," said Murcheson. "It might sound a little cheesy, but all of the different people you meet have a different way of looking at things, and you really need a total team effort to make it work."

In the 21 years that he has been a member Murcheson has seen numerous changes in the role of the volunteer firefighter.

"In the time that I've been here things have changed drastically," said Murcheson.

"The biggest thing is how the Workers Compensation Board and insurance rules have changed. We really have to cover our butt; the onus of the liability is on the officer. On the positive side there is a lot more training now, with the first responder side of the job playing an increasingly bigger role."

Even though he's been a member for over two decades Murcheson doesn't foresee quitting any time soon.

"I'm going to keep doing it for a while more," said Murcheson. "My wife Shirley says that I don't have the same 'zing' that I used to when the call comes in at three in the morning, but I'm not going to

quit anytime soon.

## The Rookie

For Fiona Foster, becoming a volunteer firefighter has fulfilled a lifelong ambition.

"I've always wanted to be a firefighter," said Foster. "But I had to wait a while before I could actually volunteer. I have a young daughter (Erin) and I had to wait until she was old enough to be left on her own during a call; as soon as she got a little older I signed up."

Foster is one of the newest recruits at the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Firefighters Association. She is in her tenth month of training, and has two months left to go before she officially becomes an active volunteer firefighter.

"The full training to become a firefighter takes a year," said Foster. "And it's very comprehensive. You do a lot of first responder training, you learn about the fire trucks and you learn about ventilation. Basically you cover all aspects of fire."

Being a volunteer firefighter means being ready to respond to a call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and al-

though the midnight calls can be a bit discombobulating, having the ability to help people is what Foster enjoys the most.

"Knowing that I'm being trained to handle first response situations is great," said Foster. "It's a very nice feeling knowing that I'm prepared and able to help people."

In two months' time, when Foster graduates to the active ranks of volunteer firefighters, she will join Lynda Sims as the second active female member.

"There are a few other women firefighters," said Foster. "Lynda Sims has been a firefighter for two years now and there are two other women who just joined up in September so the number of women firefighters is growing."

Although nobody can predict the future Foster says she envisions herself remaining a firefighter for a long time.

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Pirjo Raitis

Canadians have just celebrated their Thanksgiving. With all of the recent events taking place around the globe, it gives special meaning to what Thanksgiving is all about. I'm sure that the discussions around the dinner tables had a new focus this year.

I, for one, am thankful for the bounty of my life. I do not have to fear starvation, homelessness, discrimination, and doing without, like so many other people on this planet. I do not have to wear a veil and live under the thumb of a culture that oppresses me.

I am thankful for my freedom and I am glad to know what freedom is.

I am thankful for the gift of friends and family, and I suspect I will not be taking them for granted as I may have done once upon a time.

New friends I am still getting to know and old friends I continue to cherish.

In this life there are few things which are sustaining, but true friendships do sustain and nourish.

We should be thankful for living in a country where even though at times we may appear apathetic, that is a much better place to be than being aggressive and feeling ourselves to be omnipotent.

We do not fear reprisal; at least I don't think so. We have come to this place, whether it is Canada or Salt Spring Island, because it is safe. It is a haven both physically and mentally. I am thankful for being here now.

I am thankful for being able to see the stars, gaze at the moon, and listen to the waves.

This issue contains a four-page pullout dedicated to those men and women who are there for us in emergency situations—our firefighters. They risk their lives to save ours and I am thankful for their service to the community.

Most of them are volunteering, taking time away from their families to help others.

Volunteerism is becoming a thing of the past in many places and it is nice to see that people still care for others and the well-being of a community. Thank you. If you want to make a difference in your community, and in yourself, try volunteering.

So much has been said about firefighters because of the huge loss of lives in New York. Let's not forget about those other emergency personnel, ambulance attendants and police.

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Sundance Topham has joined the staff at *the Barnacle* as an editorial and production assistant. He will be out and about in the community. He is well versed in sports writing and if you or your team needs some coverage, call him.

And if you have something to say, a comment to make, the letters page and the commentary column is your soapbox. We welcome your letters, comments, suggestions, and your opinions.



EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR

## Community needs to be diverse

How do we create affordable housing? Your article on the subject last week underlines what we've been saying for the past year. This is likely the most significant good news/bad news story this Island will ever live out.

The good news is that the provincial government established the Island Trust to "preserve and protect" Salt Spring, and has achieved its goal. The bad news is that in doing so, it has potentially created one of the most exclusive places to live on the planet, and therefore the some of the most expensive real estate.

We are indeed beginning to see the Whistlerification/gentrification of Salt Spring. The underlying question as to what the future population of the Island should be, who will be living here and who will be able to afford to live here, is now beginning to tear the community apart.

On one side, additional low income housing units are seen as being essential for the community's economic and social survival. On the other side, additional housing units are seen as an erosion of the population density control established by the Trust, and therefore a development threat to the Island. Who wants more people on Salt Spring? And, as both the population and real estate prices rise, the problem will intensify.

Indeed, under our current system of governance, there is no practical solu-

tion that can or will keep the two sides happy. And, unless the issue is resolved, it would appear this community is doomed.

Unless. Unless a different path is taken. One that takes into account the importance of what our community is now. And, one that will protect the diversity of our community into the future, as much as the Trust has protected the diversity of our environment for future generations. That path is through complete local autonomy. By Islanders choosing their own destiny. By Islanders putting into place a system of governance that looks further into the future than the next election, or for that matter, past the end of their own lives.

If anyone on Salt Spring believes some benevolent provincial/federal bureaucrat is going to make this magically happen they should give their head a shake. Our community will not be preserved by those who do not live here, let alone understand what this community is. Forget Whistler for a moment. Look down the Washington/Oregon/California coast. Look down the east coast of North America. The population in the lower mainland is set to double in twenty years. In the same time the area from Portland to Seattle will also double in population. How nice will safely moated Salt Spring Island look then to the multitudes living in the Surreys of Canada

and the Pacific North West? Illegal suites, low-cost housing, seasonal cottages? These are all red herring, band-aid solutions for a terminal housing problem. As I've said before, it's time to change Salt Spring's immigration policy from "open to anyone who can afford to move here" to "open to the kind of diversity of community Salt Spring's history is made of." It's time to change our immigration policy from "Hey kids, say goodbye to your Island home now that you've graduated...too bad you can't afford to make your home here" to "We will ensure that the next generation of Salt Spring Islanders can get a starter home here."

I agree with Russ Crouse when he says, "If they can't afford to live here, why will (how can) they stay?" Without a significant change, another year will go by and the housing problem will get worse.

The real question is whether we love this community enough to take the extraordinary measures necessary to save it from the long-range, off-Island, high-pressure systems now set in motion. Or, do we let our way of life slip slowly and silently into the past? We have the power to change our destiny. Do we have the willpower necessary to do so?

ERIC BOOTH  
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A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Kathmandu, population 916,205.

Kathmandu is really two cities: a fabled capital of convivial pilgrims and carved rose-brick temples; and a splenetic sprawl smothered in the pollution of diesel fumes, dirt, monkeys, and beggars. Kathmandu's most famous street from the hippy overland days of the 1960s and 70s runs south from Basantapur Square. Its real name is Jochne but since the early 1970s it has been better known as Freak Street.

Not surprisingly, it made an instant rapport with the dusty-haired 'freaks' who gave the street its name. Love-ins are a thing of the past, but Freak Street's history and plum position in the heart of old Kathmandu still make it a popular destination.

## Candy donations for Maliview

It's almost Halloween again, and once again I am collecting candy donations to help out the people of Maliview Drive.

Every year hundreds of trick or treaters fill the street dressed in their best and worst costumes. Most of these little devils and princesses don't even live in the neighbourhood. So, a way of saying thank you to the generous residents of Maliview Drive, please donate a bag of candy.

Donations may be dropped off at Ganges Village Market, the Ganges Post Office, and Fernwood Elementary School.

Thank you.

LIANNE FIDLER

## Ferry frustration

By now you are aware that there was no 2:30 ferry departure. Well I was one of the first passengers on the Swartz Bay side informed of such. This is what I stated in my complaint to BC Ferries.

I said this situation has occurred far too often in the past therefore the corpora-

have only been an approximately 20 minute delay for Pender Harbour departure instead of a two-hour delay for Swartz Bay to Fulford.

Such events caused great frustration and the corporation should be sued.

WAYNE DALE

## Paper enjoyable

I was pleasantly surprised when on my many trips to Salt Spring Island from Nanaimo I picked up the Barnacle and the Driftwood to read on my ferry trip back home.

The clear fine print, quality of the paper and the layout of the Barnacle was significantly by far, better than the Driftwood.

I think the Driftwoods should be free and the Barnacle should be priced!!

HELEN FERGUSSON

## Yogic flying?

Regarding the October 2 Yogic Flying letter in the Barnacle by Don Arney.

I suppose if I sat on my butt and tried to fly I would have great difficulty in doing anything—never mind being a terrorist.

If Don Arney's letter was supposed to be funny, it is not. If it was supposed to be serious, it is not. It may be provocative.

Will Don fly to Afghanistan or wherever bin Laden is and ask him please to take up yogic flying?

Perhaps bin Laden and all his terrorist clan will try for the perfect As Cent. (now that's funny).

If I am asked to help mankind solve the atrocities of terrorism I won't be sitting on my butt to do it.

I may try prayer, on my knees, and hope those 6,000 dead people and their families know I care.

In short, let's not make a terrible situation worse by

being inane.

I also hold the Barnacle responsible for printing such drivel.

Freedom of speech, so be it, so print my opinion!

DONALD MADSEN

## Thanks for the help

Many thanks for publishing our Foundation's invitation to community organizations to apply for grants under the Vancouver Foundation's LEAD grants programme, in this week's Barnacle.

The objective of this programme (as applicable to Salt Spring) is to help build a sense of community on our fair isle. I know that you, too, are working on this through the Barnacle.

BOB RUSH

## Thanks for the enthusiasm

We want to thank everyone who made it to Mahon Hall Saturday night (September 29) for our show. It was great to play for the room full of enthusiastic dancers who waited for the music.

We also wanted to apologize to those who couldn't make it because of the late starting time, which was due to unforeseen circumstances.

Hopefully, more people will have an opportunity to check us out in the new year, when we hope to return with the full band. Thanks again, WASSABI COLLECTIVE

## Coverage appreciated

H.M.S. Ganges Chapter UIDE wishes to thank you for the article and photo coverage of our successful luncheon and fashion show held at Harbour House on September 27.

The lovely fashions were

## Dénouement

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LUCILE ADDERLEY

Secretary,

Ganges Chapter IODE

## People become the Opposition

With virtually no opposition at either level of government, and with a media that more and more appears to be supporting the status quo, it's pretty obvious that WE have to become the opposition! We have to bang on the doors of our MLAs and MPs by writing, faxing and emailing them with our concerns.

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I need the help of witnesses that attended the accident or saw a silver Nissan hatchback and white Toyota pick-up travelling north past the golf course or the hall between 11:00 & 11:30 p.m. It could have been you or your family that were hurt. You could be facing chronic pain and financial ruin. Please help force ICBC to pay a fair settlement.

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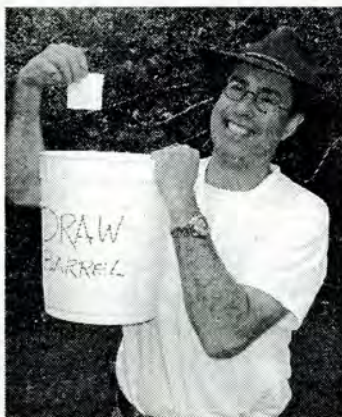
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choice but to act!

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Victoria and B.C. now have an independent media web site...part of the world-wide indymedia system. [www.victoria.indymedia.org](http://www.victoria.indymedia.org). Check it out.

We'll have only ourselves to blame if our health care, social programs, and our beautiful, but very fragile environment are unrecognizable at the end of the Liberal mandate!

ROSEMARY BAXTER

## COMMENTARY

The article in *the Barnacle* last week may have left the impression that there are counterfeit Salt Spring Dollars in circulation. We would like to assure everyone that there have not been ANY reports of counterfeiting. The concerns expressed by some merchants are the same concerns anyone would have over the counterfeiting of Canadian dollars.

In fact, local merchants are better protected using Salt Spring Dollars than Canadian dollars. Why? If a merchant happens to accept a bogus Canadian five dollar bill, and then tries to redeem it at a bank, the bank will confiscate it and the merchant is out of pocket the \$5.

With Salt Spring dollars, the SS Island Monetary Foundation has taken the unprecedented step of guaranteeing any Salt Spring Dollar accepted by a merchant. This means that if someone is foolish enough to try and pass a phony \$\$5, neither the merchant nor the bank, lose—the community does, since all funds raised through the project are targeted for the community. In

essence, the counterfeiter is stealing from their own community.

As noted in the article, copying Salt Spring Dollars is an offence of forgery, punishable by 14 years in prison.

Another question that has come up a number of times is "are the dollars legal, and if so, what are they classified as?" Legally Salt Spring Dollars are classed as gift certificates, redeemable anywhere that will accept them. On Salt Spring, that means ISCU, CIBC, Bank of Montreal, Thrifty Foods, Ganges Village Market, Pharmasave, Home Hardware, the Dollar Store, and dozens of other merchants.

The Salt Spring Dollar website is now up and running. We invite all Islanders with access to the net to take a few minutes and go over the site. For those who may not yet have even seen the dollars, there are specimens online, information on counterfeiting, the background of \$\$s, a link to Revenue Canada regarding classification, artist and design information, and much more.

We're hoping to have the \$\$10s

and \$\$20s out by Christmas and we will soon be announcing other special items that will make great Christmas gifts for your friends and family. Remember, when you gift Salt Spring Dollars, it's like giving twice—once to your friend or family member and, at the same time, to our community.

We realize that it may take a little time for all Islanders to "get comfortable" with using \$\$s. This is one of the reasons we introduced them in the off-season. We hope that by next May they will be in full circulation, generating revenue for community projects. Share the vision! Put our local art, commerce, and goodwill into circulation. Get some, have some fun, and start using them!

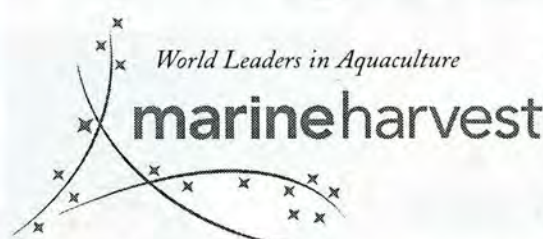
One last request—please ask for Salt Spring Dollars in your change, instead of loonies and toonies. This will help to keep \$\$s circulating.

BOB MCGINN

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# Trick or treat... but for how long? Shoreline speed restrictions in effect



Wit & Whimsy ...

with Arthur Black

Hal-löween is coming up once again, as it has each year for the past two and a half millennia.

Enjoy it. It may not be around much longer. The forces of Political Correctness have aimed their blunderbusses at Halloween and are doing their twisted best to exorcise it from the calendar.

Why are the Thought Police getting their underwear in a knot over a kids' night out? They're concerned that the costumes worn "make fun of" minority groups like gypsies, Indian chiefs, pirates, and hobos.

They're also concerned that Halloween encourages children to identify with unwholesome characters like demons, vampires, and warlocks.

An Edmonton writer even slagged Halloween because, she says, witches' costumes perpetuate the witch-hunting craze and may even teach young girls unhealthy stereotypes.

I'm not sure of the situation in Edmonton, but there haven't been any witches burnt in this neck

of the woods for at least a couple of centuries. I think the world can handle the once-a-year appearance at the front door of couple of grade schoolers dressed in black capes with a broomstick in one hand and a Unicef box in the other.

As for stereotypes, the first time I opened my door last Halloween I was confronted by someone giggling in a bedsheet, one clown, one fairy godmother and two kids in Bart Simpson masks. Call me Stone Cold Steve Austin, but I wasn't the least bit scared. Maybe it was the fact that they were all about three and a half feet tall.

The situation would be laughable if it weren't so serious. I'm sorry to say that it seems that there really are people out there who have nothing better to do than conduct full frontal assaults on children's holidays—all for the good of the children, you understand.

There's a school on New York's pricey Upper West Side which has banned Mother's Day and Father's Day. Rodeph Shilom Day School says it will not cele-

brate those days on the grounds that they discriminate

against children of same-sex couples. O, brave new world.

Last year, a British art historian delivered a paper denouncing the presence of an insidious, archetypal, sexist, rotund, white, male, patriarchal, chauvinist pig by the name of...

Frosty the Snowman.

Honest to God. Tricia Cusack, who is on the faculty of the University of Birmingham, considers Frosty—which is to say two balls of snow, some charcoal buttons, and a carrot nose—to be a noxious presence.

"A well-fed, dominating, patriarchal male" as she puts it, adding, "The snowman is of course, white and invariably male."

Yeah, well, there's a pretty good reason why the snowman is always white, Ms. Cusack, but I won't embarrass you by pointing it out. As for always being male, more research please. The way I remember it, we kids made snowwomen at least as often as snowmen, if only for the pleasure of attaching the requisite snow-boobs.

Is it just possible that we are protecting our kids too much? Some folks think so. In other parts of the world, education authorities are reversing the trend to "padded schoolyards" by putting in what they call "risk-full adventure playgrounds." Don't be alarmed. This mostly means putting back the see-saws, slides, and monkey bars that were removed in the past few years as being "too hazardous."

Same thing in Japan, where kindergartens are building playgrounds that include ropes, high wooden beams, and wooden walls.

"The idea is to toughen up the children, let them challenge themselves and find their own limits" says a Japanese spokesman.

Kids allowed to be kids. That, to paraphrase Martha Stewart, can only be A Good Thing.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety today announced the introduction of the Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction, now in effect on all inland waters of British Columbia.

Under the Boating Restriction Regulations, the Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction restricts all power-driven vessels to 10 km/h

while operating within 30 metres of shore on all inland waters of British Columbia.

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# Maria McKeachie: Lived life to the fullest

by Gail Neumann

Maria McKeachie, a much-loved kindergarten teacher from Salt Spring Elementary School, passed away quietly at her home Monday, September 24, following a long struggle with cancer.

Maria leaves behind loving family members, many dear friends and colleagues, and a legacy of an excellent beginning for the many students whose lives she touched.

Maria began teaching kindergarten in the Gulf Islands School District in 1982. She has seen many of her students graduate, and go on to become adult members of society. Almost every student in Salt Spring Elementary School, and numerous Gulf Islands Secondary School students, were once in her class. She touched many lives, while doing a job she absolutely loved.

Although Maria was well known, loved, and respected in the community, she was a private, family person.

Her life pivoted around her family, her husband Tom and their children Krista, Thomas, and Andrew. The milestones of

her life were the achievements of family. Her delight was in their successes.

It was a real joy to her that there was a successful transfer of work ethic to her children. She always praised her children's efforts to help, no matter how childlike they were. Quality was not as important as working together. In the McKeachie home, everybody worked and no one worked alone.

Maria led a joyful life. She once listed her hobby as laughing. She loved traveling, loved tradition, and found any and every reason to celebrate. She became known for her "Mariaisms": "This is it.", "Aren't we lucky!", "Live life to the fullest.", and "Enjoy!"

Born in 1949, in Seefeld, Germany, Maria immigrated to Canada with her family in 1952. Her uncle had visited Canada during WWII and, as soon as he was able, brought all his siblings to Victoria to live. Maria loved her home in Germany, and cried bitterly when she had to move but, in time, she made Canada her home.

Educated by nuns at St.



Maria McKeachie

Ann's Academy and St. Patrick's school, Maria subsequently went on to UVIC to study teaching. Maria's family had many vacations at Burgoyne Bay.

Maria's brother Wolfgang had a friend, Tom McKeachie. Tom saw Maria and considered her to be gorgeous. The first time he approached her, he asked for her brother. She teased Tom and asked: "Who says I have a brother?" Tom became

Maria's good friend, but it was six years before the couple married, on June 2, 1973.

When the couple met, Tom was studying sociology, and Maria was studying anthropology. Later, during Maria's education practicum, Tom spent time with her making crafts and preparing lessons. He was impressed, and changed the direction of his education and his career. He, too, became a teacher.

Maria began her teaching career in North Vancouver. She then went to the Queen Charlotte Islands, where she developed a life-long love of the sound of the ravens. A move to Saanich and then finally the Gulf Islands School Districts, brought her to Salt Spring Island.

Maria and Tom lived in an orange canvas tent when they started building their house on Salt Spring Island. Like many Islanders, they moved into the garage and continued building their home, doing most of the

work themselves. This was a project that would last over 20 years.

As a kindergarten teacher, Maria devoted herself to her family and her profession. Although she didn't join organizations, her community service was tireless work with her students. She always went the extra mile with her job. Her class videos and trademark chestnut necklaces for all her students, became annual family projects. When the school's early primary team wanted a group picture, they had to stand around Maria while she was on the phone. She weathered the slow process toward recognition of her professional competence, and in the end she knew she was doing a good job.

When her children were young, Maria longed for a public pool on the Island. When the fourth Island referendum failed to get public support, she encouraged Tom to join a committee to work for a pool without public money. The process was long and heavily involved. At times Maria said she regretted her encouragement because of the time Tom had to spend away from the family, but in the end, Shelby Pool was bought from Smithers, and sold to the community for one dollar. A local pool became a reality. The hard work paid off for the family, since Krista eventually became a swimming instructor there.

The McKeachie's never did anything singly. They always worked together as a family. Maria worked hard to keep her life balanced. She was involved in the community as a teacher, open to everyone, and she made everyone feel special, but her

private time was precious.

Maria could see the beauty in differences, and she loved everyone. She had the ability to look into a person's eyes and see what was there. Her gift was to make everyone feel special. She always looked after people's needs before her own, and earned the nickname "Mother Maria" from her friends.


Although Maria was never comfortable in the public eye, when her first kindergarten class graduated, she made a special presentation on Grad Night. Krista, her daughter, was valedictorian and was touched by the effort it must have taken for her mother to speak publicly.

Maria loved to travel, and one year ago, she and Tom made a trip to Japan as chaperones during a student exchange. Although the cost was more than they could comfortably afford, the trip was a life-long dream of Maria's: to see other cultures and see how other people lived.

It was only this spring that Maria knew she was sick. When she heard it was cancer, her first thought was sympathy for the doctor who had to tell her the bad news. As they left the doctor's office, Maria looked at Tom and said: "We did it right."

A sunflower project at Salt Spring Elementary School, and a public memorial service at the Community Gospel Chapel celebrating Maria's life, allowed Maria's family, friends and colleagues to gather.

The outpouring of love attested to the wonderful but sadly short life of a woman who lived the way we would all like to live—to the fullest.



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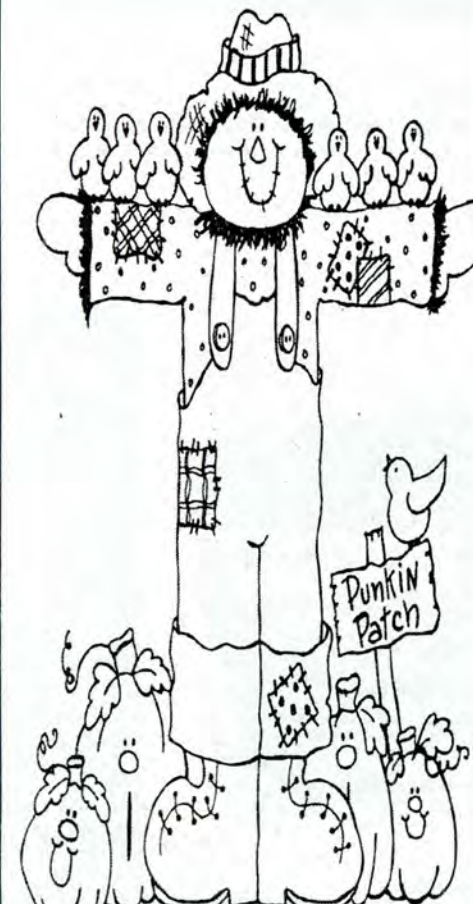
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## ANNOUNCEMENT



Sundance Topham

Sundance Topham has joined the *Barnacle* team as editorial assistant, effective October 1

Sundance brings experience in newspapers and television.

While at the Williams Lake Tribune he held the position of Sports Editor and was recently employed by CTV BC Vancouver.

Call Sundance with any news tips or stories at 537-4040.

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# David Jackson: sculptor and deer lover

by Pirjo Raitis

His work is in public and private collections all around the world and the signed photographs on the walls of his gallery attest to the calibre of people who seek out his art.

But David Jackson, owner of the Tufted Puffin Gallery, is closing the doors.

Jackson rose to prominence in the woodcarving field in the 1980s, the height of the craze. He made money, lots of it, carving decoys, but he quit that particular medium seven years ago. He just wanted to slow down. He moved to Salt Spring Island and his pace did slacken a little, but not enough for him to quit working.

He opened the Tufted Puffin, and has had clients from all over the world come to view his work and buy it. The wooden birds and decoys were joined by those in stone.

He has sold to mega-corpora-

tions like MGM, Imperial Oil, and Red Robin. The rich and the famous seek out his pieces, which can fetch upwards of \$20,000.

Not bad for someone who didn't know what he was doing when he started carving.

His first decoys were sold as he walked along with them under his arm. He got \$150 each and he knew there were ducks to be carved and money to be made.

Jackson believes in hard work. He says that he has never had anything handed to him on a silver platter; he's been working hard since he was 15 years old.

At 15 he joined the merchant marines out of the United Kingdom and he spent years traveling around the world. The furniture business brought him to Canada and the decoys brought him to Salt Spring Island.

The name Tufted Puffin came



David Jackson at work on a soapstone sculpture. Pirjo Raitis photo

to him when he was looking through a bird book.

"I didn't want to get too serious, I wanted something whimsical and I saw the Tufted Puffin in a book and I thought they were damn cute little rascals

with a lot of character," he said. "I've made a lot of them. You wouldn't believe where they go; people just love them."

His life has not been just about art, though that has afforded him the dream of living in a place which he considers one of the most beautiful places imaginable, and he has a respect and love for the animals that share his waterfront property.

"When I first walked down the driveway, when I first came, it was magic," said Jackson.

Part of that magic was the Island deer, which he totally loves. He is something of a rebel in the fact that he feeds the deer, even though people disagree with the practice.

"They think I'm nuts," said Jackson. "I say people should put their bloody roses behind a fence and stop complaining that the deer are eating their roses. They're animals—not humans."

Just the other day he received a package at the end of his driveway. In the plastic bag were a newspaper and a thank you letter. The letter was from someone he had never seen, thanking him for feeding the deer.

The highlight of his life on Scott Point Road, so far, has been just the beauty of Salt Spring Island, the people, and the atmosphere.

"It's changing," he said. "But you can't stop that. It's been good to me and I want to stay on Salt Spring."

He's 99 per cent sure he will build another gallery, but that's after he builds himself another house. Then he will do some "serious carving."

If art lovers want a peek at what he does, the Tufted Puffin will be open only until the end of October.

David Jackson can be reached at the Gallery at 537-9939.



## Notice from PARC

Information was omitted from the Directory of Instructors published in the PARC Newsletter distributed in *the Barnacle* October 2, 2001. Please refer to this Directory of Instructors.

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN AN INSTRUCTOR

Whether you are planning to register yourself or one of your children in a class to learn a new craft or hobby, take a fitness or dance class, or upgrade job qualifications, it is important to remember that your instructor will play a large part in your enjoyment and success in the activity. Fulfilling your needs is the job of a good instructor. Some aspects to consider are:

**Qualifications:** For some courses, skill, practical knowledge, and experience are the requirements of an instructor. Other courses or lessons such as

swimming, fitness, gymnastics, or first aid, require current and specific certification. A potential client should never be reluctant to request proof of certification, or ask for a reference. A confident instructor will be happy to supply them.

**Professionalism:** Your instructor should be conducting business in a professional manner. Fees should be clearly explained. Some instructors charge an all-inclusive fee, while others charge an extra fee for materials and supplies. A policy for class cancellation, refunds, or for the participant missing a class should be available. Ask if you are not sure. If a course you are planning to take is

currently in session, ask if you can observe, just to satisfy yourself that it is right for you.

**Compatibility:** Each instructor has a unique personality and teaching style. Ultimate success may depend on your instructor's ability to meet your expectations and skill level in a learning-friendly environment. If one instructor doesn't work for you, try another!

**Confidence:** It is your right to inquire that your instructor provide you with a proof of a current criminal record check, particularly if you are seeking a program for children. A criminal records check is a requirement for many professionals,

and can easily be obtained by the instructor at the Salt Spring RCMP any Wednesday between 1:00 and 4:00. A criminal record check is usually processed within minutes, is done free of charge, and is provided to the applicant who can then give you a copy. If a conviction appears on the record check, it will not specify the nature of the offence; it will then be your job to determine whether this is relevant.

*Remember, the instructor that is right for one person may not be right for you or your family. Take the time and make an informed decision.*

Neither CRD nor SaltSpring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission have reviewed the qualifications of any person advertising services in this listing. No endorsement is intended of any person, organization or

service offered. Members of the public should make their own inquiries to find competent, qualified instructors who will meet their requirements.

**For information on offerings listed, please contact the instructor directly.**

#### Art

Heinemann, Christina 653-4764  
cdesign@saltspring.com

#### Expressive Painting Workshops

Lillyman, Bev 537-2466  
blillyman@saltspring.com

#### Beginner Oil/Acrylic Painting

#### Basketry

Carrigan, Joan 538-1877  
jcarrigan@saltspring.com

#### Basketry Workshops

#### Dance

Haltrect, Anna 537-5681;  
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Newman, Sue 537-5289  
swn@newmancon.com

#### Dance Classes with Sue Newman

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Pennington, Dana C. 653-9549  
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#### Movements of Dance Class

Wolf, Birgit 538-0097;  
bimbibg@hotmail.com

#### Belly Dance—Beginners & Intermediate

#### Dog Obedience

McPhee, Ann 537-9505

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#### Fitness

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#### Circuit Challenge • Step & Strength

Blakely, Laurie 538-1901

#### Nia (technique) Fitness Dance

DeAthe, Leslie 537-0884  
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Dickson, Ila-mae 537-4081

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#### FeldenKrais @ Awareness Through Movement

#### Fitness con't

Lake, Betty-Lou 537-1638  
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#### Flexible Strength • Body Ball

Trump, Rosemary 537-5988  
willows@uniserve.com

#### Move Into Fitness

#### Gymnastics

Drummond, Beth 653-4530

Tuttle, Kim 653-9179

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#### Music

Regan, Lynn 653-9556  
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#### Tennis

Lamb, Peter 537-4859  
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#### Sailing

The Sailing School on Salt Spring Island 537-2741

#### Woodworking

Perkins, Illyd 653-9392  
perkins@saltspring.com

#### Woodworking—Basic & Advanced

#### Various

Twaites, Jo 537-5453  
bobnjo@saltspring.com

#### Toy Library - North End Branch

Wild, Bob 537-2744  
wildacre@saltspring.com

#### Unscrambling the Bible



## Gallery changes

The J. Mitchell Gallery, which is situated in the Harbour Building will only be open at its current location until October 15.

The gallery, which opened this summer, has a mandate to promote local artists. The works change constantly and new work is always evident.

"We try to keep it really dynamic," says gallery owner Judy Mitchell. Up soon is a return of collaborative work by Judy Weeden and Pat Bennett. New in the gallery are stone sculptures by Gerda Lattey.

The gallery will take a short hiatus and will hopefully be opening in

a new location.

There are 25 artists represented by the J. Mitchell Gallery and they are: Judy Weeden, Pat Bennett, Ken Bennett, Shirlee Lewis, Beth Feller, Barbara McAfree, Jerry Ringrose, Patricia Spiers, Bruce Pearson, Ron Crawford, Pete McKenzie, James Watt, Caffyn Kelly, Bill Jamieson, Mike Bevelander, Ben Goodman, Bryn King, Paul Gravett, Marguerite Sanchez, Morley Myers, Patricia Gibson, Joanne Evans-McKay, Gerda Lattey, Gladys Kelsey, Brien Foerster.

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## Community

CALENDAR LISTINGS: Contact the Barnacle

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 9

#### Children

**Drop-in for parents and preschoolers**  
Fulford Hall. Tuesdays. 10-Noon

**Ballet - Jazz**  
SS Centre. 3:30-4:30pm. Tue's

**Calligraphy Series**  
Fables Cottage. Oct. 2,9,16,23.  
3:30-4:30pm

**Toy Library**  
Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall.  
9:30-10:30am

#### Interfaith

**Christian Music Concert**  
Ron Klusmeier & Sheelah  
Megill. United Church. 7pm

**The Heart Sutra**  
North-end meditation. 7:30-  
8:30pm. 537-1497 for location.

#### Meetings & Lectures

**General Business Mtg.**  
Ladies Division. The Club  
House. 7:30pm

#### Classes & Workshops

**Psychic Development group**  
Bodyworks Collective.  
3:30-5pm

#### Health

**Planned Parenthood clinic**  
Core Inn. 4-6pm. 537-8786

**T.O.P.S. weight loss group**  
Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm

**Breast Mammography Screening**  
Court House bldg. Oct. 1-10.  
1-800-663-9203

#### Sports & Fitness

**Drop in Floor Hockey**  
Fulford Hall. Tuesdays 6:30-9pm

**Fitness with Dance Adults**  
SS Centre. 9:30am.  
Tue's & Thurs's

#### Cinema & TV

**The Musketeer**  
Cinema Central. 7pm

#### Recreation

**SS Chess Club**  
SS Seniors. Tuesdays ongoing.  
7-10pm



### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10

#### Special Events

**Living Strong Open House**  
SSI Sailing Club. 7pm

#### Children

**Kindergym**  
147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9-11am  
Wed's & Fri's

**Storytime Dropin**  
Fables Cottage. 10:30am

**Fibre Arts - Fingerknitting**  
Fables Cottage. 3-4pm

#### Dance

**Argentinian Tango practice**  
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm

#### Interfaith

**Bible Study**  
United Church. 11-12:30pm.  
Ongoing

**Book Study Group**  
"Religion in Exile" United  
Church upper hall. 6 wks.  
9-11am

**Centering Prayer**  
Leigh Spencer Room, St. Marks  
Church. 8am

#### Meetings & Lectures

**Caregivers Support Group**  
Seniors' Centre. 11am

**SS Hours Potluck Meeting**  
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm

**Mahon Hall 100 Years Celebration**  
SSI Historical Society. Central  
Hall. 2pm

#### Classes & Workshops

**Free Internet lessons**  
Corinternet Café. 1-8pm

#### Health

**Breast Mammography Screening**  
Court House bldg. Oct. 1-10.  
1-800-663-9203

#### Sports & Fitness

**Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Elementary. Mon. &  
Wed. ongoing. 7-8pm

**Open House & Fall Registration**  
SS Gym Assoc. Fulford Hall  
4:30-7:30pm

**Move Into Fitness**  
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am

**Drop-in Step/Stretch**  
All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am

#### Recreation

**Cribbage**  
Legion. Wednesdays. 8pm

**Dog Training**  
Central Hall. Weds. thru  
Oct. 24. 7-8pm

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 11

#### Children

**Family Walk**  
Mouat Park. 10am

**Storytime Dropin**  
Fables Cottage. 10:30am

**Kindercraft, 3-5 year olds**  
Fables Cottage. Thursdays  
11am - 12pm

**Acting Fundamentals. One day play**  
Fables Cottage. 3-4pm

#### Performing Arts

**Theatre Games Improv**  
for Kids. Core Inn. Thursdays.  
Info: 653-4254

#### Music

**Sing Along Group**  
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm

#### Dance

**Movements of Dance**  
Fulford Hall. Thurs. ongoing.  
10-11:15am

#### Interfaith

**Soup's On**  
Free soup and sandwich. All  
Saints'. 11:30am-1pm

#### Meetings & Lectures

**SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild**  
Weekly Mtg. ArtSpring.  
Thursdays. 10:30-Noon

#### Sports & Fitness

**Climbing Wall**  
Cmty Ctr. 6:30-9:30pm

**Fitness with Dance Adults**  
SS Centre. 9:30am. Tue's &  
Thurs's

#### Recreation

**Salty Wheels Square Dance Club**  
Central Hall. Thursdays 7-9pm

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 12

#### Children

**Kindergym**  
147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9-11am  
Wed's & Fri's

**Storytime Dropin**  
Fables Cottage. 10:30am

#### Music

**Open Stage** Rose's Cafe.  
Fulford Harbour. 7pm

#### Dance

**Capoeira-Brazilian Martial Arts & Dance**  
Lions Hall. 6:30-8:30pm  
Ongoing

#### Interfaith

**Peace Vigil**  
United Church sanctuary.  
6-6:30pm Ongoing

#### Health

**Feldenkrais Awareness**  
through Movement. Cats  
Pajamas. 10am

**Nia Fitness Classes**  
The Barn. 9:30am

#### Sports & Fitness

**Climbing The Wall.** 6:30-9:30pm

**Move Into Fitness**  
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am

**Drop-in Step/Stretch**  
All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am

#### Cinema & TV

**New York Memorial for Peace/SSI Firefighters**  
SS TV Cable 12, 3:00pm, to 3pm  
Sat., Oct. 13

#### Recreation

**Black light bowling** Kings Lane  
Rec. Ctr. 9pm-midnight

**Starcraft Games Night**  
Core Inn. Every Fri. 5:30-9pm

**Trivia** Legion. Fridays after the  
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### A Message from the Chief



**Dave Enfield**  
Fire Chief - 32 Years

Fire Chief Dave Enfield became a volunteer firefighter with Surrey Fire Department in May of 1969 at the Number 9 fire hall. He became a career firefighter with Surrey in June of 1972. "My father was a volunteer fire fighter, again in Surrey. We lived directly across the street from the fire hall and my interest in fire fighting began then."

Enfield is Fire Chief with Salt Spring Island Fire Department on a full time basis. He coaches the Fire Department slo-pitch team, enjoys fishing both fresh and saltwater. He loves to cook, enjoys gardening and woodworking and his dogs.

Enfield has been on Salt Spring Island since April 1999.

**His fire safety tip:** Make sure that your street address sign is properly erected and displayed so any of the emergency services can find you in your time of need.

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Fire Prevention Week this year falls at a particularly difficult time for firefighters. With the catastrophic events around the World Trade Center attack and the 340 plus dead or missing firefighters, this has had an indescribable effect on firefighters worldwide.

FDNY has been known as Americas Bravest for many years, but this 13,000 member force was not prepared for the devastation that faced them that September 11th morning. We all watched in horror as the planes crashed and the buildings collapsed around them.

They were doing their job, fighting fires and saving lives, a simple creed that all firefighters, both professional and volunteer, adhere to. They died performing a job that they loved to do. Who in their right mind would be rushing into places like that, blindly and faithfully following their officers up countless floors to confront something they had not expected to see when they reported for work that morning.

I'll tell you who would: your Salt Spring Island Firefighters would. In

conversation with many of them in the past weeks, many of them have said that they would drop everything they were doing to go and assist in the rescue efforts. They felt a unique bond with those firefighters, knowing and understanding the drive they had, working countless hours hoping above hope that they would find someone, anyone, alive in that sixteen acres of rubble.

Your firefighters, 32 of them volunteers, are dedicated not only to the community, but the firefighting profession. They practice weekly, attend special training sessions held on weekends, giving up their only days off, time that could be spent with their families, so they can be the best possible firefighters for the community they live and work in.

These Salt Spring firefighters put in approximately 600 hours per year serving the community. This is on top of their 40 hour work week. Much of that time is spent doing things you don't realize, teaching CPR to new parents, raising funds for fireworks and their other charities. Countless dollars are distributed by them during any given year to

many local charities. This is money that they give out of the stipend they receive for attending practices and emergencies, money that could go towards the wear and tear on their vehicles and family lives.

Fire Departments and firefighters are often taken for granted, something and somebody who serve as an insurance against the inevitable, something that everyone hopes will never happen to or affect them in their lifetimes.

Though we are a small organization, we have the same dedication as all of our counterparts; the willingness to serve, restore calm out of chaos, and protect those we come in touch with on a daily basis.

Our wish is that all of the people who live on Salt Spring Island practice fire prevention, not just this week, but the other 51 weeks of the year as well. Shortly we will be setting our clocks back and that means it is time to vacuum out your smoke detectors and replace those batteries.

*Dave Enfield*  
Chief



**Dan Akerman**  
Deputy Chief - 32 Years

Deputy Chief Dan Akerman has lived on Salt Spring Island forever. He became one of the Island's firefighters when he realized they were short of volunteers. That was 31 years ago. Firefighting is his occupation and when he is not busy carrying out firefighting duties, he likes to play softball and go boating.

**His fire safety tip:** Make sure your driveway is passable for emergency vehicles.



**Erling Jorgensen**  
Asst. Fire Chief - 27 Years

For 27 years Jorgensen has been fighting fires. He first came to Salt Spring in 1957, left in 1962 and came back again in 1970. He decided to become a firefighter right after the old Harbour House Hotel burned down; he realized then how short they were of volunteers. He has been a professional firefighter for eight years, and was an ambulance paramedic for eight years prior to that. He likes to fly, fish, golf, build things and spend time with his grandchildren.

**His fire safety tip:** Have a fire plan at home with operational fire detectors. They do save lives.



**Arjune George**  
Prof. Firefighter - 4 Years

George Arjuna has been on staff at the fire department for four years. It was a childhood dream and the satisfaction of helping others in emergency situations that brought him on board. He fights fires and when he isn't doing that he enjoys family time and fishing with friends.

**His safety tip:** Take advantage of our community Infant CPR programme and free home safety inspection.

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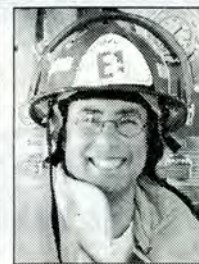
Russ Murcheson  
Captain - 21 Years

Captain Russ Murcheson has spent most of his 23 years on the Island as a volunteer fire fighter. He came on Island 23 years ago and joined because he wanted to fix up the old truck. He works as a mechanic for JJM Maintenance, and likes fishing and diving.



Kerry Akerman  
Captain - 19.5 Years

Captain Kerry Akerman has spent his whole life on the Island, and for 20 years of that he has been a volunteer firefighter. He joined to help Island people. He works as a farmer, in property management and deals in Christmas trees and wreaths. For leisure he likes to fish, hunt and camp.  
**His fire safety tip:** Make sure you have a couple of working smoke detectors in your home and check them regularly.



Bruce Patterson  
Lieutenant - 14 Years

Lieutenant Bruce Patterson has been a volunteer firefighter for 14 years. He became one of the Island's elite because he wanted to do community service. He works as a store manager of Patterson Market and has been on the Island for 43 years. He is also involved with the Fulford Harbour Waterworks and the Fulford Business Association.  
**His fire safety tip:** Check your home fire exit.

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Jim Buckley  
Captain - 14 Years

Captain Jim Buckley has lived on Salt Spring Island for 36 years. For 14 of those years he has been a volunteer firefighter. He's not exactly sure why he joined the department. He works for JJM Road Maintenance and his recreational time is spent playing baseball and coaching his son's soccer team.  
**His fire safety tip:** Check the battery in your smoke detector.



Jeff Outerbridge  
Captain - 12 Years

Captain Jeff Outerbridge has been a volunteer firefighter for 12 years. He joined because the fire department was advertising for volunteers and he wanted to serve the community, and as he says, "as luck would have it...my application was accepted." On Island for 16 years, Outerbridge is the publisher of the Barnacle newspaper. When he isn't working or responding to an emergency he likes to golf and fish.  
**His fire safety tip:** When you see a vehicle with four way flashers, please let it pass. It's likely to be one of our volunteers responding to an emergency and it might be at your house.

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Mike Lane  
Firefighter - 8 Years

For eight of the 12 years that Mike Lane has been on Salt Spring, he's been a volunteer firefighter. He joined after the department phoned and asked him to. As a farmer he also likes fishing and hunting.  
**His fire safety tip:** Don't drink and drive



Bob Birch  
Firefighter - 7.5 Years

Firefighter Bob Birch has been a firefighter for 7-1/2 years. He joined because, like so many others, he wanted to help people in our community. He has been on Salt Spring Island for 12 years. He works as an administrative assistant at Thrifty Foods and enjoys fishing when he isn't working.  
**His fire safety tip:** Post your house number clearly.



Rick Kilbourn  
Firefighter - 6 Years

Firefighter Rick Kilbourn, (a.k.a. Ricko) has been a volunteer with the department for six years. He joined because he wanted to help the community. He works at Thrifty Foods and when he isn't working, he likes to watch the Rolling Stones on his big screen TV. He has been Salt Spring Island for eight years.  
**His fire safety tip:** Make sure we can see your address at the end of your driveway.

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Dan Lee  
Firefighter - 7-1/2 Years

Firefighter Dan Lee has been volunteering for seven years. He is part-owner/manager of Thrifty Foods on Salt Spring. When he isn't working he enjoys fishing, watching his kids play soccer on Saturday mornings, and golf. He has been on Salt Spring Island for eight years.  
**His fire safety tip:** Discuss and plan emergency preparation, more than one time.



Ken Akerman  
Firefighter - 7 Years

Firefighter Ken Akerman has been a volunteer firefighter for six years. He joined to help the community. When he isn't at the fire hall he is an electrician and an ambulance attendant. He's been on the Island for 27 years and enjoys playing baseball.  
**His fire safety tip:** Play safe.



Stan Mulder  
Firefighter - 4 Years

Stan Mulder (aka "Agent") has been a firefighter for four years. Stan says he joined in order to be able to give some community service. The self-employed owner of All Service Appliance Repair, Stan has been a resident for 4-1/2 years, and enjoys golf, fishing, and downhill skiing in his spare time.  
**His fire safety tip:** Islanders should have their chimneys cleaned and inspected regularly in order to minimize the risk of fire and possible damage from chimney fires.

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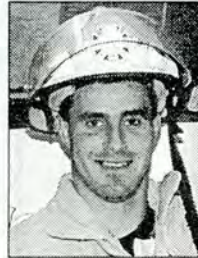
Todd McIntyre  
Lieutenant - 12.5 Years

Lieutenant Todd McIntyre has been a firefighter for 13 1/2 years. He joined to do community service and because of friends. He is an electrical contractor who enjoys hockey, baseball and fishing.  
**His fire safety tip:** Have a escape plan and an outside meeting place. "Too many people are lost when they return to find loved ones that are already out of danger. He also says to be careful with electrical appliances and extension cords.



Lawrence Spencer  
Sr. Firefighter - 13 Years

Firefighter Lawrence Spencer has been a volunteer for 14 years. He joined because it gives him great satisfaction to put out uncontrolled fires. He works as an engineer with B.C. Ferries, and in his spare time he likes climbing mountains, scuba diving, riding his motorcycle, and martial arts. He has been on Salt Spring for 15 years but has come here all his life.  
**His fire safety tip:** Always wear your seatbelt, not everyone is as good a driver as you are.



Tony Head  
Sr. Firefighter - 9.5 Years

Senior fire fighter Tony Head has been serving the community of Salt Spring Island for 10 years. He joined for the same reason as most, to serve the community and expand his knowledge. His regular occupation sees Head in building construction, fishing and logging. He likes the great outdoors and enjoys Slo-pitch and hunting.  
**His fire safety tip:** Make sure your burn barrel and screen and the burning site are in good shape.

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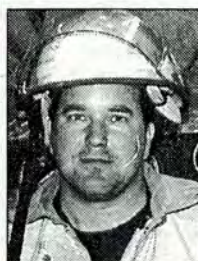
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Lieutenant - 10 Years

Lieutenant Kurt Irwin is a third-generation Salt Spring Islander. He has been a firefighter for 11 years and began because he wanted to help the community. When he is not working at Don Irwin Collision as shop manager he likes to hunt, fish, and ride his motorcycle.  
**His fire safety tip:** Always check your smoke detector.



Dale Lundy  
Lieutenant - 9.5 Years

Lieutenant Dale Lundy was recruited into the fire department because he wanted to help the firefighter's ball team. He is self-employed and likes to golf and play slow-pitch. Lundy is an 11 year resident of the Island.  
**His fire safety tip:** Every vehicle should have a fire extinguisher.

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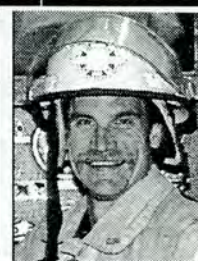
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Jamie Holmes  
Firefighter - 6.5 Years

Firefighter Jamie Holmes says he joined in order to be a part of a service of great benefit to our community as well as the opportunity for training for a possible future career.  
A member for 6-1/2 years, Jamie is also a firefighter instructor for the department's First Responder Programme  
**His fire safety tip:** Learn CPR and First Aid and practise it regularly—you could save a life, possibly someone very close to you.



Brian Hartley  
Firefighter - 5-1/2 Years

Firefighter Brian Hartley has been a volunteer firefighter for the past six years. He decided to join because he wanted to help the community but he also comes by it honestly. His father was a volunteer firefighter in Chilliwack for 19 years. He's been on the Island for nine years and enjoys baseball, slow-pitch, fastball and working out. He drives a fuel truck for McColl's and Salt Spring Bulk Products.  
**His fire safety tip:** Stay calm and dial 911 and give them as much information as you can.



Patrick Beattie  
Firefighter - 4 Years

Firefighter Patrick Beattie has lived on the Island for over 30 years. He has been a volunteer firefighter for the past five years. He joined to serve the community and assist at fundraising events. He works as a funeral director and belongs to Admiral Lodge and the Rotary. In his spare time he likes to golf.  
**His fire safety tip:** Don't drink and drive.



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Rob Minvielle  
Firefighter - 4 Years

Firefighter Rob Minvielle joined the crew of volunteer firefighters at the urging of his wife. He's been on Island for 25 years and a volunteer firefighter for four. He is a courier driver and spends his leisure time involved with youth soccer, bowling, and slo-pitch.  
**His fire safety tip:** Have a home escape plan in place.



Amos Lundy  
Firefighter - 3 Years

Firefighter Amos Lundy has been volunteering for three-and-one-half years. He joined because he wanted to help the community. Lundy is a stonemason and also enjoys hunting and archery. He has been on Salt Spring Island for 18 years.  
**His firesafety tip:** Stay calm.



Peter Ojis  
Firefighter - 2 Years

Firefighter Peter Ojis has always wanted to be a firefighter and he has been volunteering on Salt Spring Island for the past two years. Fairly new to the Island, Ojis is a carpenter and enjoys mountain biking in his spare time.  
**His fire safety tip:** Check to see if your fire extinguisher is charged.

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Lynda Sims  
Firefighter - 2 Years

For the past two years Lynda Sims has been a volunteer firefighter. She joined because she wanted to become a First Responder. When she isn't responding she works in sales at Mouat's hardware. She spends leisure time playing with her kids and working out. She has been on Island for 8 years.

**Her fire safety tip:** have an escape route out of your house and have a meeting place for the kids.



Fiona Foster  
Firefighter - 1 Year

Foster has been a volunteer firefighter for one year. Being a firefighter is just something she has always wanted to do. She is a business person and a mother and has lived on Island for nine years. She likes baseball, girls softball, and slowpitch.

**Her fire safety tip:** Have a fire escape plan and practise it.



Brent Dick  
Recruit

Dick is another new recruit. He joined the ranks of the firefighters because he wanted to learn how to save a life. He works as a receiver at Thrifty Foods and enjoys baseball and the gym. He has been on Island for 11 years.

**His fire safety tip:** Make sure your chimney is clean.

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Robert Grossman  
Recruit

New recruit Robert Grossman has been on the Island for two years and he is one of the new rookies with the fire department. He joined up because he wanted to get back into the fire service. He is self-employed in the computer business and when he isn't on-line or working in cyber space he likes to go boating and fishing with the kids. He enjoys family time.

**His fire safety tip:** New parents should learn infant CPR.



Andrew Irving  
Recruit

New recruit Irving has been on Salt Spring Island for one year. He decided to become a volunteer firefighter because, "you can't live on Salt Spring for free—it's important to me to make a difference in the community."

An outdoor enthusiast, Irving likes to scuba dive, sail, canoe, and hike. He works as a stage and production manager.

**His fire safety tip:** Stop, drop and roll.



Robert Hunter  
Recruit

Robert Hunter is a recruit with the Salt Spring Fire Department and has been with them for one month. He enjoys the camaraderie, and wants to have a larger role in the community. He is an apprentice at Haywards Funeral Service. He enjoys reading and golf. He has lived on Island for six years.

**His fire safety tip:** You should always have a fire extinguisher in your house, and have it checked regularly.



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Mike Bartle  
Recruit

New recruit and trainee Mike Bartle joined the force to learn new skills and give service to the community. He works at Thrifty Foods in the bakery department. When he isn't on call or working he likes to play rugby and belongs to Air Cadets. He has been on Salt Spring Island for 19 years.

**His fire safety tip:** Try and stay calm in an emergency.



Alisa Owen  
Recruit

Recruit Alisa Owen is one of the newest faces on the firefighting force. On Island for 10 years, Owen is outgoing and became a firefighter, she says, to get out of the house and to help people in need. She works with Ace Courier, is a mother, and enjoys baseball.

**Her fire safety tip:** Keep a fire extinguisher in your home.



Amber Pedersen  
Recruit

Amber Pedersen is another new recruit/trainee with the fire department on Salt Spring Island. She is also a part-time ambulance attendant. When she is not volunteering on duty as an ambulance attendant she works as a cashier at Thrifty Foods. She joined to help the community but also as a paramedic she liked the fire department and their training and she wanted to be a part of their team. She has been on the Island for just two months, but has worked on Island for four months. She likes to enjoy the outdoors when she has time, but she says she is always working.

**Her fire safety tip:** Don't play with matches.

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Jake McCastocker  
Recruit

Jake McCastocker is a new recruit having been a volunteer for six weeks. He decided to become a firefighter after summer employment with the department. He has been on Island all of his life.

**His fire safety tip:** Yield to vehicles using four-way flashers. It may be a volunteer firefighter responding to a call.



Steve McColl  
Recruit

A real desire to serve the greater good brought Steve McColl into the ranks of the Island firefighters. He is a recruit who has lived on Salt Spring Island for 19 years. He works as assistant manager at McColl's Shell and is also interested in calisthenics, gaming and mind games.

**His fire safety tip:** Stay calm.

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Well September sure flew by. And what a great month it was. We had plenty of sunshine and not a whole lot of rain. I recorded just under 27mm at my location, which meant much more time spent watering the garden.

So far October has been just as wonderful and we must take advantage of this great weather. The flower bulbs are in at local garden centres, so this is the time to plant for spring blooms.

There are also great selections of pansies, forget-me-nots, wallflowers, and primulas that can be set out into the garden in October. You can also lime and aerate your lawn if you haven't already.

October is the month where minimum temps start to drop quite a bit, so there is more of a chance of frost in some of our Island's cooler regions. Don't forget about any tender bulbs that may have to be lifted for winter, cannas, dahlias, etc.

I will be sure to write a column on overwintering your marginally hardy plants, before months end. In the meantime let's hope this mild weather trend continues for a while.

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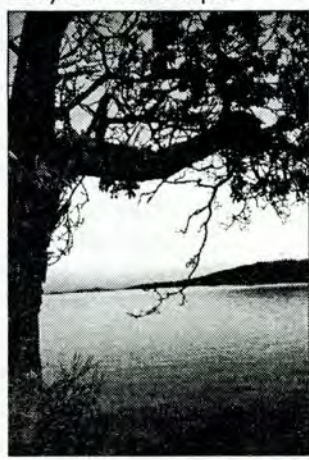
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### SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

- Special Event**
- Fire Prevention Week Open House**  
Ganges Firehall. 10am-2pm
- Library Book Sale**  
Library. 10am-4pm
- SS SPCA Open House**  
below GI Vet Clinic. 2-4pm
- The New & Emerging Writers Series**  
Salt Spring Books. 7pm
- Children**
- Winnie the Pooh's Birthday Party** Fables Cottage. 1-3pm
- Music**
- Barrington Perry**  
Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- Kuroshio Flute & Guitar Duo**  
All Saints. 7:30pm
- Stacks/Maxx in Concert**  
Lions Hall. 8pm
- Dance**
- Capoeira-Brazilian Martial Arts & Dance**  
Lions Hall. 2-4pm Ongoing
- Classes & Workshops**
- Playback Theatre Workshop**  
Location TBA. Oct. 13, 14. 9-5pm
- Cinema & TV**
- New York Memorial for Peace/SSI Firefighters**  
SS TV Cable 12, 3:00pm, to 3pm Sat., Oct. 13

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

- Music**
- The Other Brothers**  
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Choral Evensong**  
All Saints. 7pm
- Interfaith**
- Story, Song & Soup**  
United Church Hall. 12-1:30pm. Ongoing
- Classes & Workshops**
- Craft Sundays (workshops)**  
Core Inn. Every Sunday. 1pm
- Playback Theatre Workshop**  
Location TBA. Oct. 13, 14. 9-5pm
- Sports & Fitness**
- Climbing Wall**  
Cmty Ctr. 6:30-9:30pm

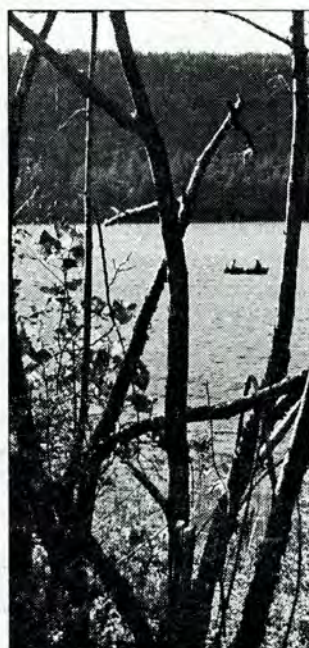


### MONDAY OCTOBER 15

- Children**
- Crafts with Laurel**  
Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Parent Support Circle**  
For parents w/chil. 0-12 yrs. Call 653-4411 for location. 9:30-11am
- Music**
- SS Concert Band Rehearsals**  
GISS Band Room. Mondays 'til further notice. 7:30pm
- Dance**
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class**  
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**  
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Interfaith**
- Toning with Breath and Sound**  
United Church downstairs. 6-8pm
- Vipassana Meditation**  
The Barn. 7:30pm
- Meetings & Lectures**
- Planning for Volunteer Appreciation**  
SS Cmty. Society boardroom. 1pm
- SSI Health Committee**  
Lady Minto Mtg. Rm. 9-10:30am
- Health**
- CHR Prenatal Classes**  
CHR Health office. 5-7pm
- Tai Chi Chuan for Beginners**  
Cedar Lane Studio. Mondays thru Dec. 10. 6:30-8pm
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- Tai Chi Chuan classes**  
The Barn Reynolds Rd. Mondays ongoing. 1:30-3:30pm
- Sports & Fitness**
- Body Ball**  
All Saints by-the-Sea. 11am-Noon
- Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Elementary. Mon. & Wed. ongoing. 7-8pm
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**  
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Move Into Fitness**  
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
- Drop-in Step/Stretch**  
All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am
- Recreation**
- Fun Darts**  
Legion. 6:30pm

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 16

- Children**
- Drop-in for parents and preschoolers**  
Fulford Hall. Tuesdays. 10-Noon
- Ballet - Jazz**  
SS Centre. 3:30-4:30pm. Tue's
- Calligraphy Series**  
Fables Cottage. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23. 3:30-4:30pm
- North End Toy Library**  
Portlock Park Portable. 09:30-10:30am
- Interfaith**
- The Heart Sutra**  
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. 537-1497 for location.
- Classes & workshops**
- Psychic Development group**  
Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm
- Health**
- Prostrate Cancer Support Group**  
Lions Hall. 1pm
- Planned Parenthood clinic**  
Core Inn. 4-6pm. 537-8786
- Chakra Yoga Series**  
The Barn. 7-8:30am
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**  
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- Sports & Fitness**
- Drop in Floor Hockey**  
Fulford Hall. Tuesdays 6:30-9pm
- Fitness with Dance Adults**  
SS Centre. 9:30am. Tue's & Thurs
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SS Seniors. Tuesdays ongoing. 7-10pm



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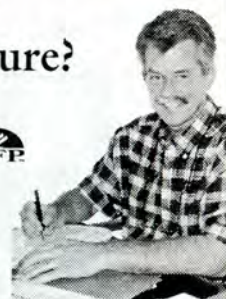
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## New gallery fills collector's niche

by Meaghan Benmore

RainCoastWest announced today the opening of their new gallery in downtown Ganges.

The new gallery, located beside Embe Bakery, has an ambience which is well suited to the collectibles it carries. The intense colours on the gallery walls enhance the pieces on display.

The gallery features an assortment of vintage art and collectibles from a diverse range of historical periods including feudal Japan, Art Nouveau, and Victorian England. The gallery is dedicated to offering the Island's locals and visitors alike an opportunity to peruse and enjoy this eclectic collection.

"RainCoastWest is the result of a lifelong love of travel and art," says owner,

Roy Rajsic. "We are providing an opportunity for people to share their collections with others through resale and a resource for new collectors."

He also said it was a way to preserve rare finds, a way of preventing them from falling in the cracks.

"They can be passed onto someone else," said Rajsic. He has no special favorites, but he did point out a 200-year-old Japanese woodblock print, and a number of Art Deco pieces.

The gallery community on Salt Spring Island currently has a strong representation of current works of art. RainCoastWest will be adding an antique element to these offerings.

"We hope that the variety of the collections present will entice visitors," says



Gallery owner Roy Rajsic ponders his collection of Asian art.

Pirjo Raits photo

Rajsic. "The shop is not only a retail outlet, we are hoping to be a part of the Salt Spring adventure."

Other collectors, will be able to add items of their own to the RainCoastWest gallery through consign-

ment.

"Many collectors enjoy the process of collection, and are now finding that they need an outlet for certain items, RainCoastWest is just the outlet that they have been looking for."

## Hedda Gabler set to hit the stage

Salt Spring Island's Runaway Stage is pleased to announce its upcoming production of *Hedda Gabler*. The play will be presented at ArtSpring on November 1 to 3 and 7 to 10.

The play, by Norwegian poet Henrik Ibsen, is recognized as a significant work and was produced around the world at the end of the 19th century. It continues to be revisited as a modern classic.

Henrik Ibsen was a Norwegian poet, playwright, theatre administrator, and advocate for social change. He spent much of his literary career living away from his native Norway, in continental Europe, where his plays found a broader audience. His influence in the theatrical world was huge.

Ibsen is best known for his works *Hedda Gabler*, *A Doll's House*, *Ghosts*, *The Enemy of the People*, and *The Wild Duck*.

Ibsen devoted much of his career to raising social issues in his work in or-

der that he might draw into question accepted norms. He presented his audience with a moral or social dilemma. He hoped to improve society by stimulating discussion of social and moral problems; discussion would lead to improvement he believed.

Ibsen's plays were often controversial because they dealt with taboo subjects like moral responsibility, sexuality, venereal disease, social institutions, and women's emancipation.

Near the end of his mature middle period, in 1890, Ibsen wrote *Hedda Gabler*.

*Hedda* is the quintessential female anti-hero: bright, beautiful, charming, full of promise... but she is also a ruthless manipulator of people's lives, caught in a trap of her own and society's making. The play is a masterful tale of deceit, betrayal, and ultimately, love.

Rehearsals have begun and the pro-

duction team is underway. Runaway Stage artistic director, Vaughn Fulford, is directing *Hedda Gabler*.

"There's a very positive, constructive, and progressive mood within the group," says Fulford. "We're all very excited about the project. It's rare these days to have the opportunity to present a classic."

The cast of *Hedda Gabler* is an enthusiastic group with diverse theatrical backgrounds.

"We've got some experienced actors and some relative newcomers," said Fulford. "But, I'm pleased with the casting. Everyone suits their parts very well, and we're all approaching the work with a happy, professional attitude. It's great to be a part of it."

Tickets are on sale now at the ArtSpring box office. For more information call 537-2102. The box office is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for one hour before show time.

## Stacks and Maxx get together for concert

Salt Spring's Stacks and Maxx are together again for another evening of well crafted and beautifully sung original tunes. They will be performing at the Lions Club Hall, on Bonnet Avenue, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Come in early and enjoy treats and beverages catered by Interlude.

The three women came together two years ago for a sold out concert. They moved the audience to laughter, tears, and a standing ovation.

Lisa Maxx is a well known and much

loved singer-song writer with a powerful voice. Jane and Kathy Stack perform together as the Stack Sisters; Tim Staker will be accompanying the women on a few songs. Tickets are available at Acoustic Planet and Patterson's.

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# Wyrd Sisters show straight from the heart

by Helani Davison

The Wyrd Sisters enraptured their Artspring audience with a show called *Grace* last Saturday night, completing a whirlwind tour. Stories of life, love, death, and sisterhood unfolded.

The first piece, *God*, featured soloist Nancy Reinhold on guitar, whose vibrant voice somersaulted over the notes with ease, doing vocal gymnastics, kick-starting a full-blooded performance.

Each of the three vocalists, Kim Baryluk, Nancy Reinhold, and Kiva (a.k.a. Nancy Brown) held their own with each soulful message.

"We are a reflection of our audience," Kim explained to attentive listeners. "Our songs describe a longing for a connection. We reflect your voice back to you."

And so they did, with music written with poignancy from the heart, their voices melding into each other creating one full-bodied sound.

The drums and bass understood their role and played with delicacy, complimenting each song.

In a piece called *Stay The Same*, Kim joined a deep throaty discourse with key-board player, Kiva, displaying some "overtone" singing, a strangely haunting technique combining two notes at the same time.

Throughout the performance, fiddler Oliver Schroer penetrated the psyche with his magic fiddling, emphasizing the emotions of each message.

Moving from a light tickling of the strings, he caressed and crooned, switching from jaunty notes to screaming demands, weaving his passages with brilliant expertise.

He was right there, like an attentive lover. It was a stunning exhibition delivered after being with the group for only one week.

With friendly bantering and intimate conversation throughout the evening, Kim held the audience close to her.

In one gripping verse about sisterhood, we heard about a woman "who choked on her philosophies. She finally

put her foot down, we're told and that night there was a transformation."

The group, casual, earthy, but refined, rolled from one message to the other, combining the elements of verse, laudable sounds and inspiration.

"They put on a show from the heart without ego-ing," said a member of the audience, Leroy Jensen.

In one particularly stirring piece about the ones we lost, with the words, "dance little brother like you used to do," an insistent percussion solo by Julie Gravett challenged us to join in the bitter-sweet dance of loss, rousing our emotions.

With his spellbinding talking violin, backed by a throbbing drum beat, Schroer's solo told a story

that touched something primitive and sexy.

In *Farewell To Clay-oquot Sound* the trio, like the mythical sirens, extolled their reverence for mother earth.

In a sentence, The Wyrd Sisters present an offering, "with some groove, some ambiance, and a nice mix of body staging and banter with a strong spiritual core."



The Wyrd Sisters performed at ArtSpring October 6.

Helani Davison photo

## Joint Review Panel GSX Canada Pipeline Project

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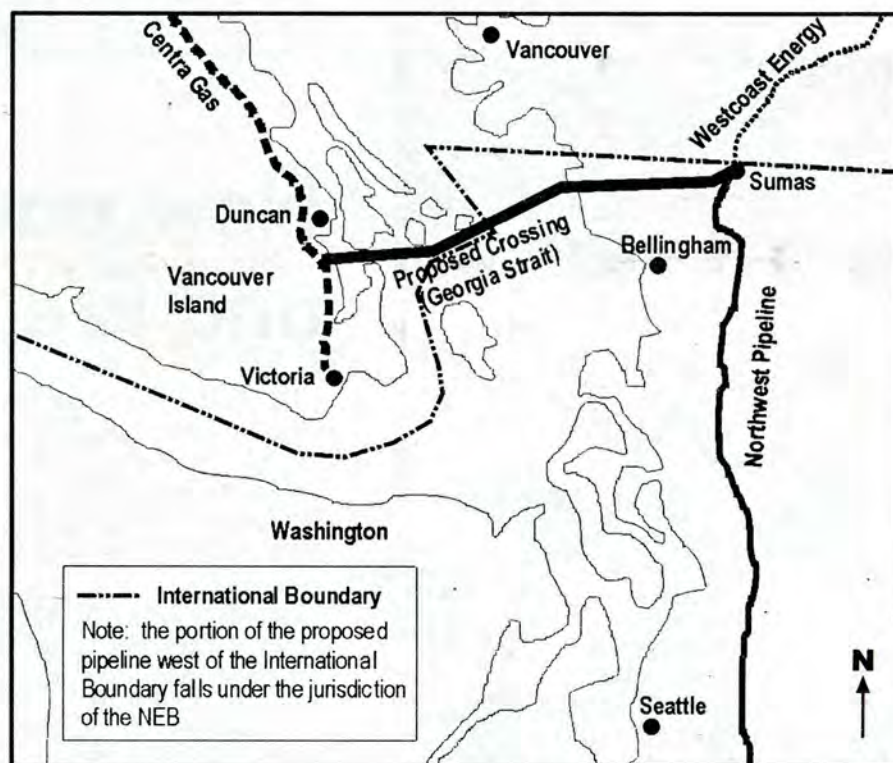
The National Energy Board has received an application from Georgia Strait Crossing Pipeline Limited to construct and operate the GSX Canada Pipeline. The proposed project is the Canadian portion of a natural gas pipeline from Sumas, Washington, across the ocean floor of Georgia Strait to a landfall point near Cobble Hill on Vancouver Island, and would interconnect with the Centra Gas Transmission System near Shawnigan Lake. The proposed project is a joint undertaking by BC Hydro and Williams Gas Pipeline Company.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

During the week of October 22, 2001, staff from the National Energy Board (NEB) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) will be holding public information sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to assist individuals to prepare for meaningful participation in the public hearing process for the GSX Canada Pipeline Project and to explain such matters as participant funding administered by the CEAA. NEB or CEAA staff cannot discuss the merits of the application during these meetings, as discussion on the substantive issues will occur only at the upcoming public hearing.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on these public information sessions as well as other matters related to the public hearing process for the GSX Canada Pipeline Project, call Mr. Guy Hamel, Regulatory Officer, toll-free at 1-800-899-1265.



#### TIME AND LOCATION

- Cobble Hill**  
Monday, October 22, 2001, 7:00 p.m.  
Arbutus Ridge Golf and Country Club - 3515 Telegraph Road  
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- Sidney**  
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Thursday, October 25, 2001, 7:00 p.m.  
Saturna Community Hall, Saturna Island, B.C.
- North Pender Island**  
Friday, October 26, 2001, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Anglican Church - Parish Hall, 4703 Canal Road  
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## Amores Perros does achieve harmony



Flick Pick ...  
with Jason Tudor

*Amores Perros*, a Mexican film roughly translated into English as *Love's a Bitch*, was one of the best reviewed films of 2000. Surprisingly enough, it was even nominated for Best Foreign Film at the Oscars. I say surprisingly because the Academy tends to reward a certain kind of movie, i.e. the likes of *Life is Beautiful*, rather than a movie with dead dogs and homeless hitmen.

*Amores Perros* mimics the style of Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* or Doug Liman's *Go* in that it refuses to follow chronological order. It begins with a car chase and a vicious crash, which spawns three different stories. The first is about a young man who hopes to steal his abusive brother's wife, spiriting her away with winnings from underground dog fights. The second tells of a magazine editor and his new girlfriend, a supermodel who has to face the reality of tragedy when the crash threatens her career. The last story is about an ex-guerrilla fighter who now roams the streets doing occasional hits for a price, seeking some sort of connection with a family lost long ago.

I have recently been studying a literary theory called new criticism, which was dominant for the first half of the 20th century. One of its basic tenets seems to be (as far as I can tell) that understanding a work's value doesn't involve trying to understand the author's meaning, but rather how various elements work together to achieve a sort of harmony. *Amores Perros* fits the bill perfectly. It flows over you, parading metaphor after metaphor across the screen, pushing all the right buttons. The bloodied dogs, the hurried, illicit sex, the grimy streets, they all merge together to present a whole that is somehow more hopeful than its constituent events would suggest. How this happened, I'm still not quite sure. But that's fine with me, as long as films like *Amores Perros* keep getting made.

Rating: 18a

Running Time: 2 hours, 33 minutes.



**LUCKY WINNERS**—Hastings House Executive Chef Marcel Kauer, centre, is pleased to announce the winners of the Dinner Party for Eight: Marilyn and Bill Lea. The Leas will enjoy a five-course dinner catered by Hastings House at their home. The winners will dine royally while Hastings House will provide the Chef, the server, and everything else for the meal. The prize was worth over \$1,000. Jeff Outerbridge photo

## Make a pasta pie



Let's Eat...  
with Linda Koroscil

Pasta,  
Cheese and Tomato Pie

### Ingredients:

8 oz. Linguine  
1/2 c. ricotta cheese  
1 tbsp. olive oil  
1 egg white  
1 onion, chopped  
1/4 c. parmesan, grated  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
3 tomatoes, sliced  
1/4 c. parsley, chopped  
1/4 c. mozzarella, shredded  
1 tbsp. lemon juice  
2 tsp. oregano  
1 tsp. basil  
pepper and salt

### Method:

Spray and flour 8" spring-form pan. Cook linguine, drain.

Sauté onion and garlic in oil.

Add to pasta with parsley, lemon juice, 1 tsp. oregano,

1/2 tsp. basil, salt and pepper. Toss.

Combine ricotta cheese, egg white, 2 tbsp. parmesan, and remaining oregano and basil; add to pasta. Toss.

Turn half pasta mixture into pan and lightly press over bottom.

Arrange 1/2 tomato slices on top and sprinkle with 1/2 mozzarella, repeat layers. Sprinkle with parmesan on last layer.

Cover with foil and bake at 375° for 40 minutes.

Remove foil and bake another 5 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Remove springform sides and cut into 8 wedges. Serves 4.

This makes a beautiful presentation when served on a large platter scattered with fresh basil leaves.

## New parents can learn infant CPR and fire prevention in the home

The Salt Spring Island Fire department is offering a basic life saving programme to all new moms and dads. The department is teaching new parents infant CPR lifesaving skills to increase the safety of our new generation.

Parents will be taught infant CPR in the department's training facility with life-like infant mannequins and knowledgeable instructors.

As well as the infant CPR, the firefighters will also introduce parents to fire safety and prevention in the home.

The courses are being taught once a

month on Tuesday evenings.

As part of the fire safety and prevention for the home, the department volunteers will be installing a battery-operated smoke detector outside the infant's bedroom, checking existing smoke alarms, and making sure that there are enough alarms in the house.

The instructors will guide the parents through developing an escape plan to "get out and stay out," a very important part of fire safety. Firefighters will teach older children what to do in case of an emergency, and help with existing plans to locate an ideal meeting place outside the home in

case of a fire.

Please call to set up a convenient time for a Tuesday evening fire safety check and to find out the date and time for our infant CPR training class.

Call Arjuna George at 537-2531 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday or Lynda Sims at 537-1255 from 6 to 9 p.m.

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## Young Jazz Players set to take the stage

The YJP, one of Salt Spring Island's young up- and-coming jazz groups will be opening for multi-instrumentalists Brad Turner and Mike Harriott on Sunday, October 14.

The concert, set for 2 p.m., includes both a concert and a workshop.

The YJP will play for one-half hour, and then open the workshop by playing for Turner and Harriott. The concert portion will culminate in a mass band including both groups.

Juno award winning trumpet player Brad Turner is one of Canada's most prominent and prolific jazz artists.

He is a multi-instrumentalist who performs with virtuosity on piano, trumpet, and drums.

He has performed and recorded with some of the best jazz musicians



The Young Jazz Players, one of Salt Spring's up and coming jazz groups, will be opening for multi-instrumentalists Brad Turner and Mike Harriott at a concert taking place on Sunday, Oct. 14 at ArtSpring. The YJP are: Garrett Macdonell, Edward Perkins, Ben Sanchez, Devan Banman, Simon Millard, and Addi Perkins. Pirjo Raits photo

around and has been nominated for two Juno Awards for the recordings.

Mike Harriott is an accomplished and respected musician in both the classical and jazz genres, and is also a

multi-instrumentalist.

He is much in demand on trumpet, trombone, and bass. He has shared the stage with such artists as Maynard Ferguson, Slide Hampton, Hugh Fraser, Tommy Banks and many other notable musicians.

Members of the public who would like to be a part of the workshop will be asked to write their name and instrument on a list, and a certain number will be called up, depending on how many people there are and what instruments they play. This kind of involvement will most likely be limited to five

players. The artists will be there to answer any questions from the audience.

The concert and workshop take place at ArtSpring at 2 p.m.

## Blues and brews being served

by Judy Harper

Local connoisseurs of good blues and the fine art of beer tasting are in for a treat this month.

On Saturday, October 20, from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. the Farmers Institute will host a mini-version of The Great Canadian Beer Festival, the first small beer event in B.C.

The brainchild of Judy Francis and Victoria Olchowecki, this fundraiser for ArtSpring was hatched over pints of craft beer in a local pub.

Since that day back in the spring, Judy says, "Everyone has responded positively. Friends, sponsors, volun-

teers, musicians, and small brewers."

Within a short space of time, the event, dubbed Brews 'n Blues, had its full complement of volunteers—a team of 35 people who will decorate, set up, serve, direct traffic, and clean up afterwards. Pubs, grocery stores and other local establishments stepped forward as sponsors.

Judy and Victoria met up with John Rowling at the Nanaimo Beer Festival in April, and he introduced them to some of the craft brewers represented there. It wasn't long before they had confirmations from seven pubs and breweries for

the Salt Spring event. Fat Cat from Nanaimo, Light-house Brewing in Victoria, the Longwood Brewpub in Nanaimo, Swans Buckersfield's in Victoria, the Vancouver Island Brewery, and Merridale Ciderworks will all be presenting two or three of their best efforts.

There are sure to be some unusual and exotic entries on the menu, such as Swans Buckersfield's Raspberry Ale. And of course, there will be that old October beer fest favourite, bratwurst on a bun.

Salt Spring's claim to brewing fame, the Gulf Island's Brewery, will be well represented at the Brews 'n

Blues. Owner Murray Hunter is sponsoring a free bus for the event which will cover all parts of the Island; the schedule will be announced on October 15.

For \$20 festival goers will receive 5 tokens (each token buys a beer or a bratwurst), a souvenir glass and a program. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office both Saturdays prior to the event. The music will be provided by three of Salt Springs favourite blues bands.

All proceeds from Brews 'n Blues will go to the Island Arts Centre Board (IACB) whose mandate is to operate ArtSpring.

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# Friendship forged from two big hearts

by Helani Davison

Some people go about doing profound good in a quiet, unassuming way. They are often unrecognized and receive no medals.

Tom Mitchell is one of them.

Most Islanders have seen them around, Tom and his companion Dominic George, who is mostly confined to a wheelchair.

George wasn't as lucky as some. He has lived since birth with cerebral

palsy, is mentally and physically challenged, and has hearing and vision problems. At the age of seven George was placed in an institution.

Mitchell, a long-time Island resident, described his first meeting with George several years ago at the Salt Spring United Church, where he sought refuge and comfort over the years.

"I began taking Dominic to church and became a companion," Mitchell reminisced. "I liked him.

He was gentle and open and had a big sunshine smile."

Over the next three years they befriended each other.

"What Dominic is unable to articulate with his limited words, he makes up for with his sensitivity," said Mitchell. "Dominic can pick up on the emotions of others and wants to comfort them."

Mitchell has been involved with social issues both on a personal level and globally since his early adulthood.

"My experience as a proprietary care giver with Dominic has been very rewarding," stated Mitchell as he recounted his experiences caring for George in his home for the past seven years.

"In the beginning, I used to get irritated. Dominic had emotional outbursts and then things would escalate between us. But I



Dominic George and Tom Mitchell share a deep friendship  
Helani Davison photo

have matured somewhat as has Dominic. Now, I don't sweat the small stuff as much."

The deep affection that has grown between the two friends is apparent to everyone at various functions around the Island.

Mitchell applauds the services that are available

to people with disabilities on the Island.

Community Initiatives provides a day programme for people like George where he can spend time with his friends.

George also works at Choices doing odd jobs one day a week. He loves the social outings that are

organized by various groups.

"Salt Spring is a healing place for wounded bodies and wounded hearts," stated Mitchell. "People are very supportive of both me and Dominic. I believe that we are all connected—all part of the human family."

There have been sacrifices. Mitchell's love for travel has been curbed.

His personal freedom and spontaneity are taxed. George provides company but there is limited conversation between the two; the solace comes from neighbours and friends, who visit regularly.

"My bachelor existence sometimes becomes wearing. If I were to get into a relationship with a woman, she would have to be accepting of the situation and have similar spiritual attitudes," said Mitchell.

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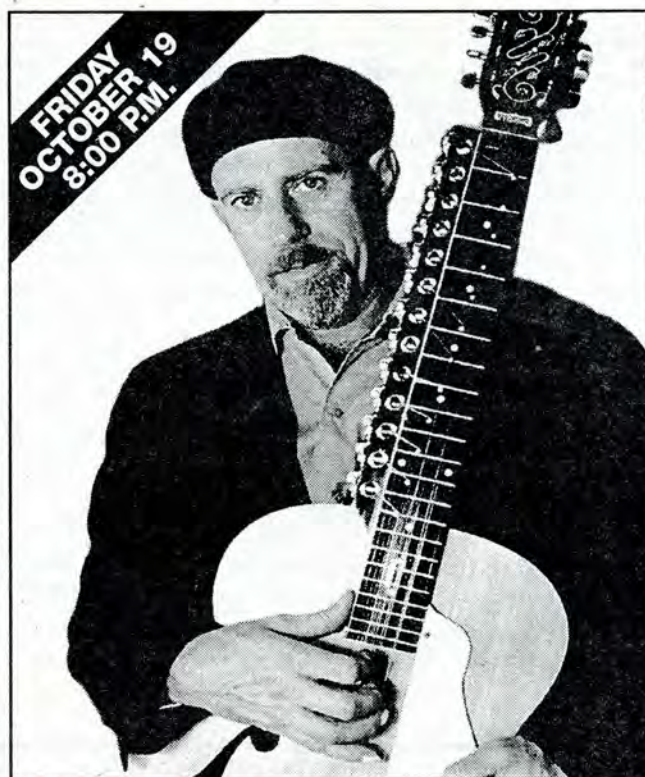
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The idea behind the event is to highlight to the community the different programs that offer services to those with developmental disabilities. The event is open to everyone, and organizer Ross Harvey wants to encourage anyone with family, friends, or acquaintances with developmental disabilities to bring that person.

The purpose is to promote greater inclusion of these people in the community, says Harvey, and to

"celebrate their talents and contributions to the community through having an event where they can meet fellow community members to say thanks," said Harvey.

Both adults and children are welcome and there will be cake and refreshments as well as balloons for the young and the young at heart.

Harvey is also trying to line up some entertainment.

Portable shelters will be set up, and the event goes on rain or shine.

Community Living is a movement that is working toward ensuring that children and adults with developmental disabilities are able to live quality lives in their communities.

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**SHAW - MEMORIAL** Service for Gladys, Willie and Cree will be held 1:30p.m. Wednesday, October 10 at St. Mary's Fulford.

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### • 140 • COMING EVENTS

**SCOUTS CANADA.** Fun for all youth. Call 537-1983 or 653-4233 to register.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** on line! For a complete calendar of coming events check out the Barnacle Community Calendar in this issue or visit our website at [DailyBarnacle.com](http://DailyBarnacle.com).

**SUBMISSIONS NEEDED.** Chu An This, Salt Spring's new alternative literary zine is looking for poetry and short pieces (1000 words or less) on all subjects. Preference given to Salt Spring residents. Email work to [schuyler@bookbill.com](mailto:schuyler@bookbill.com) or send with a self addressed stamped envelope to: Chu An This, Box 535 Ganges PO SSI BC V8K 2W2. For more info call Schuyler Matthews 537-8719.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** listings are free. Display your meeting or upcoming event on the Barnacle Community Calendar. Drop by our office and fill out a calendar form. Deadline for the calendar is Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

**ZEN MEDITATION.** Introduction to Zen Practice. One night only, Wednesday, October 10th, 7-9:30, led by Zen teacher Peter Levitt. Information 537-9567.

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**YOU'RE WELCOME** to display your event posters and meeting notices for up to 2 weeks on the Barnacle's Community Bulletin Board located in our office. Drop off during office hours.

**SPCA GOODS & Services** Auction is coming October 20th. If you have an item to donate call Carol at 537-4023. If you can volunteer to help out call Cathie at 537-1414.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN** Board now at The Barnacle - display your notices and posters for upcoming events on our giant bulletin board. Drop off during office hours or use our mail slot.

**STACKS/ MAXX** in concert with special guest Tim Staker Oct. 13th, 8pm Lions Club Hall. Tix \$12 at Patterson's and Acoustic Planet.

**POOH'S BIRTHDAY** Party! You're invited! Fables Cottage Saturday Oct. 13, 1-3pm. Games & goodies. Come in costume, if you like! 112 Hereford Ave. 537-0028.

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**SALT SPRING** Books presents "the new and emerging writers series" Saturday, October 13th at 7pm. 4 writers, 4 new books from 4 independent BC publishers. Readings will be followed by a Q & A period. Publisher's catalogues and writer's guidelines available. Ask about how to get Your book published!

**STUDIO TOUR** Map - The Annual General Meeting and Registration will be October 18, 2001, Thursday, Time 7:00 pm. Location Hart Bradley Hall. New members contact 537-9865.

**ALL AGES** register now for Gymnastics! SS Gymnastics Open House & Fall Registration. Wednesday October 10th at Fulford Hall 4:30 pm-7:30 pm. Info 538-0273.

**SALTY WHEELS** Square Dance Club Open House. Interested in enjoyable exercise and fun in the company of some great people? How about giving square dancing a try? Come and see what it's all about in Central Hall, Thursday October 4th and 11th at 7:00 pm. New dancer classes start soon. For more info call Angela at 653-9346 or Margaret at 537-9848.

**CHAKRA YOGA** classes. Fridays 11:00-12:30 pm drop-in. All Saints. 8 week pre-reg series Tuesdays & Fridays. Drop-in classes Oct 16th & 19th. Course starting Oct 23rd. Call Tara 653-9196.

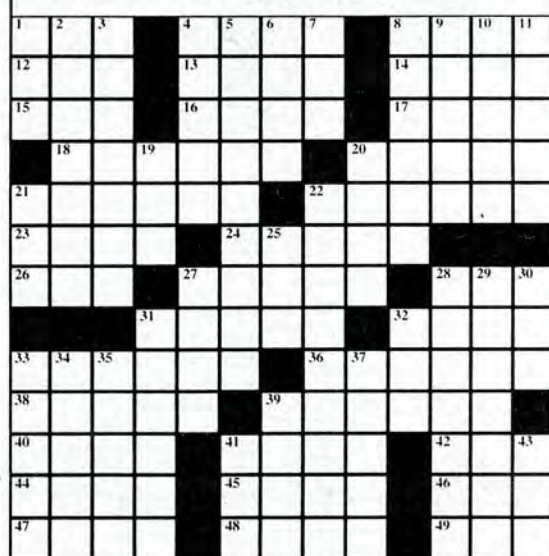
**VOCAL IMPROVISATION** and Compassion Burnout Workshop. Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice presents Bisia Belina. Sunday, November 4. Join us for an invigorating, fun filled afternoon 1:00-5:00. Investment \$50 (half price for members). Call 653-4250 for reservations and information.

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## Canadiana Crossword

### Daddy Oh!



### ACROSS

- 1 Ont. time zone
- 4 Tell all?
- 8 Obdurate
- 12 Punter Passaglia
- 13 Cape buffalo
- 14 Sheltered side
- 15 Prepare for war
- 16 Evil Empire acronym
- 17 Wild
- 18 Father of Mark
- 20 A kind of pneumonia
- 21 Keep
- 22 Father of Moises
- 23 Small salmon
- 24 Wept
- 26 Unspecified amount
- 27 Whoville creator
- 28 Newt
- 31 Firth of
- 32 Japanese waist pouch
- 33 Father of Sacha
- 36 Father of Wayne
- 38 Let in
- 39 Father of Jacques
- 40 Agreement
- 41 Yugoslavian River
- 42 Mil. rank
- 44 Via or mono follower
- 45 Oil cartel
- 46 Pull
- 47 Letters
- 48 Escritoire
- 49 Compass pt

### DOWN

- 1 Note on Guido's scale
- 2 Heart or brain follower
- 3 Father of John Craig
- 4 Arabia
- 5 Smarmy
- 6 Snout
- 7 Pike fish
- 8 Father of Stafford
- 9 Defence
- 10 Summarize
- 11 Tractor maker
- 19 Prince, in Punjab
- 20 Sediments
- 21 Canadian Mil. unit
- 22 Foul mouthed females
- 25 Concavity
- 27 Arrange
- 28 Pact
- 29 Art on walls
- 30 Hill
- 31 Faldral
- 32 Sick
- 33 Priest
- 34 Exemplar
- 35 Postal alternative?
- 37 Woe is me
- 39 Stare
- 41 Turf
- 43 Be indebted

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**Tip of the Week:**  
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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
Creating harmony and balance on all relationship fronts continues. With Mercury retrograde, there may be a lot of unravelling of communications, perceptions and plans. Life is not a random game as the media, for example, would leave one to believe; there is rhyme and reason. Deciphering who you really are rather than operating on ego will and reaction is the challenge. Avoid comparing yourself with who others seem to be and become more aware of the real you.

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)**  
Creating a lifestyle that nurtures a greater degree of health and balance is a central theme now. To this end, what you may need is a clear and inspiring vision. A lifestyle that balances material needs and pleasure etc. with spiritual aspiration and cultivation is the way of wisdom. Meaningful self-development towards meaningful contribution

infuses vision with spirit. Reach out to those who seem to be living the life you dream to live and be open to guidance.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**  
The shift of the North node into your sign this week will be experienced as a new resolve. Subtle but sure changes on many levels and with many players on your stage are key factors. This is a reminder that although it seems that we are separate entities, we are all actually united in endless oceans of divine energies. Some call it the web, of which the Internet is a pale example. Let this sense of oneness inspire your creative spirit.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)**  
Nurturing a new sense of balance close to home continues. Fortunately you are in a pioneering and confident mood. On inner levels, however, you are challenged to let go of some, if not many, of the perceptions and beliefs that were instilled in you by your society and family. The old ways will no longer work. Tradition must surrender to the consequent needs of the moment. See the big picture over the long term.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)**  
A strong desire to reach out and share your views and perspectives is upon you. With Mercury retrograde, this will include changes in attitude and perception for all involved. While you were ready to 'trash it all' a short while ago, now you are willing to adhere to some tried and true methods. Consider that learning has as much to do with really listening as it does with teaching and expressing. Let the talking stick exchange hands.

**Virgo (Aug 21 - Sep 20)**  
A collective effort to create new strategies that will support greater degrees of harmony is in the spotlight. There is always another way as long as there is love and willingness. Trying to fit your life into some ideal or pre-packaged norm could lead to pain and misery now. Life is not meant to be put into some little box, if it is it would have been done and sent away a long time ago. Let love and imagination help you to create a new way.

**Libra (Sep 21 - Oct 20)**  
Asserting a new approach to creating the life you desire is in focus. It is likely that some of the methods you have been using are not working. It is time to flirt with new possibilities. Your willingness to acknowledge this probability is key. If you stubbornly adhere to what you have been doing, consider that you are being motivated by fear. Be satisfied with knowing what does not work. It is time to be a

beginner again.

**Scorpio (Oct 21 - Nov 21)**  
Whether you are conscious of it or not, you have been busily building a whole new spectrum of values and priorities on inner levels. Old beliefs and attitudes are being broken down. This is a natural process and is designed to assist you, so do not fearfully resist. Things are not as they were nor will they be. Let go of control. Whatever is unfolding is happening 'for' you and not 'to' you. Consciously embrace this transformational requirement with faith.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)**  
Freedom is the word that has been running through your mind and flying from your mouth even more than usual lately. What you are meant to learn is that true freedom is from within rather than from outside influences and sources. Still, you may feel moved to move on as well. This will require new attitudes as well as tools. Recognize that as you clear the way within outer blockages will dissolve like magic.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
Strong ambitions to create a greater flow of harmony in your world continue. To this end it is time for you to carefully re-consider some of your habitual approaches. The security you seek will come from nurturing a new sense of identity rather than commanding others into allegiance. Innocence and willingness to receive guidance and support is the call. It is time to open a new round of negotiations. Invite your higher mind to participate.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**  
Cultural, artistic and spiritual interests are calling you out these days. Ironically, while you are out engaging, a central message coming your way is to go within. This might mean allowing outer events to seed inner dreams, visions and inspirations. It is also a call to keep an open mind and be willing to listen more than express. Even though you are very intuitive already, let the intuitions of others be your guide at this time.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
Even though you have entered into something of a melting pot, the time has come to sort out the elements that do not blend well. Even your sincere willingness to give to the situation will backfire if you do not acknowledge needed adjustments and changes. Great traditions are created slowly over time, yet the process of creative change continues and tradition must yield. Experiment with new ways of living and loving. Contact Michael O'Connor for an Astrological Consultation at (250) 352-2936. Tape Recorded! "By Phone or in Person" "Gift Certificates".

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**• 150 • MEETINGS**

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**• 170 • NOTICES - BUSINESS**

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**• 190 • THANKS**

**MANY HEARTFELT** thanks to all the wonderful friends, acquaintances and tango pals who gave me sympathy and support through my unanticipated "transition" to life as a single woman. Your calls, cards, letters, flowers, meals, offers of a shoulder to cry on, loans of inspirational literature and help with the move into my little cabin have made all the difference! No, I'm not leaving Salt Spring! I love it here! Yes, we're going to have a great celebration when I turn 60 next March. Stay tuned and be prepared to dance! Bless you all. Judith Boel 4101

**OUR SCHOOL** is beautiful! Thank you everyone especially to Mark Rithaler of Slegg Lumber for our Dream Bench, to Glenda Woodley and the Class of '81 for their raffle donation. To Rob Holmes; Thimble Farms; The Fishery; Trevor Tamboline; Pharmasave. To Windsor Plywood for donating the wood for the shutters and Gregg Wiltshire for making them. Most of all thanks to the Maintenance Dept for their flexibility and for putting it all together! Thanks Guys! The Parents Advisory of SSE. 4101

**THANK YOU** to all who made a donation to "Community Policing Action Team". Treva Hinchcliffe and three friends will be served a Gourmet Dinner "In Jail". Paul Minville a \$50 Gift Certificate to Golden Island Restaurant and Jo Waites a \$20 Gift Certificate to Ganges Village Market. CPAT sincerely thanks those who made these gifts possible. 4101

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# Locals travel to Beijing for World Archery Championships

by Lynne and Greg Durward

We are in a bar in Beijing. It is September 11, 2001, late in the evening. We are with a group of Canadian and Irish archers and are acclimatizing ourselves to China several days before the World Archery Championships. We've just finished belting out a curious version of *Country Roads*, accompanying the young Chinese band who may or may not understand the lyrics they are singing.

The band steps down abruptly mid-set and we notice that a deadly silence has overtaken the bar. There is no sound but the Chinese commentary on the overheard TV. The bar patrons all turn to our table as the TV displays the World Trade Center towers. We strain to catch some English words in the background over the Chinese newscasters unintelligible explanations.

We return to our three-star hotel (a one-star equivalent in Canada) but we have no English TV channels, so we move into the room of a fellow archer who gets CNN in his 4-star hotel. The horror unfolds for the next few hours.

The next morning, we eat breakfast with delegates from the U.S. Archery Association, who have spent a sleepless night trying to confirm the whereabouts of the U.S. archers who were due to depart en route to the competition.

All the U.S. team members are accounted for, but ultimately will decide not to risk traveling or will be unable to find flights to Beijing. Flags are flown at half-mast throughout the tournament and athletes from over 60 countries sign a tournament poster for the U.S. team.

A sense of extreme isolation overtakes us. Everything seems strange here. The language is so different that after two weeks we can still distinguish only two words, hello and thank you.

There are no English newspapers on the street and any hotel copies are gone before we're up. We pick up a Chinese newspaper with a front-page photo of the event that looks like a clip from a *Godzilla* movie.

There is an internet café but for some reason we are repeatedly unable to log onto



Lynne and Greg Durward travelled to China to take part in the World Archery Championships in Beijing. They appreciated the opportunity to shoot beside the world's greatest archers.

Courtesy photo

the CNN site for news. The archery newsgroup hosted in the United States is dominated by ultra-patriotic U.S. messages and when a Canadian archer in our group posts a note reminding everyone that while the U.S. is certainly the victim in the current attack, it is not a perfect nation, he is kicked off the newsgroup. He muses about freedom of speech.

We phone home to reassure our family that we are fine and we learn that one of our son's co-workers was on one of THE planes. It appears that no airplanes are flying in North America and we wonder if and when we'll be able to get home.

Meanwhile life goes on as normal for the residents of the smog-covered city of Beijing.

Soldiers are omnipresent—but this is normal. Young men in ill-fitting uniforms are used for security purposes in tourist attractions, stores, hotels...everywhere.

The history of China is so different and so much longer than ours, it is hard to comprehend. We climb the Great Wall, and are overwhelmed by the sheer enormity of the undertaking, which is estimated to have cost one life per five meters to build. We explore the Ming Tombs, built

of marble slabs and bricks with workers' names inscribed. Our tour guide tells us that if any portion of the tomb failed to stand up, the workers identified by the bricks, and their families, would be killed.

We marvel as over 100 policemen block off a 10-mile stretch through the middle of Beijing in the early evening so our police-escorted caravan of 12 buses can travel quickly to the opening ceremonies for our Archery Championships.

Our tournament is a test run for archery at the 2008 Olympics. It is extraordinarily efficiently run and our hosts are warm and attentive. Our misgivings about China's ability to host the Olympics vanish. We are told that all Beijing taxi drivers and Olympic personnel must learn English by 2009.

While we become accustomed to hearing the strange tongue and become familiar with the rhythms of China, the sense of isolation continues.

Airplanes are now flying but there are no available seats on outgoing flights as people scramble to get home early.

Strangely we feel that we are in one of the safest places in the world for westerners in these times of terrorism.

Meanwhile, the show goes on at the World Archery Championships. The Canadian team is wild with elation as a Calgary archer, Dawn Groszko, places first in the Qualification Rounds in the Women's Compound Division, just seven points off a world record.

Our spirits sink as one by one the Canadians are eliminated in the head-to-head elimination rounds.

However, we appreciate the opportunity to shoot beside the world's greatest archers and we made numerous new friends in the international archery community.

When it comes time to leave, we expect hassles at the Beijing and Vancouver airports but oddly everything seems as relaxed as it was on our trip out just two weeks ago.

Arriving home and reading the Canadian coverage of the September 11 events, we experience the full impact of the horror—12 days later.

Still, it's good to be home.

## Cowichan retains 2-pt. lead over Salt Spring FC



Sidelines...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring FC 2, Cowichan 2

Salt Spring FC spotted visiting Cowichan an early two-goal lead then scored twice in the second half to draw 2-2 Sunday at Portlock Park.

Cowichan turned two innocuous chances into goals within 20 minutes of the kick-off.

First, a bloop header from Paul Erik Anderson on a long free-kick opened the scoring. Then Andy Taylor pin-balled thru two FC challenges down the left wing before depositing the second goal inside the far post.

Apart from a remarkable diving save by FC keeper Jonathan McDonald from a Chris Clements pointblank header on 42 minutes, FC patiently manufactured a sustained dominance.

Mark Nordine and Rhys Beasley worked a nice combination for Jesse Fisher whose shot clanged off the face of the crossbar.

Beasley and Nordine each came close before the half, as did Tom McColm on a well-hit drive from 30 yards.

Dion Hackett scored from the penalty spot 14 minutes into the second half to cue the comeback after Fisher was brought down in the box.

Minutes later FC fashioned a superb counterattack to level.

Starting in possession deep on the right of their own half, they switched play methodically to the left, eventually finding Hackett sprinting down the line.

Hackett and Nordine executed a perfect give-and-go into the corner for the FC striker who curled a perfect cross to the far post for Beasley who had no trouble heading FC level.

Cowichan, along with FC the only remaining unbeaten sides in the league, looked pleased to play out the clock the rest of the way and retain their two-point lead atop of the division over FC.



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1. Elizabeth Fennell	1130gr
2. Byron Mussell	1010gr
3. Brodie Dailly	985gr

#### 7-11 AGE • BASS

1. Shannon Davenport	690gr
2. Teal Morris	639gr
3. Douglas Delmonaco	525gr

#### 12-15 AGE • TROUT

1. Kevin Lee	1030gr
2. Brook Speed	960gr
3. Sarah Babych	875gr

#### 12-15 AGE • BASS

1. Andrew Mussell	655gr
2. T.J. Smith	510gr
3. Heather Fennell	510gr



# October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Many large and small businesses, and the people who work in them, know that research is the key to

discovering a cure for this disease which hits more women than anyone cares to think about.

Mouat's Clothing Co. is participating in a fundraising campaign organized by French Dressing Jean-

swear. In this Pink Ribbon campaign, for every woman who tries on a pair of French Dressing Jeanswear

and signs the "Try the Fit, Help the Cause" poster, French Dressing will donate \$1 to breast cancer

awareness. All of the money collected will go to breast cancer research and awareness.

## Bits and pieces

### Mission was impossible

Aspiring secret agents will not be out in their trench coats and sunglasses. The Mission Possible all-day espionage adventure, which was to be presented by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club, has been cancelled due to low sign-up and response.

### Phone number correction

The announcement of Graffiti Theatre's Shakespeare Workshop, scheduled for November 10 and 11 at ArtSpring, contained an error in the phone number. The contact is Yvonne Adalian and the phone number is 653-0033. The workshop is subsidized but there is a cost involved. The cost is \$50 for adults and \$25 for a selected number of high school drama students.

### Kuroshio concert

Kuroshio are returning to Salt Spring Island to play a concert at All Saints' Church on October 13. This is not a Music and Munch series, it is a special evening concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the church office.

### Spook House cancelled

The Spook House is cancelled. The event which has been going on for the past five years is cancelled because everyone who organized it is too busy.

October 2001  
French Dressing Jeanswear's  
Pink Ribbon Days



**You can help a worthy cause  
by simply trying on a pair of jeans.**

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