



BEST OVERALL: Rene Widmer and Herman Orth of Calvin's Bistro hold their first place ribbons as the Salt Spring restaurant picks up "best overall" and "best use of materials" in the Driftwood's annual Light-Up contest. Photo by Derrick Lundy

AND THE WINNERS ARE

Fifteen Salt Spring businesses vied for top prizes in the Driftwood's annual Light-Up contest held Friday night, leaving Ganges awash in colour and Christmas-season themes.

For those interested in taking a walking plus three-stop driving tour of Ganges' Light-Up entries, a route has been provided below.

Following are the winners in each of four categories in the annual Driftwood-sponsored event:

Best overall — **Calvin's Bistro.**

Best use of lights — **STS Ltd.** (first), **B.C. Hydro** (second), **Island Savings Credit Union** (honourable mention);

Most creative — **Love My Kitchen** (first), **Flowers and Wine** (second), **West of the Moon** (honourable mention);

Best use of materials: **Calvin's Bistro** (first),

Stone Walrus Gallery (second), **Fables Cottage** (honourable mention);

First and second-place winners picked up ribbons and Driftwood advertising credits.

Light-Up judges took the following route to enjoy the decorations offered by participating Ganges businesses:

Start at **Fables Cottage** on Hereford Avenue; walk back to Fulford-Ganges Road and turn left to take in **The Stone Walrus.**

Go back up the other side of Hereford to peer in the windows at **Salt Spring Physioworks.** Take a trip through the United Church parking lot and head down to **Islands Savings Credit Union** on McPhillips Avenue, and then back along the other side of the road for a look at **Salt Spring Roasting Company.**

Cut through the parking

lot behind Roasters and walk up to **Flowers and Wine.** Staying on the same side of the road, head back towards the fire hall, stopping at **Salt Spring Soapworks, Love My Kitchen and Harlan's.**

Cross Fulford-Ganges Road to take in **Aroma Crystal Therapy.** Head down the road past Centennial Park and turn left on Purvis to enjoy **West of the Moon's** entry.

Now, cut through the Thrifty Foods parking lot and take some time to look at the **Calvin's Bistro** display.

Now it's time to hop in the car and head up Lower Ganges Road to the **Thrifty Shop** and then on to the **B.C. Hydro** building.

Final stop is **STS** on Grantville Street — don't worry, you can't miss it — and don't forget to bring along a food bank donation for this charity display.

Art critic emerges as judges make tough Light-Up choices

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Staff Writer

Christmas Light-Up judges peered through gleaming glass, read poetry and even journeyed to Mars as they sought out the best in business decorating last Friday night.

Armed with pencils, clipboards and several layers of clothes (including hats and umbrellas), judges Michel Jutras, Perry Newport, Lyall Ruehlen and I visited 15 Ganges businesses looking for creative ideas, unique use of lights and materials, and the best overall entry in the contest, which is sponsored annually by the Driftwood.

The judges were accompanied by Driftwood publisher Tony Richards, who insists every year it isn't raining, even as — every year — the judges are soaked to the skin. Also on the expedition were youths Danica and Sierra Lundy, who have become veteran Light-Up critics.

At some stops we lingered longer than necessary, appreciating, for example, the festive-looking ceiling lined with red-berried greenery at Fables Cottage, but

also — I confess — enjoying refuge from the rain.

Some entries — like the Stone Walrus, Flowers and Wine, and Love My Kitchen — demanded lingering looks due to the extraordinary detail of their displays, while other businesses prompted more curious responses.

At Aroma Crystal Therapy, for instance, a large Nutcracker character sent Jutras off into the world of theatre as he sought to remember lyrics from the ballet. And at the Thrift Shop, a nativity scene propelled all viewers back to their vehicles happily humming We Three Kings.

Counting (suitably) came into effect at Islands Savings Credit Union, as we figured out just how many — six — windows had been dressed; and other entries had us imagining what business-appropriate displays might include.

"Bobbles on the bones, I suppose," mused Richards as we peered into a window-dressing-in-progress at Salt Spring Physioworks.

At Harlan's, I decided I could happily finish off my days in the window's choco-

late village display, while the children said, "Forget the decorations, we want Gelato."

Then there was the serenade by Re/Max window decorators, who gave a doorway performance of rousing Christmas ditties — and they weren't even part of the competition.

But the true meat (or seafood) of the evening came as we hunkered down at Oystercatcher, ordered dinner and drew the battle lines over which entries would top the pack.

Jutras turned out to be the art critic among us, looking for "harmony in theme" and tossing out terms like "sombre elegance" for B.C. Hydro's entry, and describing the Stone Walrus display as full of "eclectic unity."

Newport and Ruehlen fell into remarkable agreement for a married judging team, while Richards sat at the head of the table sagely offering periodic advice from his lofty place of Light-Up wisdom.

Danica threw in a few devil's advocate comments, in that special way pre-teen

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Thunderbird celebrates artist with island links

Thunderbird Gallery owner Matt Steffich wants other residents to know and see good art.

This Saturday, the gallery will host a launch for the catalogue of Saturna Island artist Tom Duquette's work. The launch will be held from noon to 5 p.m.

The catalogue can be bought at the gallery for \$40.

Steffich said many Salt Spring residents may know the name as Duquette lived on the island in the past.

"He definitely has Salt Spring connections," Steffich said.

Duquette's work was also featured at ArtSpring in June for a 25-year retrospective show.

Steffich said the artist is linked to Salt Spring within his work.

"All the whale bone carvings in the [ArtSpring] show were carved from the grey whale that beached itself in

front of Moby's over two-and-a-half years ago," he said.

Local photographer Janet Dwyer photographed 47 paintings and more than 30 sculptures ranging from jade, antler, and alabaster to woad for the 96-page book published by the Victoria-based Malahat Group.

Steffich hopes people drop by on Saturday to meet the artist.

"A lot of people saw the show and have been waiting for this catalogue," he said.

Duquette studied classical drawing, painting and sculpture at the Central Institute in Toronto and has expanded on his knowledge and work throughout the years at other art centres. He was featured in National Geographic magazine for his jade carvings.

For more information or to reserve a catalog, contact Steffich at 537-8448.



TRIP TO MARS AND BACK: Linda Koroscil and Joy Howell of Love My Kitchen stand behind the store's ultra-unique Christmas Light-Up entry, which uses kitchen utensils to create an out of this world display.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

LIGHT-UP: Top entries selected

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females seem to have perfected.

Sierra, on the other hand, said very little, taking her place as she has on other Light-Up nights, and not moving much from her traditional opinion that the dazzling display at STS should take top prize for everything.

She and an adamant Ruehlen had their way on the very first selection. With an impressive 14,500 lights spread over an entire yard, and myriad Christmas and winter scenes, STS took the number one position in the "best use of lights" category.

Hydro's "sombre elegance" won it second place in that category, while honourable mention went to the ISCU windows, each dressed in different colours.

A "hands down" decision awarded Love My Kitchen's Mars entry first place in "best use of material." Gleaming kitchen supplies are used to create spaceships

and aliens in this mind-boggling entry where Santa has an unearthly experience.

Second place in the category brought the judges within a hair of a fisticuffs-style decision. (Not really, but I agreed to say that to show it was tough.)

In the end, Flowers and Wine's Salt Spring gumboot theme (complete with a Salt Spring-centric poem) won a three-one decision over West of the Moon's giant, animal advent calendar. Both entries are a "must-see."

Best use of material again involved discussion of three candidates, although the number one position emerged quickly.

At Calvin's, artsy types spent three days hanging an arbour of arbutus branches from the restaurant's ceiling and using lights, tinsel and golden ornaments to create a "classy" (Jutras again) and "enchanting" (said the pre-teen) entry.

The Stone Walrus, and its "Santa Brings Christmas to the Animals" theme, uses animals of all sizes and materials in a colourful and creative vision. It must have taken hours to craft and it's another of those "must-see" windows.

Jutras was particularly taken with the natural greenery used in the Fables entry, and we all agreed it should be given an honourable mention.

Initial "best overall" entry discussion tossed four businesses into the ring — STS, Hydro, Stone Walrus and Calvin's Bistro — until finally just STS and Calvin's remained.

In a split and then grudgingly agreed upon (especially on Sierra's part) decision, Calvin's unique entry took top spot.

The evening ended appropriately, as we drove home through a blazing Ganges, now lit-up for the season.

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The Driftwood asked island bookstore owners to recommend some titles for Christmas gift-giving. Following is the first installment, submitted by Adina Hildebrandt at Salt Spring Books.

Salt Spring Books

The most popular series of this year has been Alexander McColl Smith's **The Ladies No. 1 Detective Agency**.

"Well-written" and "a delight" is what everyone says about this series — a sure bet.

You can't beat Margaret Atwood's **Oryx and Crake** for a look into our possible scary future.

As the **Crow Flies** by Ann Marie MacDonald is her long-anticipated second book that everyone is raving about.

For non-fiction, **Paris 1919** will please any history buff.

Don't forget **Dropped Threads 2** as a must-read for women.

Lance Armstrong's new book, **Every Second Counts**, is popular among sports fans, and **Dude, Where's my Country** for all the Michael Moore enthusiasts.

For children, there is of course **Harry Potter #5**, still at 15 per cent off in our store.

Other hilarious kids' series, such as **Lemony Snicket, the Eddie Dickens Trilogy** and the **Sisterhood** books continue to be loved by new readers.

We are selling a vast array of arts and design, and gardening books, which are always a lovely treat at Christmas.

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Busy Bachman won't 'let it ride'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Second of Two Parts

Salt Spring-based musician Randy Bachman has been re-energized by a life-altering weight-loss transformation and he's now moving into "overdrive" with a batch of new projects.

Most notably for islanders, the local rock legend has offered to perform two concerts in February as a fundraiser for the Salt Spring indoor pool society.

But the busy musician is also touring, writing songs, recording CDs and considering a new jazz career now that he's started taking care of his health.

"I have a new edict of giving up my addiction to food," Bachman said.

The 60-year-old musician recently celebrated the second anniversary of a gastric-bypass operation that enabled him to lose 160 pounds, he said.

"I've gone through a transformation in the last two years."

His pursuit of health began with the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre in 2001, he said.

"I was with the Guess Who on tour in New York when 9/11 happened. It was an absolutely surreal thing to happen."

Bachman was called to look out his hotel window just as the second plane struck one of the towers and he witnessed the city descend into panic and chaos.

"I thought, 'If I'm going to die, I want to be on Salt Spring with my family and community.'"

Moving in a daze, the band drove to Boston to perform a concert in the wake of the attack.

"Only half of the audience came to see a sold-out show. You still didn't know if this was the end of the world."

After careful deliberation, the Guess Who decided to play their hit song American Woman even though the lyrics include unpopular anti-American sentiments like: "American woman, listen what I say, Don't come hangin' around my door, Don't wanna see your face no more, I don't need your war machines."

The song had a phenomenal effect on listeners, he said.

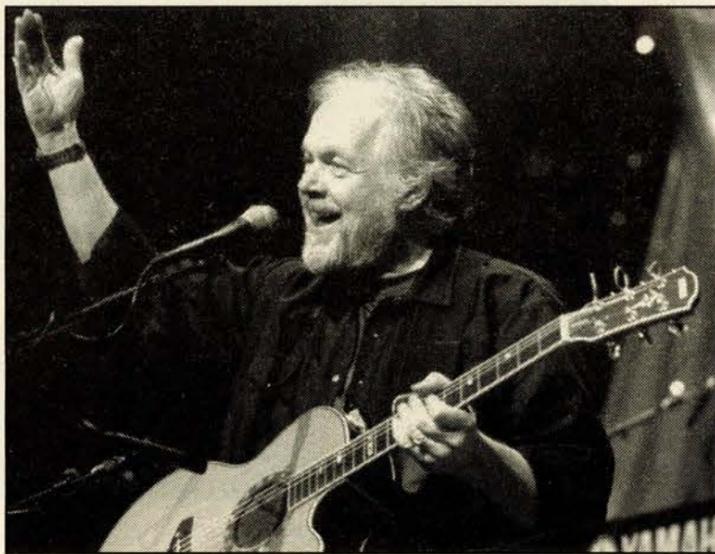
"People were in tears."

But Bachman had an epiphany as a result of the incident.

"I thought, 'The world is out of control. I can't control the world. What can I control? I can control me.'"

He heard about singer Carnie Wilson (daughter of Beach Boys' Brian Wilson), who had a gastric-bypass operation and lost 150 pounds. He did some research, hemmed and hawed for a protracted period, and finally signed up for surgery with the same doctor in November 2001.

"They told me, 'this operation isn't the golden key. We're handing you the key now and you have to exercise and diet. You are getting a chance to participate in your own miracle.'"



ROCK ON: Island rocker Randy Bachman is seen at a recent performance. Bachman — who is presenting two fundraising rock concerts on Salt Spring in February — is eyeing a new jazz career.

Photo contributed

Now, Bachman is at his trim dream weight of 235 pounds after he re-gained 10 pounds of muscle through an intensive exercise program that involves yoga, pilates and weight lifting.

"It gives me enough energy to start a new jazz career," he laughed.

Bachman recently performed as a guest with the Edmonton-based band Painting Daisies when they played at Vancouver's Railway Club last month.

In November he also released a vinyl album of his work with the Swedish rock band The Soundtrack of Our Lives.

He met the Swedish group while he was doing some songwriting in Sweden last

year, he said.

"I was stunned, they knew all my songs."

Bachman even spent a week writing songs for Canadian Idol earlier in the fall.

"I'm more busy now than I've ever been in my life," Bachman said.

For the upcoming pool fundraiser, Bachman will revive his Every Song Tells a Story concert he performed to rave reviews across Canada in the spring and summer.

His most current project involves picking through reel-to-reel tapes with an aim to print another CD of works by his old friend and jazz guitar mentor, Lenny Breau.

Bachman has already released five Breau CDs under the Guitarchives label and pledged the artist royalties from these releases to the musician's children.

But Bachman would like to find a few more unblemished gems of Breau's pure guitar genius from among the thousands of tracks in his collection.

"Some of this is crappy jazz with a bad CBC orchestra. I'm looking for strictly guitar."

After a couple of misses, he slapped an unmarked CBC tape onto his old reel-to-reel machine.

"The funny thing is that you can play some of these maybe once."

The machine has a cloth

underneath to collect flakes of iron oxide as the tape goes around the reels, he noted. Some of the tapes are so old and decrepit he must send them to an engineer in Nashville for reconditioning, he said.

But as a piece of Breau's flamenco guitar ripples through the sound studio in full luster, it's easy to see why Bachman goes to the trouble to save the old tapes.

"Most guys practise 10 years just to do this flamenco and he does this and all the other stuff too."

The guitar leaps from flamenco into jazz rhythms and Bachman is transfixed by the magic of Breau's pure, unadulterated playing.

"All he did was practise and play. He didn't even drive a car. He couldn't boil water or make toast. He was one of those brilliant guys who was all music."

Though Bachman can probably make toast, many fans would argue that he also belongs in a category of pure musicians like Breau.

Islanders can pick up tickets for Every Song Tells a Story (\$40) at the ArtSpring box office.

Two shows run February 20 and 21. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with costume judging at 7 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m., followed by a "meet and greet" with Bachman.

Guess Who fan corrects broken string tale

An island musicologist caught a glaring error in a story about Randy Bachman last week.

The Driftwood mistakenly reported that Bachman was inspired to create the guitar line from the song Taking Care of Business when he

broke a string during a concert.

But the familiar chords Bachman dreamed up while waiting for the Guess Who to come back on stage were actually those for American Woman, noted islander Len Siemko.

The new island resident had the good fortune to see the Guess Who in 1969 and 1970 at concerts in Ontario, where he met singer Burton Cummings, who told him the broken-string story.

Bachman recounts the songwriting tale on his

Every Song Tells a Story CD, but the Driftwood writer who listened to the CD had broken a string of his own.

As another note, Siemko has already purchased tickets for both February performances of Every Song Tells a Story.

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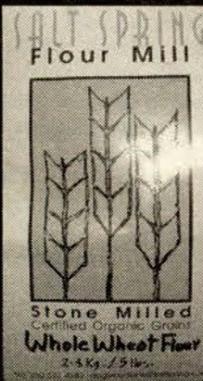
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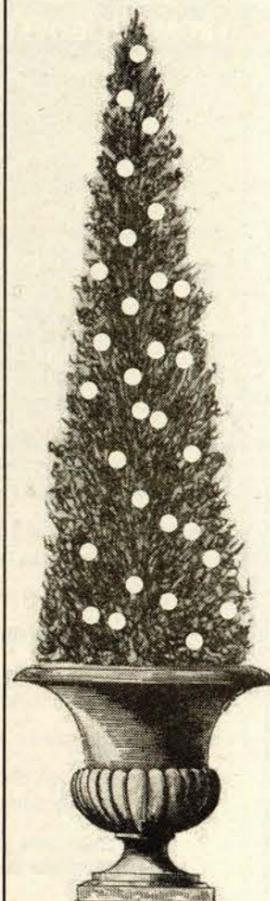
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Emerging artists wanted

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

Adriane Enns wants budding artists to join forces to get their work seen.

Enns' artwork, which is showcased at StarBooks until December 15, features a community altar to creativity. People can add items to the altar or simply enjoy what Enns has to offer.

The show is part of a larger project; Enns hopes to build an arts collective for emerging artists.

"I want to highlight young artists and share knowledge, and get young artists tuned into the whole business of being an artist and finding empowering ways of generating a livelihood in the community," she said.

Enns describes her company Catalyst Productions as a new visionary community art project, combined with a clothing company, to provide "seed" money for the collective.

"It's designed to nurture the creative and appreciation of emerging art on Salt Spring Island," she said.

Enns established the company as a way for herself and other "young visionaries" to find meaningful employment in the community.

The clothing includes sweat-shop-free hemp T-shirts and hemp fleece pants sewn by Jewels Pittendreich, with Enns' artwork on them.

Enns described her work as "urban ancient fusion."

Money raised from clothing sales will go towards a future purchase of a vehicle that would allow Enns to travel to different festivals and sell artists' work.

Enns wants to share knowledge gained through an eight-month entrepreneurship program offered by the non-profit Life Cycles organization.

During that period she spent time building a business plan.

The art side of the business still continues to feed Enns' love for what she refers to as "sending out messages of freedom." She compares the artistic process to a trance-like state where she connects with the natural world on a higher level.

"When I'm drawing I go into a trance to honour the creative process. Sometimes the ideas you share take physical form and sometimes they are simply nourishment for the creative force of the collective consciousness," she said.

"I'm only just starting to discover the really fun part about creating and joining forces with others who share this love," Enns said.

She hopes people come to see the artwork featured on the wall and welcomes emerging artists to drop by to talk about her project.

Enns' artwork can be viewed at StarBooks from Tuesday to Sunday until December 15.



HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC: From left Sonny Roland, Bryan Hunsberger and Mira Mackey take the stage at ArtSpring as Gulf Islands Secondary School music students give a performance Thursday evening.

Photo contributed

'Spiritual journey home' on Elvira Clare's Daybreak CD

A spiritual event unfolds at All Saints By-the-Sea on Tuesday, December 9 when Elvira Clare holds a release party for her first CD.

Daybreak in My Soul — Songs of Contemplative Prayer is the name of Clare's release, which will be celebrated with a musical performance beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Accompanying Clare will be guitarist Alan Miceli and Bill Perison on keyboard.

Clare describes the songs as descriptive of a spiritual journey home.

"To me, home is God, self, truth. It is being present to the constant underlying reality of God's eternal love. These songs reflect the joys, anguishing

moments and dynamic openings I have experienced over the past 25 years, as I have endeavoured to walk a spiritual path. Looking back, I feel I can best describe this journey as a series of transformations and integrations involving devotion, longing, surrender and opening — the dawning of awareness and peace."

Clare is a Salt Spring resident and well known both here and in many spiritual centres of various faiths in North America for her unique voice and inspirational lyrics and melodies.

Over the years she has been a proponent of East/West interfaith exchange and study. Her blend of contemplative

exercises and spiritual practices include the Christian mystical tradition of mental prayer, Vedanta study, meditation and self inquiry.

All profits from the sale of the CD will be given to support various interfaith projects.

Praise for Clare's songs is expressed on the CD cover.

"Elvira Clare's lyrics are inspiring, and her beautiful, clear prayerful voice opens the heart," said the Venerable Tenzin Palmo. "A wonderful offering."

Rabbi Gelberman said, "Elvira Clare sings beautifully with depth and feeling. Her melodious songs are as timely and beautiful as they are meaningful and inspiring."

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Salt Spring Singers tune up to give top-notch musical Christmas show

With everything from gentle lullabies to John Rutter's amazing Gloria on the Salt Spring Singers' Christmas concert program, people attending next weekend's event will be steeped in the beauty and reverence of the Christmas season.

Upon This Night marks the Singers' first concert under director Mitch Howard, who is promising a program of stirring, elegant and challenging music.

"I hope, as usual, people come out and support us because it is an incredibly top-notch show."

The concert at ArtSpring runs Friday through Sunday, December 12-14, with performances at 8 p.m. on the Friday and Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Upon This Night will be dedicated to Ruth Barker, the Singers' first director, who recently died.

A Basque carol from old France and another written in old English, and a beautiful arrangement of the Huron Carol are among the pieces being performed.

The choir's men will sing a song that includes Welsh passages, and Howard is especially looking forward to performance of a Charles Ives composition.

"He is known for his dissonant music, usually, but this is extremely beautiful."



GEARING UP: Members of the Salt Spring Singers choir rehearse for their December 12-14 Upon This Night Christmas concert at ArtSpring. Photo contributed

The program's crowning piece will be Rutter's famous Gloria, complete with brass choir and soloists, which depicts Christ's birth.

Salt Spring Honour Choir, also directed by Howard, will open the concert with its own program and then perform one piece with the Singers.

Howard said the youth choir has worked hard this fall, and will bring a "splash of colour" to the stage wearing new outfits that were all sewn by parent Maureen Gix.

He is especially pleased that all choir soloists and

instrumentalists involved are from Salt Spring Island. Professional players have also been matched with high school musicians in the brass group for a successful mentoring experience.

Howard added that he has enjoyed working with the group's executive.

"They don't let all the nuts and bolts of putting on a concert take away from the essential element of making beautiful music."

Howard's wife Jennifer is accompanying both choirs.

"In addition to working with the singers, the executive and the internal machine

that makes everything happen, it is a most inspiring bonus to make music with Jennifer, the choir's accompanist. Her accuracy, impeccable musicianship and constant support make every rehearsal special."

Howard said the Singers choir is constantly developing, and he credits past director Bruce Smith with bringing the group so far in his four years at the helm.

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Broadsides include poems by Phyllis Webb and P.K. Page, and chapbook authors range from Cathy Ford to Daphne Marlatt and Robert Kroetsch.

Cards, T-shirts and used books will also be available.

The open house runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 290 Fulford-Ganges Road.

Refreshments will also be served.

Food bank benefits from guild craft sale

Gulf Islands artists and shoppers went all out to help the Salt Spring Food Bank at the Guilds of Christmas sale at Mahon Hall.

Show manager April Curtis said a total of \$880, plus a box of canned goods, was collected for the food bank.

Some \$450 was collected from people attending the sale, and two guilds raised further funds through sale of specific items.

The painters guild brought in \$140 through the sale of hand-painted cards and ornaments, and basketry and potters guild members donated \$290 from proceeds of two special items.

The guilds sale ran from November 21-30 at Mahon Hall.

This Friday through Sunday marks the Beaver Point and Fulford Community Hall Christmas craft sales, and the Last Minute fair runs at Mahon Hall next weekend.

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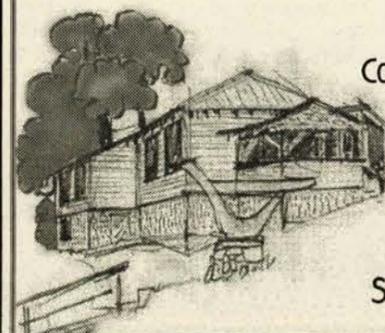
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ArtSpring stage rings with Christmas cheer

By JOHN WAKEFIELD
Driftwood Contributor
Get into the festive season with some top-notch productions at ArtSpring this December.

• The newly named OpenSpace (aka the ArtSpring lobby) is host to many wonderful visual art displays throughout the year. This December, the Salt Spring Painters Guild will feature works centered around a winter theme.

• The Salt Spring Concert Band presents Magnificent Sounds of the Season — music that is lush, grand, splendid and inspiring. From Alfred Reed's stunning Russian Christmas Music to Saint-Saëns' Third Symphony, listeners will be fully entertained. The concert will include such holiday favourites as the Nutcracker Suite and Rhapsody on Spanish Carols, as well as haunting renditions of Stille Nacht and Ave Maria. It runs this Friday and Saturday, December 5-6, at 8 p.m.

• You are invited to celebrate the festive season at the annual Salt Spring Singers Christmas Concert.

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

Upon This Night will feature seasonal songs and the delightful Gloria by John Rutter.

Joining the festivities is the Salt Spring Honour Choir. Show times are Friday-Saturday, December 12-13 at 8 p.m., and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, December 14.

• Involving over 60 islanders, Christmas With Scrooge, a local musical tradition, has been staged 18 times in 31 years, and still features many of the original players and their children!

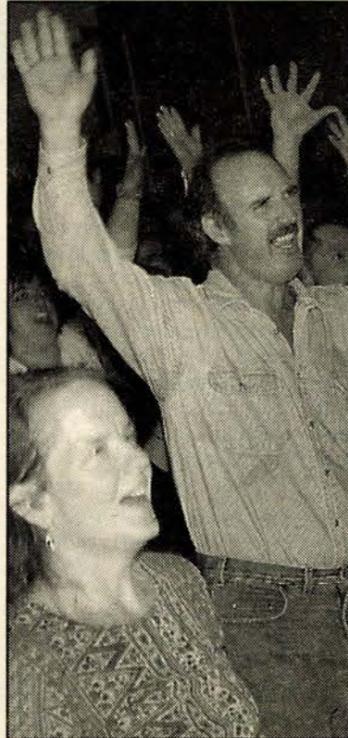
With captivating and beautiful sets and costumes (and a few surprises), lyrical and humorous original music and script by Virginia and Ray Newman, the production is always a feel-good family experience. Christmas With Scrooge previews Friday, December 19, 7 p.m., with three other performances on Saturday, the 20th (7 p.m.), Monday, the 22nd (7 p.m.) and Tuesday the 23rd (2 p.m.)

• Celebrating its fifth anniversary, the ArtSpring Christmas Sing Along on Sunday, December 21 (2:30 p.m.) is a great way to mark the winter solstice.

Hosted by Arthur Black, special musical guests perform and a brass quintet will lead the audience through their favourite carols. Admission is free, and patrons are kindly requested to bring along non-perishable food donations for the food bank.

For more information on these events, visit the ArtSpring box office (100 Jackson Avenue) or call 537-2102. Box office hours, 9:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, have been extended this month to include Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

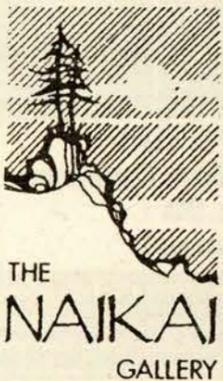
We at ArtSpring extend our very best wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with many artistic treasures.



TROOPER!: Fulford Hall rocked Saturday night as 1970s rock legend Trooper took the stage in a benefit concert for the family of Tony Head, who died last summer. Clockwise from top, a vocalist rocks on; the band's drummer shows his skill, keeping the beat on a microphone stand; island rock icon Bill Henderson takes the stage; and enthusiastic fans enjoy the show.

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Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Steve Maddock and NiteCap

Sunday, February 15, 2:30pm

There will be romance in the air when Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Steve Maddock and Capilano College's 12-member NiteCap take to the stage in this celebration of love. Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Juno-Award nominee and "one of Canada's most interesting jazz singers" (Globe and Mail), will make you swoon. The perfect date to get you in the mood for love.

Sunday, March 14, 2:30

With horns blazing, the New Orleans Connection comes out of the starting gate with straight-from-the-heart Dixieland jazz and a healthy dose of swing. Their unbridled energy and raw emotion are reminiscent of the old masters like Louis Armstrong. Talent and technique-to-burn combine with clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass and drums in an explosion of originality and musical invention.

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DAZZLING DUO: The Stack Sisters — Jane and Kathy — joined fellow island musical twosome Jack and Lefty in a “double duo” performance last Saturday night at Lions Hall.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Mahon Hall beats with Tuesday jam

Tuesday is the night for jamming at Mahon Hall, with Ilana Moon leading the fun.

Weekly community drum jams are now scheduled beginning at 8:30 p.m.

“Come out and bring your drums, horns, guitars or your dancing feet as we are kicking into high gear bringing in the season with a community style event,” states a press release.

Moon comes to Salt Spring each Tuesday to teach a series of African dance, afro-belly and drum classes before jam circle.

“With all the djundjuns and djembes already in the hall, it is a perfect opportunity to celebrate community through music, dance and

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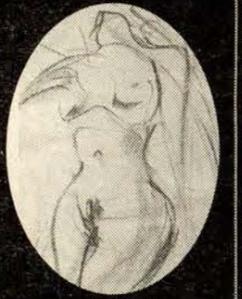
The cost is a donation between \$2 and \$5, to help with the expenses of the hall.

She stresses that everyone is welcome to attend.

For information about classes or the drum jam, people can phone Moon at (250)474-9770.

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Fun, furious Pirates tops popcorn list

Honestly, when I first heard that Disney's theme park ride Pirates of the Caribbean was being made into a movie, I groaned in pain. What a stupid idea.

When Jerry Bruckheimer (master producer of crap such as Armageddon and Pearl Harbour) got involved, the whole thing got even scarier. How could it possibly be saved?

Well, someone found a way. By hiring Johnny Depp and Gore Verbinski, Pirates of the Caribbean was given a new lease on life.

You see, the story behind the movie itself is really nothing special. It's got pirates led by a nasty Geoffrey Rush, a beautiful and spunky governor's daughter (Kiera Knightley), her lovestruck but poor suitor (Orlando Bloom), and a rogue pirate who changes sides every moment (Depp).

There's a magic medalion, a curse, and a bunch of skeletons. Nothing to call Ebert about.

But Johnny Depp pulls off a sublimely weird perfor-

mance. As he's covered in mascara and swaggering back and forth, it's hard for us to tell if he's drunk, gay or just a victim of sunstroke. One reviewer thought he was doing a Keith Richards impression.

Either way, it's simply hilarious and unlike anything you'll see in a mainstream action film.

Also, director Gore Verbinski shows that he has a talent for more than just dark, moody films such as The Ring and Mouse Hunt. The pace of this effort, with the exception of an overly long climax, is flawless.

He clearly has a splendid rapport with his cast. Even physically gorgeous but uncertain acting talent like Bloom (the elf from Lord of the Rings) and Knightley (the blonde half of Bend it Like Beckham) is great to watch.

Really, Pirates of the Caribbean is the kind of film that we haven't seen since

the days of Indiana Jones. It manages to be fun and furious while most of today's actioners are grim and ironic.

It's also more fun the second time around, as so many of the jokes are so rapier fast

you're laughing too hard at one to catch the next.

I hate to say it, but this movie that at first looked like a typical Disney throw-away effort is no question the best popcorn movie of the summer.

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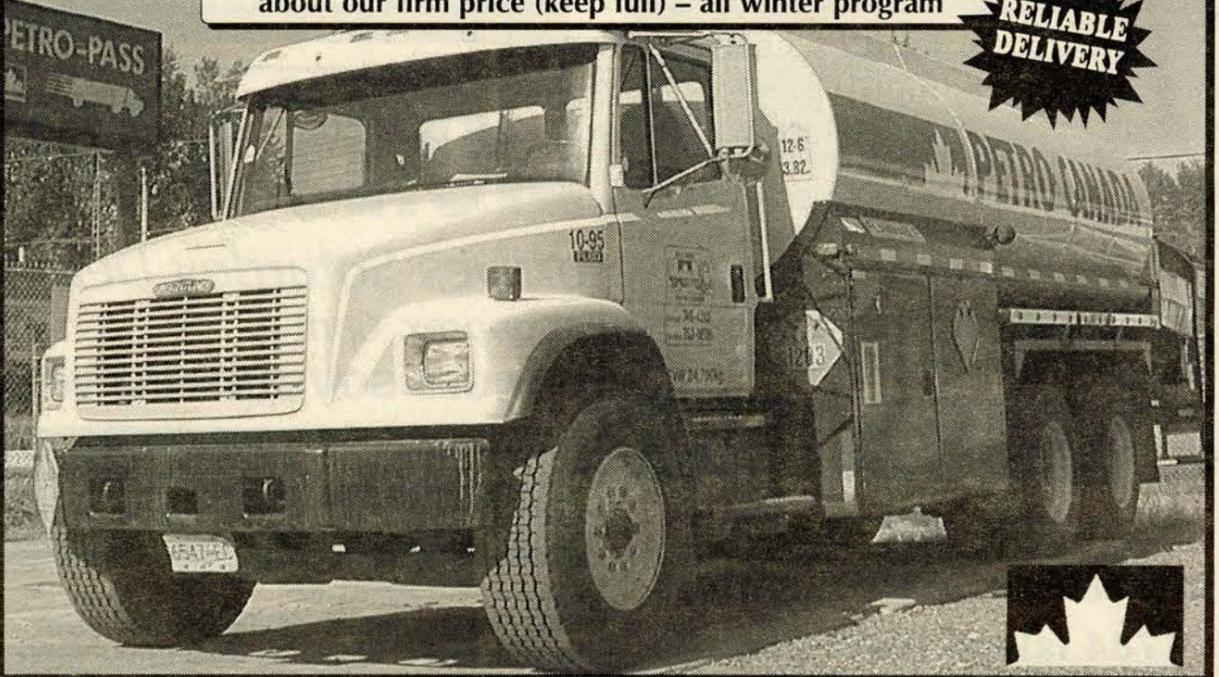
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Even with Bossin's voice in sling, Stringband still shines

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Few bands would make me sacrifice cherished journalistic duties, but last Monday's Salt Spring Folk Club act was one of them.

My regular gig at the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting — a unique form of entertainment in itself — was easily tossed aside for a chance to see Stringband live again.

As I blathered in a November 19 promo article for the show, Stringband music has crafted legends from every corner of the country. We didn't need confederation or a repatriated constitution to make a real nation — just one wild and poignant bilingual musical group.

Unfortunately for the folk club audience, Bob Bossin was suffering from some sort of throat ailment, which meant we heard fewer legends and less of his singing voice than may normally have been case.

A tide of disappointment crept over my toes when Bossin confessed to the singing handicap, but it gradually receded as each song was performed.

Stringband classics such as the Maple Leaf Dog, Mic Mac Song — one of the most stunning bits of Canadian musicianship ever — Mrs. Murphy and

Newfoundlanders made the bill, but it was just as rewarding to hear more recently composed works.

If anyone thinks Bossin and Marie-Lynn Hammond can't possibly write songs like they used to, it's just not so.

Hammond's tribute to the Canadian breed of horse, with Calvin Cairns on his sweet Continental accordion and foot-clog, was a show-stopper, and I liked Omaha and All the Horses Running too.

I had been arrested by Bossin's Lily — the ultimate ode to parenting biology — the first time I heard it on Stringband's reunion CD, but the live performance had me freely weeping.

Since they had only temporarily reunited for a 10-show tour, the musicians' ability to play an audience request was impressive. It was the shocking-for-its-time Show Us the Length, which chronicles a young feminist's response to the mayor's promotion of a beauty contest at her school. (The request had been read from a piece of paper to the band as "Show us the Length of Your Coat," but "coat" is not the "c-word" in that song.)

Cairns' fiddle playing was also a highlight, along with the story of the first Stringband-Cairns encounter. As a young man in the late 1970s he was hitch-hiking

one day when a gear-loaded Stringband vehicle came along. While they had no room for Cairns in their car, they were allegedly able to give him a copy of Quotations of Chairman Mao with a joint stuck inside.

Bass player Dennis Young was the fourth reunionite on stage.

While the band's overall sound may not have been at the same level as a group that always plays and tours together, Stringband 2003 still gave folk clubbers a night to remember.

Too bad about the PARC meeting, though.



FOLLOWING THE LEADER: Salt Spring Concert Band members take the lead of director Dawn Hage in a Monday night rehearsal for Magnificent Sounds of the Season, the band's Christmas concert set for ArtSpring on the evenings of Friday-Saturday, December 5-6.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

WordPlay's Menagerie is topnotch

By SUSAN LUNDY
Staff Writer

Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* came to life at ArtSpring last weekend carried on the voices of four WordPlay actors.

Florence Reid, Stewart Katz, Jan Rabson and Marit McBride used southern accents and dramatic intonations to bring the words of Williams' play to Saturday and Sunday audiences in the ArtSpring gallery.

And while I thought I could close my eyes and let the voices wash over me radio-style, I found myself watching, as well as hearing, the actors become their characters.

Williams' play — which works as an antithesis to the American Dream — is amusing, eloquent and tragic.

Its action centres on Amanda, a nagging, meddling mother played by Reid; Laura, her shy and fragile-as-glass daughter (McBride); her son Tom (Katz, whose character is also the narrator); and the "gentleman caller" (Rabson) who enters the drama in the second half as a "long-delayed but always expected" escape from reality.

As the scene is set, we are asked to envision the drama unfolding in a small St. Louis apartment. Crucial to

the play's symbolism is the fire escape by which the family exits the "burning desperation" of their lives.

Amanda "escapes" by clinging to her past as a popular southern belle; Tom leaves each night to live a life of adventure through movies and magic shows; and Laura awaits the gentleman caller. At first it appears the gentleman caller will help Laura transcend her lonely life. He teaches her to waltz, tells her she is special, then admits he is engaged to someone else. She is left broken like a piece of glass.

In performing a reading of *The Glass Menagerie*, WordPlay forced audience

members to use their imaginations to fill in the visual blanks.

To work, it had to be done well. And it worked. The story, the words, the actors' expressions swept us away.

Knowing the actors in the *The Glass Menagerie* only served to increase my appreciation of their performances.

I watched McBride take on the demur countenance of Laura, actually becoming this shy, frail creature, who is about as far removed from McBride as one can get. McBride hung her head and sat demurely with hands in lap.

Rabson, who is new to the ArtSpring stage but well known elsewhere for his "voices" in mainstream movies, transformed voice and facial expressions to become the gentleman caller. He threw his entire body into the role, giving an outstanding performance.

As the narrator, Katz got to deliver Williams' most eloquent lines. His diction was precision-perfect and he really rose to the challenges of the part.

With the most lines to deliver, Reid ably carried the play. She became her character, tossing out lines both tragic and hilarious.

Kudos also to director Richard Moses, whose leadership helped craft a fine performance.

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- 6:00 PM
- 14 **★★ Middle Age Crazy** (1980,Comedy) A forty-year-old Texan leaves middle class life for a Dallas Cheerleader. *Bruce Dern, Ann-Margret* (2h) 7:00 PM
- 20 **Horatio Hornblower: Duty** (2003,Drama) Admiral Pellew gives Horatio little time to ponder his new state of matrimony. *Ioan Gruffudd, Robert Lindsay* (2h) 8:00 PM
- 3 **★★★ Pipe Dream** (2002,Comedy/Drama) A lonely plumber poses as a director in order to meet more women. *Martin Donovan, Kevin Carroll* (1h45) 8:00 PM
- 24 **★★★ Hot Shots!** (1991,Comedy) A psychologically unbalanced gun fighter is sent on a mission to destroy nuclear plants. *Charlie Sheen, Valeria Golino* (2h) 8:45 PM
- 3 **★★ The Long Ride Home** (2003,Western) A gunslinger tries to reunite with his wife and son in the Wild West. *Randy Travis, Eric Roberts* (1h45) 9:00 PM
- 19 **★★ The Christmas Star** (1986,Drama) A conman's holiday spirit is renewed when two children believe he is Santa Claus. *Ed Asner, Jim Metzler* (1h30) 9:00 PM
- 20 **Horatio Hornblower: Duty** (2003,Drama) Admiral Pellew gives Horatio little time to ponder his new state of matrimony. *Ioan Gruffudd, Robert Lindsay* (2h) 10:00 PM
- 14 **★★★ Willow and Wind** (1999,Drama) An Iranian boy sets out to find the glass to replace the window he broke at school. *Hadi Alipour, Amir Jantada* (1h30) 10:30 PM
- 3 **★ Extreme Ops** (2002,Adventure) A group of extreme sports enthusiasts unwittingly stop terrorists during a film shoot. *Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson* (2h) 11:00 PM
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- 14 **★★★★ Gabbeh** (1996,Drama) A woman, depicted on a tapestry, comes to life to tell the story of her nomadic family. *Shahayeh Djodat, Hossein Mohamari* (1h15) 11:30 PM

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- THURSDAY, DEC 4
- 6:00 PM
- 14 **★★ Lady Chatterley** (1992,Erotica) Lady Chatterley has an affair with a stable groomsmen after her husband is paralyzed. *Joely Richardson, Sean Bean* (2h) 7:00 PM
- 3 **★ The Rhino Brothers** (2001,Drama) A hockey-obsessed family excitedly welcomes home the son who made it to the pros. *William MacDonald, Gabrielle Rose* (1h30) 8:00 PM
- 24 **★★★ The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly** (1966,Western) Three men become reluctant allies in their efforts to find a cache of stolen gold. *Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef* (2h) 8:30 PM
- 3 **★ House of 1000 Corpses** (2003,Horror) A group of kids get stranded in a dark house inhabited by a bizarre, murderous family. *Karen Black, Bill Moseley* (1h30) 9:00 PM
- 13 **Without Malice** (2000,Suspense) A weekend hunting trip takes a deadly turn when a forest ranger is murdered. *Gabrielle Anwar, Jennifer Beals* (2h) 9:00 PM
- 19 **★★★ Another Stakeout** (1993,Comedy) Partners on a stakeout are assigned to watch a reluctant witness against the mob. *Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez* (2h) 10:00 PM
- 29 **North of Pittsburgh** (1992,Drama) In the 1970s, a small-town punk and his destitute grandmother hit the road together. *Viveca Lindfors, Jeff Schultz* (2h) 10:00 PM
- 14 **★★ Poetic Justice** (1993,Drama) A beautiful woman writes poetry in a book to express everything she can't share with others. *Janet Jackson, Tupac Shakur* (2h15) 10:00 PM
- FRIDAY, DEC 5
- 6:00 PM

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14 ★★ The Cherokee Kid (1995, Western) A clumsy man is transformed into a slick gunslinger as he tracks down a greedy land baron. Sinbad, Burt Reynolds (2h) 7:00 PM
15 ★ National Security (2003, Comedy) An officer finds himself out of a job after he becomes involved in a violent altercation. Steve Zahn, Martin Lawrence (1h30) 7:30 PM
16 Once Upon A Christmas (1996, Family) Santa's daughters must infuse a family with holiday spirit or lose Christmas forever. Kathy Ireland, John Dye (1h30) 8:00 PM
17 ★ Lost and Found (1999, Comedy) A desperate restaurateur falls in love with his next-door neighbor, a beautiful cellist. David Spade, Sophie Marceau (2h)
18 ★★ Perry Mason: Case of the Murdered Madam (1987, Mystery) A lawyer investigates the murder of a former madam and uncovers a million dollar fraud. Raymond Burr, William Katt (2h) 8:30 PM
19 ★★ U-571 (2000, War) A crew of U.S. submarines is selected for a secret mission to take over a crippled U-boat. Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton (2h30) 9:00 PM
20 ★★ The Believer (2001, Drama) A young Jewish man in New York City develops a fiercely anti-Semitic worldview. Ryan Gosling, Summer Phoenix (1h45) 9:00 PM
21 ★★ For Love or Money (1993, Comedy) A hotel concierge with big dreams baby-sits a man's beautiful mistress as a favour. Michael J. Fox, Gabrielle Anwar (1h30) 9:45 PM
22 ★★ The Loss of Sexual Innocence (1998, Drama) An English film director's sexual history is paralleled with the story of Adam and Eve. Saffron Burrows, Julian Sands (2h) 10:00 PM
23 ★★ Butterfield 8 (1960, Drama) A high-class prostitute becomes attracted to a married man, whom she thinks is Mr. Right. Elizabeth Taylor, Laurence Harvey (2h) 10:15 PM
24 ★★ The Pianist (2002, Drama) A Jewish musician struggles to survive the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto during WWII. Adrien Brody, Thomas Kretschmann (2h30) 10:30 PM
25 ★ Three O'Clock High (1987, Comedy) The story of a mild-mannered nerd who is forced into a fight with the school bully. Casey Siemaszko, Anne Ryan (1h35) 11:45 PM
26 ★★ The Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins (1971, Comedy) A number of comic episodes adapted from the Bible's list of the seven deadly sins. Bruce Forsyth, Harry Secombe (2h)
SATURDAY, DEC 6
6:00 PM
27 ★★ Doctor Zhivago (1965, Drama) The life of Yuri Zhivago unfolds against the background of the Russian Revolution. Omar Sharif, Julie Christie (4h) 7:00 PM
28 ★★ Antwone Fisher (2002, Drama) A young Navy man is forced to see a psychiatrist after an outburst against a crewman. Derek Luke, Denzel Washington (2h) 9:00 PM
29 ★★ Bloody Sunday (2002, Drama) A look at the Irish protest march on January 30, 1972, and the massacre by British troops. James Nesbitt, Allan Gilda (1h45)
30 ★★ It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas (2002, Children) Kermit tries to save the Muppet Theatre from the bank owners who plan to demolish it. Whoopi Goldberg, Joan Cusack (2h)
31 ★★ While You Were Sleeping (1995, Comedy) A woman pretends to be the fiancée of a man in a coma and falls in love with his brother. Sandra Bullock, Peter Gallagher (1h45)
32 ★★ Portnoy's Complaint (1972, Comedy) A Jewish teenager who is obsessed with sex relates his experiences to his psychiatrist. Richard Benjamin, Karen Black (2h)
33 ★★ Doctor Zhivago (1965, Drama) The life of Yuri Zhivago unfolds against the background of the Russian Revolution. Omar Sharif, Julie Christie (2h) 10:45 PM
34 ★★ Thirteen Ghosts (2001, Horror) A family inherits a wealthy uncle's estate, including a house filled with vicious ghosts. Tony Shalhoub, Matthew Lillard (1h45) 11:00 PM
35 ★★ Benji (1974, Family) A lovable little dog helps the police bring two kidnapped children home safely. Peter Breck, Cynthia Smith (1h25)
SATURDAY, DEC 7
6:00 PM
36 ★★ Eloise at Christmastime (2003, Family) It's Christmastime and Eloise gets mixed up with wedding plans at the Plaza Hotel. Vassilievna Sofia, Julie Andrews (2h)
37 ★★ Bullitt (1968, Crime Story) After hunting for a mob boss' killers, a detective finds out that the murder was a scam. Steve McQueen, Robert Vaughn (2h)
38 ★★ Murder in the First (1994, Drama) A lawyer must defend a prisoner who was driven insane and killed his fellow inmate. Christian Slater, Kevin Bacon (2h30)
39 ★★ Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (1991, Action) Two biker men try to save their hang-out by robbing a bank, only to be hunted by hit-men. Mickey Rourke, Don Johnson (2h)

Continuing ed group cites progress at Thursday meeting

Islanders should have access to a range of community education courses as early as next spring, thanks to the hard work and determination of the Salt Spring Island Council for Community Education.

The council has come a long way in a short time and its members want to give a progress report at a Thursday, December 4 "founders" meeting at Salt Spring Elementary School.

It will begin with coffee, tea and cookies at 7 p.m., followed by a report on the latest developments, including potential courses and the council's long-term aims and plans.

The group will also sell memberships, hold a small silent auction and an office supplies "shower" at the meeting, since both money and donated materials to help run the office — everything from pens to staplers — are definitely needed.

Judi Francis is one of the council's initiators.

She said working with the group has been "fun and

stimulating," and she's found the available expertise "breathtaking."

Input on the kinds of courses islanders want to take was gleaned at both the fall fair in September and from various community groups, with a total of 200 suggestions collected.

"Computers are high on the list," she said, "and academic and gardening offerings."

Discussions are already taking place with Camosun College personnel about how to eventually offer courses through the Victoria-based institution.

"There are people crawling out of the walls, saying, 'I'd like to take English 101,'" said Francis.

She said the group will offer less than 20 courses in the first session, "which makes it really do-able for the first go-round."

Seeking grant funds will also be a critical job, since student fees are not expected to pay all expenses.

The council's local partner groups to date include

School District 64, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC), ArtSpring, Community Services and the Canadian Federation of University Women.

Office space has been donated by the school district, a \$1,600 PARC grant will pay phone and internet connections, and a supportive businessperson has donated a brand new computer and software.

The slate of directors that must be ratified at Thursday's meeting includes Francis, Garth Hendren, Susan Brain, Simon Henson, Stanley Laing, Anne MacAulay and Anne Miller.

Anyone unable to attend but still interested in the concept can contact Judi Francis at 537-9543 or bjfrancis@saltspring.com.

Course suggestions can be left on forms available in the Council for Community Education box at Salt Spring Books, or by e-mail to program coordinator Anne Miller at livelearn@saltspring.com, or 537-0608.



Island's single seniors invited to share annual winter dinner

Single islanders have a chance to get out and mingle at the 37th annual single seniors' Christmas dinner hosted by the Salt Spring Lions Club on Sunday, December 7.

The free turkey dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in the Legion's Meaden Hall.

Lions club treasurer Vicki Johnson sees the evening as an important way for seniors to reconnect with others on the island.

"It's a great thing for them. We usually get 150 people," she said.

"Some of them have lost their friends over the years. It's a nice way to put them together."

Johnson has organized the event for the past four years, and said some changes are

planned for the 2003 version.

At 6:30 p.m., 38 Girl Guides will sing before the seniors' meal. Twelve guides will then stay behind to help serve dinner as a way of earning their badges.

Johnson said she's glad the girls will be participating.

"It's a nice concept for the elderly to have the kids there," she said.

At Sunday's dinner, Johnson hopes to honour the senior who has been to the most annual dinners.

"What we were trying to

do this year was find who had been there the longest and make them the guest at the head table. Last year in the room it was really cute when someone called out that they were 90 years old," she said.

She noted that several people raised their hands to say they were the same age.

Johnson said the seniors really enjoy the event.

"They're really up and bubbly. For some of them that's what they have — they don't all have family," Johnson said.

IN THE INTEREST OF EDUCATION: From left, Garth Hendren, Simon Henson, Judi Francis and Stan Shapiro cut the ribbon Monday morning for the Salt Spring Island Council for Community Education's new office. The office is located on a lower level inside Salt Spring Elementary School, and a "founders" meeting — for anyone interested — takes place this Thursday evening.

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CIBC angel tree needs big-hearted shoppers

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

Vicki Johnson wants people to take the decorations right off the Canadian Bank of Imperial Commerce's Christmas tree.

As coordinator for the Ganges bank's "Angel Tree" project, Johnson hopes all the tree's paper angels go missing for a few days.

Johnson and her children made about 250 angels for this year's tree.

The angels, however, are more than decorations. Each figure lists an age and gender for a child in the community whose family needs a helping hand during the Christmas season.

People return a wrapped present, with the angel attached to it, to the tree.

Johnson cautions people not to wait until the last minute to participate, since presents must be placed under the tree by Monday, December 15.

Johnson said people are welcome to participate, even if they come in before the deadline and find the tree has no remaining angels.

"We usually run out of angels and people make their own angels and bring them in," she said.

Community member Judy Willett has also been helping with the Christmas toy drive for over 10 years with Bob "Santa" Appleton and other volunteers.

Willett said the toy drive fulfills an important role.

"We want to make sure every kid has a Christmas. We want to make sure no one gets missed," she said.

Willett sees Salt Spring as a community with a large heart.

"All the merchants downtown are very generous. They put boxes out," she said.

Willett and other volunteers have been collecting toys at the Old Age Pensioners (OAP) room in Central Hall for the past two months.

"We start in October with the motorcycle toy run. We ended up with bags and bags of toys from that. It takes a long time to sort things out," she said.

The group is glad to have a place to call their head-

quarters.

"We feel like we've got a palace. We were working out of people's garages before. Now, we've got heat and washrooms," she said.

Willett answered an ad requesting help with toy collection by Appleton over 10 years ago, and said everything has continued from there.

Willett approached Vicki Johnson, who agreed to oversee the tree project at the bank.

"People go in there and pick an angel off the tree. We get wonderful stuff from there," she said.

Present pick-up will be done differently from previous years where it was held at Community Services. This year, families can pick up presents from the OAP hall.

Community services executive director Lynne Brown said people can still register to receive toys this year.

Registration forms are available at Family Place, Community Services and Salt Spring Middle School. For more information, call 537-9971.



IMPRACTICAL ISLANDER: John Herbert dressed to the nines under an "impractical attire" dress code for the annual 4-H banquet at Fulford Hall on Friday.

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Lions sail Santa to islands

One of the oldest Gulf Islands Christmas traditions returns this year with the 53rd voyage of the Christmas Ship.

For the last 10 years, the U.S. Bellingham Lions Club has escorted the man in red north to the Gulf Islands to visit local children.

The ship stops at Fossil Bay on Sucia Island, Lyall Harbour on Saturna Island, Miners Bay on Mayne Island, Port Washington on North Pender and Montague Harbour on Galiano Island before reaching Salt Spring.

The boat is scheduled to arrive at the Ganges Coast Guard dock at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 13.

"It's really quite an event," said Don Cunningham, who coordinates the local Lions Club's part of the ship visit.

"The kids are lined up. As soon as Santa arrives he's all 'ho ho ho' and then there's a steady line of kids."

Cunningham said that in initiating the project so many years ago, the Americans were following the Canadian Navy's show of goodwill toward all.

"The Canadian Navy started it just to do the American islands, so the Bellingham Jaycees [Junior Chamber of Commerce group] decided to do a reciprocating one with the Canadian islands," he said.

A Ganges Coast Guard crew will escort the ship to the dock, and the Santa ship voyagers plan to set off fireworks near Grace Point on their way into Ganges.

Santa's ship is usually a whale-watching boat that belongs to Don Wight, a Bellingham Lions member.

The trip isn't a new adventure for Wight. His father also escorted the jolly fellow in past years.

Santa-watchers could be seeing double on December 13.

One Santa will visit individuals at Greenwood's and Lady Minto Hospital, while the second will greet children at Salt Spring Elementary School from 6:30-8 p.m.

Children will receive a personal Polaroid picture with Santa and a goody bag, which includes candy and a small surprise gift.

Cunningham hopes parents come with their children to visit Santa at the harbour and the school.

The ship's crew stays overnight on Salt Spring Island and visits American islands on the way back to Bellingham.



HOMEY CRAFTS: Angela Grundy holds up a Santa starfish as she participates in the Home-based Business Craft Fair at Meaden Hall last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

'Blue' service will help people deal with holiday-related grief

For people coping with feelings of loss and grief, a "blue Christmas service" is being offered by the Salt Spring United Church next week.

Reverend Ruth Cairns said the event will be at the church on December 11 at 2 p.m.

People who lost a loved one during past winter holidays, for example, may not find themselves eager to celebrate the season's return.

"It's for someone who's lost a loved one recently or find Christmas depressing or difficult," Cairns said. "Often times people get depressed when everybody else is getting hyped up."

Last year's service was called Candles of Hope. This year, individuals can continue to light candles in memory of their loved ones.

The 40-minute service also includes a meditative sermon and participants can sing some carols.

Cairns said people with less income may also find the season a strain to more than just their wallet.

"Sometimes, because we're so commercial in our preparations, people who don't have a lot or any dispensable income feel that they cannot participate in what we now call Christmas," she said.

The church has offered the

special service for more than four years.

Cairns noted that people may not feel like celebrating the holidays for other reasons.

"The anguish of a broken relationship, insecurity of unemployment, weariness of ill health — all of these things

can make us feel alone. At this service we celebrate that we are not alone. We live in God's world and God walks with us," she said.

Cairns invites people to drop by for the afternoon service, noting that everyone is welcome.

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Keough's Antarctica book attracts \$20,000 buyer; international awards

A specially autographed book by a Salt Spring couple has been purchased for \$20,000.

A Texan collector paid the record price for Pat and Rosemarie Keough's celebrated book Antarctica at the Banff Mountain Book and Film Festival.

In addition, the book has just been acknowledged as the world's best photography book in the 2003 International Photography Awards competition.

The book also won Nature Photographer of the Year and gold for "Best Sunset" at the international event.

The \$20,000 copy of Antarctica included a number of special signatures.

"It took us two years to collect autographs from 32 of the most famous Antarctic explorers, scientists and adventurers," said Pat Keough, photographer and publisher. "We're delighted that a collector from Texas recognized the unique value of this book."

The buyer, Brian Hanson, is a director of The Explorers Club.

He said he is pleased that profits from the book benefit albatross conservation efforts.



The Keoughs

Among those contributing both signatures and a few words about their achievements were Sir Edmund Hillary, leader of the first team to reach the South Pole overland since Scott and Amundsen; Gus Shin, first pilot to land at the South Pole; Edith Ronne, first woman to set foot on the Antarctic continent and over-winter there; Borge Ousland, first person to ski solo across Antarctica; Norman Vaughan, dog driver with Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expeditions of 1928-30; James Van Allen, who discovered the Van Allen Radiation Belts from Antarctica.

Other signatories include William Zinsmeister whose fossil discoveries proved that Antarctica was connected to South America; and Nicholas Clinch, leader of the climbing party which

first ascended Vinson Massif, Antarctica's highest peak.

In total, five copies of Antarctica are specially autographed, and only 950 copies have been published.

Designed, printed and hand bound in Canada, the book has received 18 major awards for excellence — for photography, overall quality, book design, printing and binding.

Ten are international awards; eight are Canadian.

"No other book has ever won each of the world's competitions for excellence of content and craftsmanship of the physical book itself," notes press material.

Polar experts such as the British Antarctic Survey and the Scott Polar Research Institute acknowledge the photography in this book to be "the most eclectic, evocative Antarctic imagery ever."

Local fundraising efforts to acquire a copy of Antarctica have reached two-thirds of the \$4,000 price tag, according to Sabine Swierenga of Sabine's Fine Used Books.

She said a fundraising event planned for February should bring in the rest of the funds.

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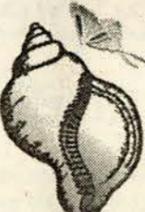
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MELLOW MAILMAN: Retiring mailman Sam Cochrane will have more time to read the paper with his dog.

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Long-serving Ganges mailman prepares to hang up his hat

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

Sam Cochrane has worn the same hat for over 30 years on his mail route. Two weeks ago, he decided to exchange it for extra time in his garden.

Sitting in a living room chair with a family dog in his lap, Cochrane looks like the usual retiree one sees on Salt Spring. Put a railway hat on him, set him loose in downtown Ganges and more than one person would recognize him as the friendly mailman.

Ganges postmistress Lynda Traer said Sam is a well-known individual on Salt Spring.

"We did a Hallowe'en display one year with a stuffed person and we put a cap on it and called it Sam because everyone knew him," she said.

Sam Cochrane, however, is quick to point out that he isn't retired just yet.

"I'm finished at the end of December," he said.

Cochrane has made a long career out of delivering mail that began because of a game of bowling with the local postmaster in 1968.

"He asked me 'do you want to sort Christmas mail?' Later, I said if a route comes up I'll take it," he said.

In 1972, Cochrane received a contract for delivering mail by truck and took over Rural Route

2 from Robert Davidson. The route area ran from Charlesworth to Cusheon Lake Road and up to Cedar View trailer court.

"In 1976, I did half of the island," he said.

During his days spent driving a route, Cochrane discovered that delivering mail can take longer than one expects and it's not always because of the weather.

"When I was delivering mail on Saturdays, one fellow — Jim McHugh — on Cusheon Lake Road would have a meal waiting for me. I'd lose an hour," he said.

There's a 'but' in his tone.

"One nice thing about this is that you met the customers," he said.

Cochrane continued to explain that McHugh lived in one of Winnie Watmough's cottages for elderly single men.

Delivering mail for over 30 years kept Cochrane "in the know" about who lived where. He said he usually remembers people more from their name and addresses than from their faces.

Cochrane found the work of a mailman often took longer than one day, such as when he received letters addressed to "Grandma and Grandpa" for Rural Route 2 in Ganges.

The number of houses within that range was large

even 30 years ago, he said.

He looked at the return address of one envelope and asked himself and other postal workers if they knew who had a granddaughter named Jenny.

Eventually, someone came into the post office who had the answer.

"It's better now with the postal code," he said.

Cochrane often has people tell him they remember waiting for him to drop off letters.

"One girl said her mother used to tell her to go watch at the window for the mailman," he said.

When Salt Spring became the first place in Canada to have a contracted walking route, Cochrane was quick to scoop the position.

In 1997, Cochrane parked his red Nissan truck and traded truck keys for walking shoes. The original contract was for five years and he renewed it last year.

Cochrane's wife Elsie said when Sam switched to the downtown route there was a two-week period when he wasn't working.

"He just about went berserk," she said. "It was almost divorce city."

If stories are any indication, mail delivery has played a large role in the Cochranes' lives. Numerous stories revolve around routes and mailboxes.

Elsie said that while Sam is a well-known local figure, people are often surprised to learn he has a wife. Luckily, Elsie said she finds this funny.

Elsie also worked in the post office for awhile, but said she wasn't as high profile as Sam.

Cochrane also supplemented his income by being a local island handyman.

During gardening season, he plans to tend the couple's immense tomato patch. Last year's crop tipped the scale at over 200 pounds.

Elsie said she's not worried that her husband will be looking for activities to keep himself occupied.

"He's got some projects in the yard that he wants to do that he never had time for," she said.

People will still see Cochrane downtown as he plans to continue meeting postal worker Amin Athanasios for coffee as they have for the past six years.

He also keeps busy as a local Lions Club member.

Cochrane said Salt Spring has been a lovely place to live, and never minded taking the extra time to stop and chat.

"The route could be cut down to a half-hour if you didn't gossip, and of course we needed to go have coffee," he said.

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240	CBC	Coronation Street				CBC News: Sunday				CountryC Land,Sea	Sunday Encore	One/One	Venture	Neverending Story			
600 621	MC	Movie	Black Knight			15 Evelyn (2002) Pierce Brosnan.				Deathlands: Homeward B...	Trapped	Charlize Theron	15 Riding in Cars...				
4	NewVI	Edge TV	Boats..	Media TV	Nice Fish	Paid	LifeDeath	Markings: Anthology		W.Vision	Paid	CityLine	Earth: Final Conflict	Beast Master			
330 379	KING	News	Weekend News			Meet the Press	Paid	Paid		NASCAR Awards	Golf Father/Son Challenge	CHAMPS	Stewart Kenny				
244 358	CH	Is Written	Ernest Angley	Van Impe		Football NFL Teams TBA				Casino	Taste	Compact	Myst.Ink	Music	Ins.Ent.		
243 321	CTVBC	7:00 Morning Canada	Eagle Communic.			Eagle C.	Worldvision	Eagle C.		Question Period	W-Five/ 21C			The Hound of the Baskervilles			
241 336	GBLBC	Sunday Morning News				MoneyW.	Scully	The Hour of Power		News				Football NFL Teams TBA			
443 383	KCTS	Dragon T. Piggley...	Arthur	Liberty		Wall St. Serious \$	McL'ghlin	KCTS Connects		The River				Ken Burns Story (cont'd next)	15 Ken Burns Story		
101	SRC	W'kender	Papyrus	Ayoye!		Le Jour du Seigneur	Mon ange			Midi	La Semaine verte	Regard	Mémoires	Christiane Charette en direct			
445 354	KNOW	B. Clues	MagicBus	Zobooma	Madeline	Bear Ill	35 Bear	Router		Sportfish	DataCafé	Scatter.	C.Wild	Rivers	Canada: History	Swap TV	Babar
242 359	CITY	CityLine	Feet F.	Optionetic		Negaraesh	Television			Music	Ethnosonic	Listed		ArtsMinds	INSIDE	Optionetic	Movie
454 523	BRAVO	Bronco Billy (1980)	Clint Eastwood.			Every Which Way But Loose				Any Which Way You Can				Inside Actors Studio	Bravo! Bio		
441 506	HIST	7:00 Pride (1999)				Survivors of...		Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970)	Martin Balsam.					The Sea Hunters	Deadly Arts:		
436 560	TLC	Trading Spaces	Trading Spaces			While You Were Out		Mostly True Stories		Junkyard Wars	U.S. Marshal			Repo Men: Stealing	Repo Men: Stealing		
483 541	FAM	McGuire	Amanda	All That	Stevens	20BoyMW	45SmartG	10T.Angel	35 Wish	Kid Who Loved Christmas	Air Bud 4: Seventh Inning...			TeamoS.	50ProudF		
450 520	A&E	Horatio Hornblow...	Horatio Hornblower: Duty			Traveler	Traveler			House	House	Makeover		Columbo: Agend...			
400 400	TSN	NFL Countdown				Curling McCain TSN Skins Game								Basketball NBA Seattle vs Toronto			SportsC
407 419	RSP	Sportsnet News	Fish On	Rugby Championship	Teams TBA			Skiing Alpine FIS		Hockey AHL Toronto vs Hamilton							News
23	KSTW	Lakewood	Paid	Tailgate	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Alone with a Stranger				Paid	Paid		Paid
24	KVOS	Paid	Paid	The Hour of Power		Discovery	Paid	Paid		Paid Program	Diagnosis Murder	McMillan 120: Buried Alive					
333 382	KCPQ	FOX News Sunday	NFL Sunday	Football NFL Seattle Seahawks vs Minnesota Vikings				PstGame	Q It Up					Sportsman of Year	Movie		
511 390	NEWS	Counterspin				CBC News: Sunday		Antiques Roadshow	The Life and Times of...					Antiques Roadshow	News	Business	
332 381	KIRO	7:30 Sunday Morning	The NFL Today			Football NFL Oakland Raiders vs Pittsburgh Steelers				Football NFL Kansas City Chiefs vs Denver Broncos							
331 380	KOMO	6:00 News	This Week			Animal R. Fillmore	Proud F.	McGuire	So Raven	The Thrill of Victory 2003				Select	Figure Skating ISU		
438 394	VISION	Islam	The Hour of Power	J. Meyer		Living Truth	Calvary	Food Life	Van Impe	700 Club	Light for All Nations	Interrupt	Tomorrow	R.Martin	Ministries		

7:00 PM
3 ★★ Road to Perdition (2002, Crime Story) Loyalties are put to the test when a hitman's son witnesses what he does for a living. Tom Hanks, Paul Newman (2h)
 8:00 PM
6 ★★ Haven't We Met Before? (2002, Suspense) A law student finds herself at the mercy of a man claiming to know her from a past life. Nicolete Sheridan, Page Fletcher (2h)
14 ★★ Eight Million Ways to Die (1985, Crime Story) When a prostitute ends up dead, an ex-cop involved with her seeks revenge on the killers. Jeff Bridges, Rosanna Arquette (2h15)
23 ★★ City Slickers (1991, Comedy) Three middle-aged friends sign up for a two-week cattle drive in the wild west. Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern (2h)
24 ★★ Great Expectations (1997, Drama) A struggling artist falls for a rich woman and tries everything to win her affection. Ethan Hawke, Gwyneth Paltrow (2h)
 9:00 PM
3 ★★ The Pianist (2002, Drama) A Jewish musician struggles to survive the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto during WWII. Adrien Brody, Thomas Kretschmann (2h30)
4 ★★ Undercover Christmas (2003, Romance) A FBI agent meets a free-spirited cocktail waitress when he is hired to protect her. Jami Gertz, Tyne Daly (2h)
5 ★★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, Comedy) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo (2h)
15 ★★ Murder in the First (1994, Drama) A lawyer must defend a prisoner who was driven insane and killed his fellow inmate. Christian Slater, Kevin Bacon (2h30)
19 ★★ Love Leads the Way (1984, Biography) A blind man returns to the U.S. with the first guide dog for the blind. Timothy Bottoms, Eva Marie Saint (1h40)
 10:30 PM
14 ★★ Witness (1985, Crime Story) A detective is sent to an Amish community to protect a young boy who witnessed a murder. Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis (2h15)
 11:30 PM
3 ★★ In the Bedroom (2001, Drama) Parents face tragedy after their son falls for a woman with a manic tempered ex-husband. Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei (2h15)

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240	CBC	Skiing Alpine World	Nature of Things			Eloise at Christmastime				Cirque du Soleil	Da Vinci's Inquest	Report	Venture	M. Walsh	Reflection		
600 621	MC	3-15 Riding in Cars with Boys	Giving it Up	Mark Feuerstein.		Road to Perdition (2002) Tom Hanks.				The Pianist (2002) Adrien Brody.				Movie			
4	NewVI	Farscape	Right On!			News	Enviro TV	Home Videos		10-8				Undercover Christmas Jami Gertz.	News	Enviro TV	
330 379	KING	Tuten	Upfront	KING News		News	News	Saturday Night Live	Christmas	T.Morgan				National Lampoon's Christmas Vaca...	News	35 Sports	
244 358	CH	Road	Road	CH Weekend News		BodyHlth	Go! Mag.	60 Minutes		Haven't We Met Before?				The Practice	Sp'rtPage	Ins.Ent.	
243 321	CTVBC	Crossed Over (2001)	Diane Keaton.			News	Alias	Cold Case		Law & Order: C.I.	Nip/Tuck			News	35 News		
241 336	GBLBC	Football	Simpsons	Simpsons	Global	News	King Hill	King Hill		Simpsons	Half Men	Malcolm	Raymond	The Shield	News	35 Vegas	
443 383	KCTS	3-15 Ken Burns American Stories Pt. 2 of 2	Mark Twain	Tonite				Tim Janis		Roy Orbison and Friends				Daniel O'Donnell			
101	SRC	Les Belles Histoires	5 sur 5			Journal	Découverte	Les Beaux Dimanches		Journal	Air famille	Adrenaline					
445 354	KNOW	Art Attack	George	Mechanic	35 Kratts'	Heartbeat		Monarch of the Glen	The Royal	All Saints	Canada: History	What the ..Science					
242 359	CITY	3:30 Second Best (1993)	William Hurt.			News	ColourTV	Movie TV	Star TV	Girls...	Kennedy	National Lampoon's Christmas Vaca...	Sex TV	Fashion			
454 523	BRAVO	ArtsMinds	The Artist	Queer Eye...Straight		Bullitt (1968) Steve McQueen.				Eight Million Ways to Die Jeff Bridges.	15 News	Witness (1985) Harrison Ford.					
441 506	HIST	Battlefleet	Elizabeth			Murder in the First (1994) Christian Slater.				Streets...	(1994) Christian Slater.	Streets...					
436 560	TLC	Trading Spaces	Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Egyptians		Noah's Flood		Trading Spaces		Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Egyptians	Noah's Flood					
483 541	FAM	15Fillmore	40Possible	McGuire	SoRaven	15Houndz	45 S. Else	10Franklin	King	ShrunkK	49Movies	Love Leads the Way	40@ Movies	155 Wilderness			
450 520	A&E	3Columbo: Age...	Playboy's 50th Anniversary Celebration			Playboy's 50th Anniversary Celebration				Playboy's 50th Anniversary Celebration				Playboy Anniver.			
400 400	TSN	3:30Sports	NFL Primetime	Football NFL Carolina Panthers vs Atlanta Falcons				Sportscentre		Golf Father/Son CHAMPS				Sportscentre			
407 419	RSP	Hockey	CHL Teams TBA			Canucks Skills		CASCAR Review		Drop In	Bus.Sport	Sportsnet News		Sportsnet News			
23	KSTW	Paid	Paid	Paid		Harley Davidson & the Marlboro Man		City Slickers (1991)		Billy Crystal.	News	Seinfeld		Mysteries			
24	KVOS	Paid	Ozzie&H	Inside	Twilight..	World Cup Challenge		Great Expectations		Ethan Hawke.	TBA	Becker		Paid	Beyond		
333 382	KCPQ	3:30 Diabolique				Simpsons	Friends	King Hill	King Hill	Simpsons	Bernie M.	Malcolm	Arrested	News	Q It Up	Stargate: S-G1	
511 390	NEWS	CBC News: Sunday				Report	Venture	The Passionate Eye		Hemisph.	Report	Venture	The Passionate Eye		Hemisph.		
332 381	KIRO	Go For It!	Animal	News	News	News	60 Minutes	Cold Case		Undercover Christmas Jami Gertz.		News	35 Access				
331 380	KOMO	3:00 F.Skate ISU	KOMO 4 News	Miracle Season		Home Videos		10-8		Alias	The Practice		News	35 Ebert			
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8:00 PM
2 ★★ One Magic Christmas (1985, Family) A woman is given the chance to reverse tragedies by rediscovering Christmas. Mary Steenburgen, Arthur Hill (2h)
13 ★★ The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000, Comedy) A scientist detects traces of another man's DNA in his system when he finds a youth serum. Eddie Murphy, Janet Jackson (2h)
24 ★★ Sixteen Candles (1984, Comedy) A girl turning sixteen is set up with a handsome jock in exchange for her underpants. Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall (2h)
 9:00 PM
19 ★★ The Homecoming: A Christmas Story (1971, Drama) Set in the 1930's, a poor family from Virginia experiences a crisis on Christmas Eve. Patricia Neal, Richard Thomas (1h40)
 10:00 PM
14 ★★ The Seven Hills of Rome (1958, Musical) A star follows his girlfriend to Rome but winds up falling in love with an Italian girl. Marisa Allasio, Peggie Castle (2h)
3 ★★ Four Jacks (2000, Thriller) Four men plot their brutal revenge on the businessman who ripped them off. Stephen Pease, Lachy Hulme (1h30)
3 ★ Sabretooth (2002, Sci-Fi) Using fossilized DNA, scientists resurrect the fearsome sabre tooth tiger. David Keith, Vanessa Angel (1h30)

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MONDAY, DEC 8
 8:00 PM
2 ★★ Frida (2002, Drama) The life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, who channelled her personal pain into her work. Salma Hayek, Alfred Molina (2h30)
2 ★★ The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993, Animated) Jack the Pumpkin King kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to turn Christmas into Halloween. Chris Sarandon, Catherine O'Hara (2h)
24 ★★ Storm Chasers (1995, Drama) A group of scientists risk their lives each day, to chase down tornadoes and hurricanes. (2h)
 9:00 PM
4 ★★ Ricky Nelson: Original Teen Idol (1999, Drama) Chronicles the early years of teen idol, musician and television star Ricky Nelson. Gregory Calpakis, Jamey Sheridan (2h)
13 ★★ A Very Brady Christmas (1988, Family) Mike and Carol Brady plan the first Brady family Christmas reunion in recent years. Florence Henderson, Christopher Knight (2h)
19 ★★ Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot (1992, Comedy) A mother and son team up in an effort to eradicate crime from the streets of Los Angeles. Sylvester Stallone, Estelle Getty (1h30)
29 ★★ The Divine Ryans (1999, Comedy/Drama) A nine-year-old boy is haunted by his father's ghost while his uncle woos his mother. Pete Postlethwaite, Robert Joy (2h)
 10:15 PM
3 ★★ About Schmidt (2002, Comedy/Drama) A man in his 60's realizes that he has wasted his life while trying to run his daughter's. Jack Nicholson, Kathy Bates (2h15)
 10:30 PM
14 ★★ Marco (1973, Musical) Colourful and lively musical that chronicles the journey of Marco Polo to the Orient. Desi Arnaz, Zero Mostel (2h)

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600 621	MC	Movie	45 Snapshots (2002) Burt Reynolds.			Movies	Jeremiah			Ellen Degeneres...	Slings And Arrows			Four Jacks	Stephen Pease.	Movie	
4	NewVI	Star Trek: Voyager	VI Land News				Seinfeld	Million?		Talk TV				Ricky Nelson: Original Teen Idol	News	35 J.Leno	
330 379	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News			News	News	Magazine	Squares	T.Morgan	Whoopi			Frasier	H.Family	Law & Order: S.V.U.	News
244 358	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News			Go! Mag.	70s	70s	Yes, Dear	Standing	Las Vegas			Nikita		Sp'rtPage	CH News
243 321	CTVBC	Sharon Osbourne	CTV News at Five			News	eTalk	Access	Punk'D	Whoopi	CSI: Crime Scene			CSI: Miami		News	News
241 336	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National		News	ET	Train 48	Fear Factor		Average Joe			News			
443 383	KCTS	Arthur	Cyberch.	Zoom	Business	News	Command	Performance									
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445 354	KNOW	George	35 Babar	ThingWork	Kratts' C	Swap TV	Moving V	Parent	Your IV	Parks	Rivers	Season of the Child		Child of Our Time	Making	Organ	
242 359	CITY	John Walsh Show	Maury Povich Show			News	B.Date	5.Wheel		The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps				The Immortal	News	35 Media	
454 523	BRAVO	Avonlea	Appointment With	Alive and Kicking			15 News	Strip.		Law & Order	NYPD Blue			The Seven Hills of Rome			
441 506	HIST	Tour of Duty	Turning Points			Lost at Cape Horn				Klondike: Quest	Turning Points			Lost at Cape Horn		Lost at Cape Horn	
436 560	TLC	Med. Det.	Med. Det.	Ancient Egyptians		Ancient Egyptians		Crime Scenes		Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Egyptians	Crime Scenes		Med. Det.	Med. Det.		
483 541	FAM	15Recess	40Possible	Proud F.	McGuire	All That	So Raven	Nestor	Jackson	Boy MW	Heartbeat	Homecoming: Christmas S...	40BoyMW	Leonard	ALF		
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Abbeyfield concept gains momentum

Newly elected directors of the South Salt Spring Abbeyfield Housing Society have revived the goal of building an Abbeyfield seniors home.

To increase momentum, the board chose to change its quarterly meetings to monthly.

New president Bruce Logan said the group wants to inject more energy into the project.

The society's mission is to build awareness and community commitment, acquire land and funding, and establish and operate an Abbeyfield home on the island's south end.

The Salt Spring non-profit society began 11 years ago, and includes a small group of volunteers interested in supportive care for the elderly.

Its aim is to offer a warm, family-style house that bal-

ances privacy with companionship, and security with independence.

The house would be run by a manager and volunteers.

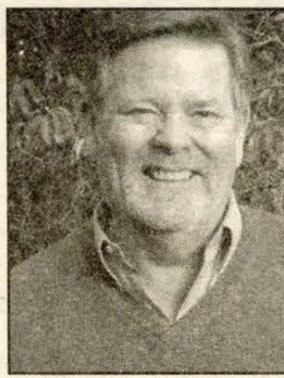
Logan said the group hopes to start a feasibility study in January 2004.

"The effort for the past decade has been to mobilize some interest in it. Now we have a detailed plan in place. Now the next step is to do a feasibility study to determine the viability of the concept on Salt Spring Island," he said.

"If feasibility study proves the viability of the concept, then we'll start being more aggressive about fundraising."

The group hasn't awarded the contract for the study yet.

The Abbeyfield house concept is not a nursing house, Logan said.



LOGAN ELECTED: South Salt Spring Abbeyfield Housing Society president Bruce Logan says the new board has big plans.

Photo by Carey Rudisill

son," he said.

The study's main focus will be to determine whether there is a need for a house on the island, and what is the demography of the senior population.

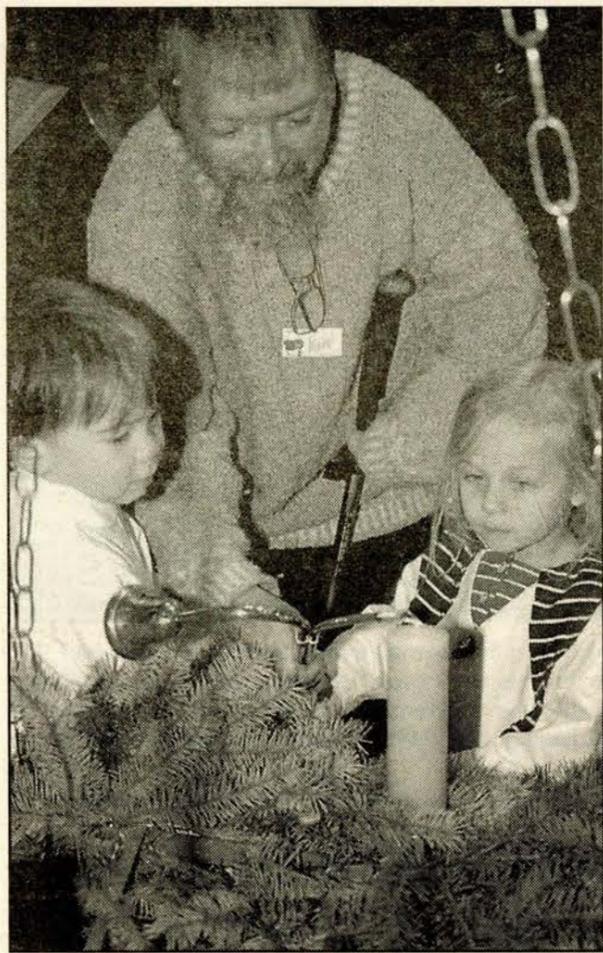
Other newly elected officers include Olive Mann as vice-president and chair of the membership committee, past-president Barb Aust will act as secretary and Stan Teigte as treasurer.

Carol Biely, Elaine Head and Marie Teigte will act as directors. Head is also the communications chair.

The original Abbeyfield society began in London in 1956, and the Abbeyfield Houses Society of Canada was established in 1984.

In 1987, the first Canadian house was built in Sidney.

For more information about the society, contact Elaine Head at 653-4125.



LIGHTING THE NIGHT: All Saints pastor Kim Murray creates an advent wreath with helpers Thomas Simmons and Samara Sladen-Dew, as the island church holds an evening of music, potluck food and candle lighting.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

BRIDGE TRICKS

On November 10, the Laundrys came in first, then Bill Buckler and Brent Vickers.

Isabelle Richardson and Joan Conlan tied with Irene Hawksworth and Ron Dickson for third.

On November 17, it was Irene Hawksworth and Jill Evans, first; then Glenda Kaiser and Donna Taylor. Joan Conlan and Sue Mouat were third.

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Return of light celebrated with solstice peace event

Peace Works! is inviting participation in another "fun-raiser" for peace with the Community Celebration of Solstice, Gathering and Meal on Sunday, December 21.

Surprise guests, local musicians, singers, poets and story-tellers will help welcome the return to light and lengthening of days that begins on the solstice.

Any individual or group interested in participating should contact Cherie Geauvreau at 537-1027 or Maggie Schubart at 537-9804.

Also planned for the day is another circle for world peace, where everyone is welcome to share stories of peace, joy and understanding.

The solstice celebration begins at 1 p.m. at Lions Hall, with a potluck banquet at 3 p.m.

More Peace Works! events are also in the works, including an afternoon with Sufi singers and poet Mohammad Ahmed from Iraq; a commissioned play on the present state of war and peace and how ordinary lives are affected; and an evening on truly ethical investments.



OLD-TIMER AMBULANCE: Do you know the people in this photograph? The Salt Spring Archives has received some photos taken on Salt Spring by Shirley Green in the 1950s and would like to identify the people in them. Call the Driftwood (537-9933) or Sue Mouat (537-9445) if you have any information to share.

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Rod, gun club prepares shooting site

40 years ago
 • The Rod and Gun Club cleared a shooting range of up to 100 yards out of a wooded area. An area for an archery range was also included.
 • Islanders enjoyed the Bazaarnival held at the Salt Spring school.

35 years ago
 • Mr. and Mrs. Mouat won the bridge tournament trophy for the fourth consecutive time. Other winners at the tournament included Cecile Atkins and Gerry Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sharland and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Swanson.
 • A hovercraft visited Ganges marina but didn't stop for long after it pulled up on shore.

30 years ago
 • Permits for 150 buildings were approved during the first 10 months of 1973, and were valued at 4.5 million dollars.

DOWN THE YEARS

• On Sunday, December 2, a man and 10-year-old boy were on a fishing trip from Mill Bay to Salt Spring when their boat's motor died. The two were rescued at Fernwood.

25 years ago
 • A preliminary community plan for Salt Spring included the building of a new recreation centre with a theatre, library and other facilities, closing Mahon Hall, putting in more facilities at Portlock Park and delaying plans for a community swimming pool. The plan recommended abandoning Mahon Hall due to the amount of upgrading required. A \$200,000 community centre and third tennis court at Portlock Park were also recommended in

the report.

• The Salt Spring Island Rotary Club's Grey Cup breakfast drew numerous football fans. Kent Villadsen won the \$1,000 grand prize for the event. Money raised by the event went towards the purchase of the Jaws of Life.

20 years ago
 • Budget cuts were predicted to slice 15 per cent from the Gulf Islands school district budget by 1986, according to a report by the provincial Ministry of Education. According to the ministry, the Gulf Islands had the ninth highest cost-per-pupil in the province.

15 years ago
 • The Driftwood joined over 30 other Canadian papers that carried Arthur Black's syndicated column. Arthur's brother Jim worked at the Driftwood but the two denied claims of nepotism at work.
 • Islanders planned to go birdy on December 18 for the 18th annual Christmas bird count. Data collected

would be forwarded to the Audubon Society.

10 years ago
 • Islanders protested the replacement of the Howe Sound Queen with the Vesuvius Queen. The Vesuvius Queen carried 32 cars, compared to the Howe Sound Queen, which carried 70.

• On December 12, islander Ken Heeley-Ray planned to accept a special lifetime achievement award. He had worked as a sound editor and created soundtracks for feature films.

5 years ago
 • Coast guard crews found a missing scuba diver hundreds of metres from his original position after he went "off course" due to the current in Active Pass.

• Salt Spring Rotarians helped raise \$500 with other clubs in District 5020 for Hurricane Mitch relief efforts. The fundraisers were in response to requests from Rotary clubs in Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and El Salvador.

BC FERRIES
Salt Spring Island Schedule
 VESUVIUS BAY - CROFTON
 CROSSING TIME: 20 MINUTES
 YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE

LEAVE VESUVIUS BAY		LEAVE CROFTON	
• 7:00 am	u 4:00 pm	* 7:30 am	4:30 pm
x 8:00 am	5:00 pm	8:30 am	5:30 pm
9:00 am	6:00 pm	# 9:30 am	6:30 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm	11:10 am	8:10 pm
11:40 am	8:40 pm	12:10 noon	9:10 pm
n 12:40 pm	9:40 pm	1:10 pm	10:05 pm
1:40 pm	+10:35 pm	2:15 pm	+11:05 pm
3:00 pm		3:30 pm	

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8:00 am	Daily except Sun.	9:00 am	Daily
10:00 am	Daily	11:00 am	Daily
12:00 noon	Daily	1:00 pm	Daily
2:00 pm	Daily	3:00 pm	Daily
4:00 pm	Daily	5:00 pm	Daily
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Notices

6 DEATHS



HARRIET RUTH ELLEN BARKER (nee Bateman) of Ganges, Salt Spring Island passed away quietly to peace on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 7:19 p.m. in the presence of her family. Mrs. Barker was 95 years old, born December 15, 1907 in Wolverhampton, England and immigrated to Canada in 1920. She was the oldest of 10 children and worked in a cotton mill, at the age of 14 in Montreal, Quebec. Athletically inclined, she competed in diving, swimming, war canoe racing & field hockey. She was also a talented pianist & singer and became a performing artist in the late 20's and 30's on the resort circuit in the Laurentian Mountains. There she met her husband Herbert Jackson Barker, a landscape artist and they were married in September 1933. Two children were born and through their schooling, Ruth became President of the Home & School Association and eventually commentator for Radio Station CFCF - Home and School of the Air in the 40's. In the 50's she became soloist and section leader of the St. Lambert, Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society and the Green Field Park, St. Paul's Anglican Church choir, singing with both groups until the family moved to Salt Spring in 1973. Here on Salt Spring, she has been a parishioner and chorister at both St Mark's and All Saints-by-the-Sea of the Anglican Parish. Shortly after settling here she founded the Salt Spring Singers, which held its 1st concert in 1974 and continues to this day. She also was an avid artist of watercolour painting and was an active member of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club. She will be sadly missed by the community at large but most especially by her family: Son Cedric Barker of Ganges, daughter Leslie-Gail Hill, husband Clive and grand children, Trina Harris & husband Mitchell of Los Angeles, CA, David Hill & wife Nicki & Jonathan Hill of Kitchener-Waterloo, ON; Sisters, Mary Keurvorst, Vancouver, Elsie Taylor and Violet Bateman of Toronto, ON and grand children Ariana Harris, Breanna, Ethan and Morgan Hill. The funeral, held Monday, December 1 at All Saints-by-the-Sea at 11:00 a.m. was officiated by Rev. Canon Kim Murray and Right Reverend Barry Valentine with the choir and many friends attending.

6 DEATHS

JONES, PAUL (J.P.) on November 25, 2003. Services Wednesday, December 3, 3:30 p.m. at Glenhaven Memorial Chapel, Vancouver.

WALKER, CEDRIC William at Saanich Peninsula Hospital Nov. 24 at the age of 96. Born in London England in 1907, Cedric attended St. Michael's School, Oak Bay High, Brentwood College and the University of Washington. He was a Registered Forester and spent a good part of his career in international forestry consulting. He was the former Registrar of the Association of British Columbia Foresters. He is predeceased by his parents Dr. W.P. Walker and Jessica Hilda Walker, his brother Basil and by his wife Bertha Patricia Walker. He is survived by his son John (Carol) of Nanaimo, grandchildren Jessica and Ross of Nanaimo, Jason of Edmonton, Trina Preddie (Colin) of Brampton, step daughter Diana Lance (Clive) of France, relatives in the U.S. and by dear friend Patricia Sutton of Brentwood. Service will be at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd., 1:00 P.M. Saturday, December 6.

LIAM FORD Wakefield came into our world at 6:47 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2003. A healthy 7 lbs. 6 oz. baby boy to proud parents Sheri and John. Our gratitude to Liam's grandparents Perry and Evelyn Ford (Ladner) and William and Margaret Wakefield (SSI), brothers Jim and Steve Dawson and the rest of our wonderful family. Thanks to everyone at ArtSpring and G.I.S.S., the professionals at Victoria General, midwives Maggie, Kelly, Michelle and Jennifer and our many supportive and loving friends.

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7 IN MEMORIAM

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7 IN MEMORIAM

MEMORIAL MASS, Dec. 10, 11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Grace for Mary Wrotnowski.

8 CARD OF THANKS

PHARMASAVE WOULD like to extend its warm thanks to all of our customers who attended Women's WinterEve last Friday night, we had a lot of fun! For those of you who missed out on the massages, paraffin hand treatments, and mini-manicures see you next year! Congratulations to all the winners of our 65+ draw prizes! Those winners who were not present to receive their prizes will be called this week to pick them up. We would also like to thank the eminent judge of our sexy lips contest - John, you were great! Thanks for coming out and helping us raise over \$800 for the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation! Ray Muir, do you know that your wife has the sexiest lips on the rock? We hope the two of you enjoy your \$100 gift certificate at House Piccolo! Thanks also to Cathy and Sam of Family Jewels, Alywin, Brandy, Jan, Cecilia and Gail for helping make our party so much fun! Last, but not least, we would like to express our appreciation to all of our staff who worked hard to make this event so fun and successful! Thank you all!

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20 COMING EVENTS

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FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

SWOVA INVITES the community to attend a Candlelight Vigil in Centennial Park, Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:00 p.m. for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. We remember all women killed by violence and we mark the 14 years since the death of 14 young women murdered in their classroom at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. SWOVA

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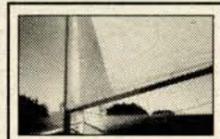
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What a feast for eyes and palate, the groaning board of food! Brad and Todd - les bon viande chefs, Arnie and Mike, merci! The music was ambrosia to our ears; We swayed to Aino's romantic accordian melodies, Harry's soulful Irish ballad, Susan's wisdom gifted in her "about everything" tune, Valdy's sweet love song, Jasmine's inspired violin, D.N.A.'s tasty groove, Donn & Maddy making beautiful music together, Kathy & Lisa's voluptuous voices, Doug's never bored(walk) beat...

AND, We delighted in Elsa's brilliant balloon trees, gasped at Mary Ann's "tell it like it is" Prophecy, treasured Mack's impromptu speech on 'great dogs', Riley's punctuating barks, Marlyn's 'ode to the terra cotta mum', Elsa's poetic toast to the future, We were in awe of Bruce's 'cool dude' jive dancing, Greg's Virgoean sound/light spell making...

SO, With Much Appreciation and Love, Big Thank You's to ALL. Especially my sweetheart Valdemar, Elsa, Jasmine, & dear Duke; the Folk Club Gang, Kitchen Crew & Choices Choir AND... Marni, Harry, Sandy, Danny, Robby, Willy, Sean, and my late Mum and Dad - Mary and David, who; had a little girl, who had a little curl, right in the middle of her forehead. When she was good, she was very, very good, And when she turned fifty, she was very, Very Bless-ED!!
xo - Kathleen

20 COMING EVENTS

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CAR KEYS found at Rainbow and Lower Ganges Road. Owner may claim at The Driftwood.

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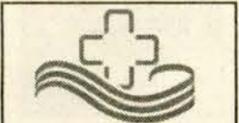
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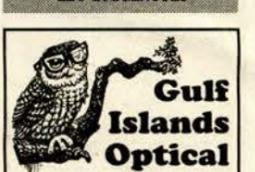
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CLEAN & SHINY. The easy and fast way to beautiful floors. Clean out the rough spots, then finish & polish. Rent the Orbiter machine! Only at Salt Spring Dry Cleaners, 537-2241.
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STOCK UP on gifts. Sample the fabulous food at Fulford Christmas Fair, December 5, 6, 7. See you there.
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HEY GUYS! We've got all your Christmas shopping done for you! And... we are open every day until Christmas so you can come and pick it up. Cathy Ward and Samantha Bourdin. Family Jewels 161 Fulford Ganges Road. 538-5560 P.S. Wrapping it up is always free.

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THE BREAD LADY will be at Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair, Dec 5, 6, 7, flat-breads, rosemary, date ginger, olive etc. See you there!

WANTED: FIREWOOD logs (will compensate owner). Will also deal with your windfalls and danger trees. Konig & Son Firewood, 537-9531.

GULF ISLANDS Optical. 50% refund on the cost of your eye test when you purchase a full set of frames and lenses. Lancer Bldg. 537-2648.

BOOKS FOR Christmas. Large selection of books at Sabine's Bookshop, where your Christmas dollar goes further. Grace Point. 538-0025.

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SSI CO-OP Preschool is missing many books from the parent's and children's library. Past and present parents, please look through your books.

DID YOU know the R.C. Legion Branch 92 donated over \$30,000 to island groups this year? Become a member - Be a part of our community.

SILLY KITTY and all other Hemp pet products from Sleeping Dogs Studio will be available at Beaver Point Hall, Dec. 5 - 7, or call 653-9673. www.sillykitty.ca.

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992 VW EUROVAN, 5 cyl., standard, 140,000 km, 537-5145.
FUDGE, FUDGE, nummy fudge. 4 kinds to choose from at Beaver Point Craft Fair, Dec. 5th, 6th and 7th.
WANTED: QUIET getaway, around/between Xmas and New Year, will house sit/tend animals, plants or pets. Responsible, with references. 250-652-3692.
INDUSTRIAL ARTISANS and Crafts producers whom would like their work profiled on Whistler Cable T.V. Call Chester 653-4122.
MASSIVE CRYSTAL, Gem and Jewelry Sale! and Showroom Opening. Dec. 4 and 5, 6 - 10 pm. SSI, Natalie @ 653-9144 for directions and appointments.
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YOGA & BRUNCH at Beaver Pt Hall. Sun. Dec 14. Yoga 10:30 w/ Susan. Organic Brunch 12:45 by Jason. Do 1 or both, 537-9642.
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BITE ME! Treats we'll be at Fulford this weekend! Hope to see you then!
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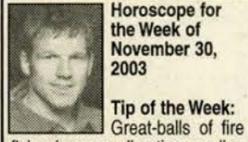
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WANTED: STUDIO/building to rent. Min. 12' x 12', central location, preferably near Walker's Hook. References. Call Tom 538-1618.
POTTERY SALE: 40 - 50% off on over 400 items. Great Xmas gifts. Renee at Play. 872 Long Harbour. 10 - 5 daily. Dec 3 - 9.
PLAY CHRISTMAS tunes on a well tuned piano! Call Ken Ackerman Piano Service. \$5 off with this ad. 250 382-4527 or 250 217-0207.
LULULEMON BLACK Jacket missing from Moby's Saturday night. Please return to Moby's, no questions asked - Karma!
FULFORD SCHOOL'S Nature Club Bird Poop Shirts make excellent gifts. Beaver Pt. Hall Craft Fair Dec. 5, 6, 7.
FABULOUS FESTIVE Foliage & Greens, the likes of which you've never seen! 491 Beaver Point Rd. Sat. Dec. 6, Sun., Dec. 7, 10 - 3.
TIRED FEET? See Certified Reflexologist, Esenje Bonga, at Eight Branches before Dec. 13, and receive a Free Infra-Red Sauna Session. Gift certificates available. 538-1701.
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MORE ADSL! Hurry it won't last long! More ADSL available now in the Ganges area, starting at \$29.95 per month. Call for availability. Local, dependable dial-up from \$8.95. Hosting from \$14.95. Call Barb at 538-0052 or visit www.salt-springinternet.com

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COME SAMPLE the delicious food provided by the G.I.S.S. students Friday night as well as home cooking to our usual standards all weekend at the Beaver Point Hall Craft Fair.
U-PICK WORLD Aids Day crosses. \$1 each. Buy several - send one to your MP and one to the Prime Minister demanding that Canada do something about the people dying from A.I.D.S. Donation jars at ArtSpring and CreekHouse Realty. Contact Peter Bardon. 537-5553.
PENTAX K1000 CAMERA w/ 50 mm lens and flash, \$100. Projection screen (retractable) \$50. Craftsman 3 1/2 h.p. lawnmower w/grass catcher, \$75. Extension ladder, \$50. Call 537-4595.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



Horoscope for the Week of November 30, 2003
Tip of the Week: Great-balls of fire flying in every direction; cooling carbon condenses to lay the foundation for new life. That is what it was like in the beginning say Astronomers, you know, the big bang! Fragments swirl and spiral in rhythmic cycles for eons becoming round and beautiful spheres of metal ores and rocks with gems in the belly and gold in the veins. Atmospheric electrical storms strike the surface. When the light of life kisses the liquid lips of the mantle the seed of the drama germinates. Larger star bodies are Suns to families of planets. These diverse groups of magnificent worlds of varying and differing composites of Fire, Earth, Air and Water play and work together like a symphony in obedience to the maestro, the Sun. Their music begins with the Sun, the sphere that gives them life and purpose. The Sun is truly the heart-centre. The music of these spheres we call planets weaves a magic in the very ethers of existence. We are intrinsically connected. Astrology has the power glimpse into and interpret the plan as it plays out here on the surface of the Earth sphere inspiring a more conscious cooperation with creation awakening free will.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Despite some lingering doubts and fears, you are in an expansive mood. Making some key, sound decisions is at the forefront of your mind. Power struggles are probable and they may be in the guise of spiritual goals. This is a good time to add to your security and avoid extravagance. Exploring the deeper, hidden reaches of your psyche for guidance is ideal. You may need some help with this. Make the best of this time by gathering new tools and with an intention to communicate as fully and honestly as you can, without being blunt or judgmental. Continue to build upon a reliable foundation.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) A search for true beauty and lasting value combined is on your mind. A celebration of art, in a very wide sense of the word, is in the spotlight. Music and subtle modes of expression and communication play key roles. Celebrating the talent and genius of friends and of great masters, figures prominently. Awakening to higher realities,

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Cultivating a deeper and more secure sense of your inner center continues. Outer security is necessary and good, but is less important than inner security, which is ultimately transcendental. Focusing on both inner and outer security in a balanced and authentic way is ideal. The question is how to do it. Trust that by sincerely asking and by continuing to ask until you get answers will prove successful. As ever, be patient with the process. Also, remember that "it is all relative" and that the greater truth comes as a feeling rather than a communication - words can even distort the truth. Feel, here now!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Balancing a new sense of independence and authority with being one among equals continues as a central theme. You are leaning that when we come from the heart everyone is equal, even though different. Distinctions based on economic class, I.Q., race, etcetera are not as important as we tend to think. This process includes bringing new and diverse perspectives, attitudes and activities into your life. Scientific, metaphysical and artistic interests have been growing and soon stronger spiritual orientations will gain your attention. Evaluate things from a fresh perspective rather than a historical one.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21) This stands to be an exciting and expansive time for you. Research and investigation into expressions of art and culture is central. Before the week is out you will be taking a more strategic and pragmatic approach. Mixing creativity and practicality is ever your goal. Pushing through and beyond resistances coming from within and without is key - mostly within. Look to habitual mental patterns to break free. To do so, curb agendas and when working with others keep an open mind towards co-creating a strategy that will work for all involved. Your willingness to entertain new approaches will lead to success.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) You are a practical thinker and philosopher at heart and that is

angels and even ascended beings, is possible. You are in good company in this regard as humanity, as a whole, moves to consider higher realities at this time in our collective journey. Keep an open mind remembering that separateness is merely an illusion of the intellect. Share with others of like heart.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Increasing your overall lot is in focus. New additions for your home, or a new home altogether, are likely. Working cooperatively and decisively with family members is key. Be willing to break with tradition, be it your own or the norm in general. Practical beauty combined with versatility is ideal. Your willingness to play with new ideas will prove rewarding. The more you can achieve the goal and remain independent the better. In other words, try to avoid long-term payment plans that seem unnecessary. In any case, investigate practical investments, employment prospects and approaches.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) You are in an expansive and pioneering mood. By either inspiration or desperation, perspiration is likely. Your willingness to make some very real changes in your overall approach is ideal. Changes and renovations close to home are probable. Creating a flow of beauty and practicality is a good idea. Understand the fact that the state of your living environment does have an effect, for better or worse, on the mental, emotional and physical

the mood you are in at this time. You are in an expansive mood, in certain respects. You are ready for the next level. You are not concerned much about the effort involved as long as there is ample reward. The return you seek does not necessarily imply more money, though that would be nice, as you probably need it. Changes on relationship fronts are imminent. This may well include romantic involvements, but new family and business arrangements are also likely. In any case, establish a more expansive and practical approach.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) Exploring new arenas, beliefs, attitudes and approaches is a central theme. You want adequate information in order to make sound judgments and choices. You are learning that you need the unique input of significant others in order to grow. Marketing your self in new ways is a likely angle. In all cases, establishing a solid foundation for new modes of expression in the world is key. Take a steady and sure approach, in this regard. Aim to do at least one thing each day towards your goals and you will be successful. The New Year will bring more changes to your lifestyle, some unexpected. Stay flexible!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Freedom is one of your favorite words and that theme is especially important to you now. Research into how, what, where and with whom you might experience freedom is key. Alternatively, your interest about a lack of freedoms and rights in the world is gaining your attention as well. From the standpoint of truth and well being for all, there "should" be some very real changes in the world. The illusion of separateness that spawns selfishness is the core problem. The challenge with this fact is that almost everyone is guilty, to one degree or another. Take a humanitarian, yet humble approach with the intention to contribute.

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health of all who reside there. This is an ancient practice called geomancy and, by extension, Feng Shui (The Chinese art of creating healthy living environments) Go for a better flow!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Every year when the Sun enters the sign before our own, we do well to retreat. You might just slow down when walking or driving, or sleep in more, or read and be quiet. Whatever you do, tune in to this mood and honor its rhythms. This cycle also bodes well for increasing your love of beauty. Expressing yourself artistically might do the trick. Otherwise, simply allowing for an appreciation of beauty in life in general will prove both soothing and inspiring. If you have not already, this may be your opportunity to begin cultivating a new mode of artistic expression. "Take the long way home".

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Local Shriners support hospital

Infants born on Salt Spring Island may have the Gulf Islands Shrine Club to thank during their first days of life.

On November 27, club president Lazlo Bedocs presented a \$3,772 cheque to Lady Minto Hospital staff for the purchase of pediatric equipment. Local Shrine Club treasurer Bob Morgan and Director Bob Petty were also on hand.

Bedocs said the money was raised through sale of kayak raffle tickets this year.

Clinical coordinator Gaynor Jones and chief of staff and radiologist Dr. Don Shea received the cheque from the Shriners.

"We don't know what they really need. I told the head nurse to put it to good use for the kids," Bedocs said.

Jones said the Shriners donate a yearly cheque, and the hospital appreciates their efforts.

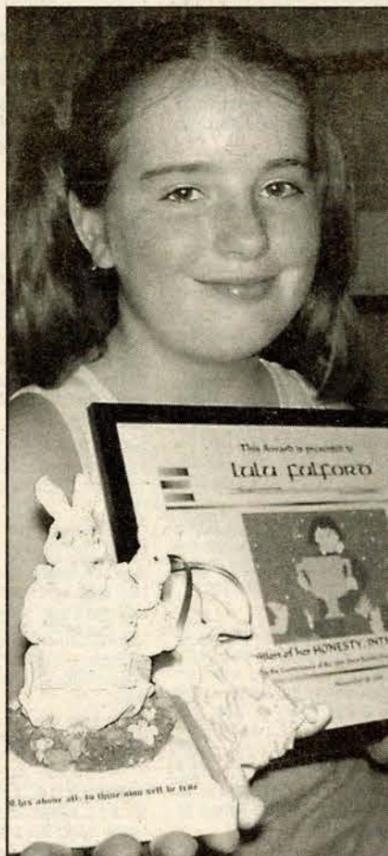
"We have also been able to have nurses go for education related to pediatrics and infants. That's been really good for us," she said.

Money from this year's cheque will help buy a weigh scale to go with the current infant warmer resuscitation unit.

Jones said the scale is added to the unit so the infant doesn't have to be moved off the warmer to be weighed.

Bedocs said the club has held fundraisers for at least 10 years. Previous donations have helped buy furnishings for the birthing suite, resuscitation equipment for the emergency department and a pediatric resuscitation doll for advanced cardiac life support education.

The Shriners Club is committed to raising money for the benefit of children and infants.



FARMING INTEGRITY:

Salt Spring 4-H Club member Lulu Fulford received an award from the Farmers' Institute for her integrity and honesty at the Fall Fair this year. Fulford had declined a Fall Fair trophy when she discovered she inadvertently broke a rule which does not allow animals to be entered in both an open class and as a 4-H project.

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LET'S EAT WITH LINDA KOROSCIL



The house my grandfather built in 1903 is 100 years old this year.

You know the one — right where you think you're going to crash into the barn on the opposite side, about two miles down Beddis Road.

Its bright red roof matches the house. My mother thought it was nicely coordinated when she had both roofs redone several years ago.

I think my grandfather would have approved; it's strong, just like the hand-hewed logs in its structure, and the oxen that hauled those timbers in 1894.

The house is in fine shape, too. It could use some fresh paint and it could be refurbished a touch — we always teased my mom about that red plaid couch. I think that's why she chose red roofing!

There's always one thing ever present when I walk through the kitchen door, though. I can smell fresh-baked bread or Betty Beddis' oatmeal cookies or, God forbid, head cheese on the woodstove. The memories are always there.

I wonder if my grandfather knows what a legacy he left.

Dad's Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 c. butter
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp. corn syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. oatmeal
- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. coconut
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. ginger
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Drop by spoonfuls on cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

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