

# THE GREEN EDITION

## Electric angels: the silent storm

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Personal electric vehicle riders  
growing exponentially on the island

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The pack of 13 electric scooter riders who gathered at Barb's Bakery and Bistro on Saturday boast they are a silent, pollution-free force to be reckoned with.

"We're born to be mild," one rider jokes.

They may be mild on the environment, but the rationale behind their sustainable transportation choice is powerful.

Instead of leather jackets, the self-dubbed "Electric Angels" wear Gortex as they assemble for the first time en masse on Salt Spring. They are among a group of over 60 electric scooter and bicycle riders on the island which has been growing exponentially over the last year alongside rising gas prices.

"Every time gas goes up 10 cents, the phone starts

to ring," said Chris Dixon, owner of EV Riders on Salt Spring, who has been selling electric scooters and bicycles for the past two years.

On an island with the highest gas prices in North America and a bee's nest of summer traffic congestion, residents are trading in their gas-guzzlers for chic electric vehicles they can ride with pride.

Peter Clarke's pickup truck was costing him \$70 a week to gas-up last fall. So he sold it and bought an electric scooter.

"I thought it would be a neat experiment," said Clarke. "Then, all of a sudden, I was a scooter man."

It costs Clarke less than 10 cents per day to keep his battery charged enough to commute daily between Vesuvius and Windsor Plywood where he works as a salesperson.

Clarke and other "electric angels" say that in addition to cutting gas costs, there are myriad benefits.

"It's fun. That's the big thing," said Clarke. "It's a bicycle that zooms along perfectly quiet. You can hear the birds chirping and talk to people raking their yards as you drive by; it's a great feeling."

Bob Fenske has been riding his electric scooter, a silver and black Motorino HTH, for the past 12 months. As chair of the Salt Spring Community Transit and Transportation Commission, Fenske rides his scooter all over the island for business appointments, shopping for groceries in Ganges and going out for coffee.

"It's an absolute hoot," he said, adding it is his direct way of reducing carbon dioxide emissions and his dependance on gas.

While Fenske can ride from Channel Ridge to Fulford and back without having to re-charge, he admits scooters are best-suited for short pleasure rides or shopping rather than driving long distances to Vancouver or Victoria.

Lack of readily available hydro outlets for riders to re-charge their batteries is an obstacle Fenske would like to see eliminated with the installation of electrical outlets across the island, accessible for a nominal fee.

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# Scooters and bikes are constantly changing

## ELECTRIC ANGELS

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The Murakami Gardens community housing project is slated to be the first spot on Salt Spring to install scooter-friendly outlets on its bike racks.

Despite minor inconveniences like being somewhat slow going up hills and having to dress appropriately for weather conditions, Fenske hopes to see many more electric scooters and bikes take to Salt Spring roads.

"My vision is to see this island festooned with electric scooters," he said.

Dixon says e-bike manufacturers work tirelessly to improve their products, and that growing awareness of environmental issues has created a strong demand for viable alternatives to petroleum-powered vehicles.

Dixon sells eight models of Motorino and Veloteq electric

scooters and a full range of electric bicycles and motor assist kits. Prices range from \$900 to \$2,000. He says the next giant step in scooter evolution will be to adopt powerful, lightweight lithium-ion batteries to replace lead-acid batteries now in use.

In the meantime, electric transportation aficionados can be frequently spotted in their candy-coloured scooters, zooming quietly around Ganges. They glide in and out of traffic with serene expressions while car drivers burn fuel like wildfire, circling town looking for a parking spot.

Fenske said it's not uncommon, after parking his scooter, to be stopped by a passerby wanting to talk "electric scooters."

On any given day, three or more scooters are parked in front of the Creekside building, turning the outdoor parking area into a veritable electric scooter show room.

"I am very happy with my 'Bee,'" said Deb LeBlanc, who has aptly named her yellow scooter.



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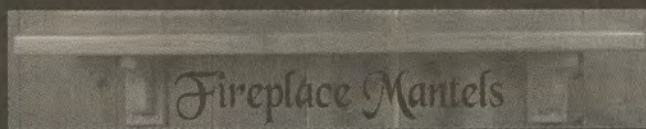
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# Salt Spring is a hot spot for 'dirty' vacations

Farm holidays make for a perfect 'green' vacation

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Instead of spending their vacation sipping cocktails at a beach resort, Vancouverites Silvia Hagen and John Mason opted for something a little dirtier this year.

The couple, along with eight other farm holiday-goers, spent July 23 to 25 tenting in an organic garlic field at Duck Creek Farm on Salt Spring Island, working as farm hands and doing everything from harvesting and drying garlic to pulling weeds.

"If everybody did this just once in their lifetime, they would understand why it's worthwhile," said Hagen, as she tugs plump garlic bulbs from the soil by hand and piles them into a wheelbarrow. "Learning all about garlic; this, to me, is fascinating."

She and Mason were first introduced to farm holidays while travelling in England and jumped at the chance to experience the same thing in their own province.

The farm holiday trend, already prominent in Europe, is catching on in North America. And The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC), which offered four B.C. farm holidays this year in addition to its existing five conservation holidays, have tapped into the growing market of vacationers looking for a closer connection with the land and a deeper understanding of where their food comes from.

"We just started farm-focussed holidays last year," said Paula Hesje, TLC agricultural liaison. "It was met with great enthusiasm, so we thought we would ramp it up this year."

In 2007 TLC piloted two farm holidays and in 2008 they pumped that number up to four.

Hesje said based on the high number of first-year participants who returned again



TLC vacationers listen intently to their host John Wilcox of Duck Creek Farm.

PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

the second year, the future of farm holidays in B.C. looks to be on the upswing.

"People are looking for a meaningful way to travel," Hesje said.

"It's not enough to go to the beach and twirl an umbrella in a drink; they're looking to learn new things, get out to places that are unique... and hang out with farmers who will answer their questions."

Three Salt Spring farms — Duck Creek Farm, Foxglove Farm and Grandview Farm—selected to be part of this year's TLC Farm Holiday lineup, offered vast educational opportunities, Hesje said.

All three are TLC conservation partners who bear the TLC butterfly symbol, denoting their commitment to conserving natural habitat on their farms.

John Wilcox, a seventh-generation farmer,

has 13 acres of farmland dedicated to bio-dynamic agriculture and growing organic garlic, basil, cucumbers, apples, beets, carrots, squash and pumpkin on Duck Creek Farm.

Cutthroat trout and coho salmon live year-round in the stream and ponds Wilcox helped create, and three acres along the creek have been set aside for conservation.

The educational component is a huge draw for vacationers, Hesje said.

"We've chosen farmers who are really farm savvy and can share their experiences with others."

Bringing willing volunteers onto their farms benefits the farmers as well.

Hesje said the TLC farm holidays help provide sorely needed labour their partners can use to help them during their busy

growing season.

Renowned for his passion for community farming, Wilcox believes escalating oil prices will lead to a massive shift away from industrial agriculture and towards local, organic farming methods over the next 10 years.

"It's very helpful when the general public

**"People are looking for a meaningful way to travel. It's not enough to go to the beach and twirl an umbrella in a drink . . ."**

PAULA HESJE  
Agricultural liaison, TLC

comes to the farm and becomes more aware of what's needed to produce food locally," he said.

For \$160 per person, or \$125 for TLC members, farm holiday-goers get three days and two nights of hands-on organic farming experience with home-cooked meals provided.

Stewart Boddy, a hardy senior from Victoria, signed up for the Duck Creek Farm holiday because he enjoys meeting like-minded people. Others in the group, who ranged from University of British Columbia students to middle-aged hobby gardeners, similarly sought the company of others they could learn something valuable from.

Taking a break from her garlic pulling, Hagen stands upright for a moment to look back and admire the row of garlic she was harvesting.

"At the end of the day," she said, "It's great to look out and see all the weeds are gone and all the garlic harvested."

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# Island family tackles construction's green future

Materials, footprint size, lot location all factors to consider

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Growing up on Salt Spring doesn't necessarily guarantee a green consciousness, but in some cases it seems to help.

Take Alain Grange, the young owner of one of the island's newest building firms, Green Earth Construction: Grange graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1997 and fell into an apprenticeship in carpentry almost by chance.

After 11 years of experience building homes, he's ready to take the plunge as owner of an innovative business, but for him

it's the most natural step.

"Green building is a fad that seems to have come up quickly," said Grange, "but it's something we're all going to have to keep doing soon. We're going to be reusing every little thing — the damage that's been done to the earth in just the past 100 years is incredible, considering how old it is."

Grange sees going green as a necessary part of the building trade's future, but says he's learned that the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island are already ahead of many regions in this way.

"Going the green way is kind of the island way," said Grange. "It's like buying local."

Green Earth Construction officially began as a company in March of this year, though it's still in its early stages. The goal is to

focus on normal construction (rather than alternative means such as cob or rammed earth), but to incorporate greener practices whenever possible.

A recent Built Green course Grange completed through the Canadian Home Builders Association carries a platform of ideas that Green Earth will build on, working from the "tight envelope" paradigm. Grange explained this means building as much energy efficiency as possible into home design, including good insulation, a good vapour barrier, and renewable energy sources such as solar panels and heat pumps.

A key component of his practice is to use long-lasting materials that won't have to be replaced or discarded, and Grange says there are a lot of other options for going green.

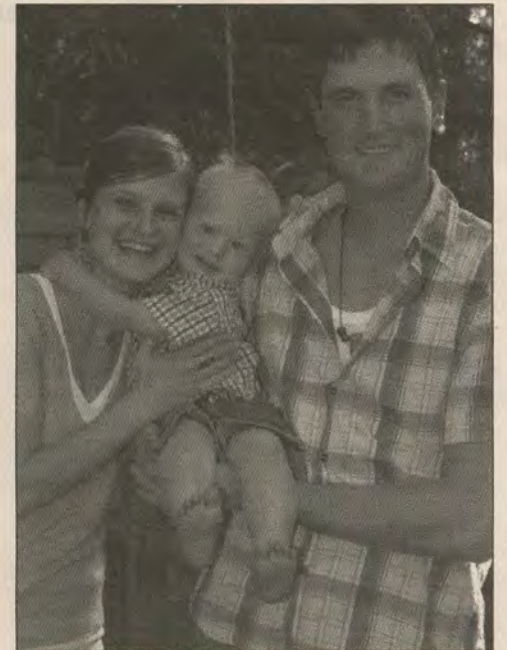


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From left, Trish Bielicki and Caleb and Alain Grange in front of recycled chicken coop.

**"Going the green way is kind of the island way."**

ALAIN GRANGE  
Green Earth Construction

"It starts with where you buy your lot; you can go close to town so there's not as much driving."

Keeping the size down is another important element. As Grange points out, a 5,000-square-foot house for two people doesn't make sense, even if it's made of rammed earth.

Many mills on the island provide local wood, and having your own wood milled to build your home is the ideal situation, Grange said.

"Even a small tree can be made into a 2 X 4 or a 1 X 4 for trim. It can be sent to Chemainus to make flooring, if it's fir. There's lots of options other than firewood."

"Having a house that's going to make it

easy to be green at home, like having Energy Star appliances — in the end that's going to bring energy bills down," Grange suggested.

"Even small things are going to help, like using eco-friendly paint, or getting rid of old insulation."

Bringing green consciousness into the construction business requires supportive clients, but Grange has found the local climate is already warm.

"We'd like to be building houses on the island here. We're not trying to change the world with building, but to build homes that are going to last a long time and be healthy. We'll employ some local people and have fun doing it."

"I think Salt Spring will be a pretty good place for it — people are receptive to new ideas."

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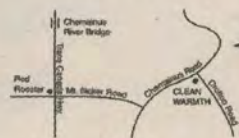
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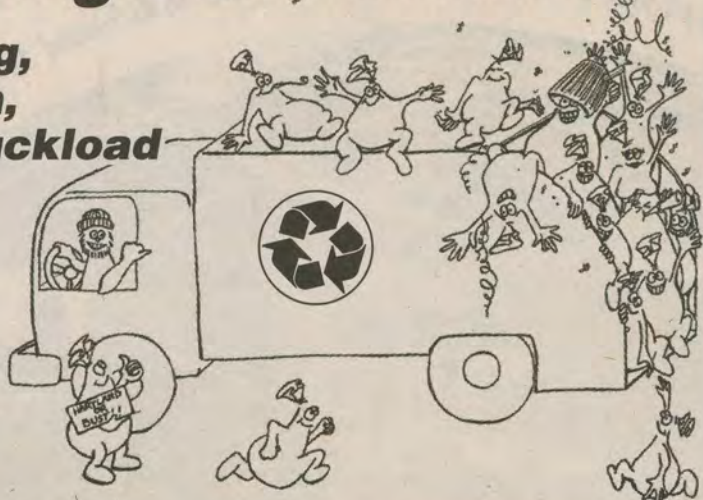
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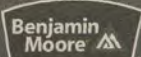


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# Expert offers tips for a guilt-free lawn

Speaker gives different options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lawns have had it rough over the past several years.

Whether it's people advocating for more local food production, waterless gardens or having to ween ourselves off chemical fertilizers and insecticides, the need to green up our act has pretty much demonized the pre-eminent symbol of suburbia — a green lawn.

Yet, according to an expert speaking at a recent workshop as part of the Capital Regional District's campaign to promote the reduction of pesticide use, your lawn need not just look green on the outside.

"A lot of people want to wipe out all the lawns, but I'm going to give you another perspective," said speaker Heide Hermary.

In addition to providing an ideal playing surface, lawns are a great way to increase green space and produce oxygen.

"They are extremely efficient carbon dioxide sinks and that's something we are going to have to be looking at as we are becoming more and more concerned about global warming."

Hermary's philosophy is simple: solving the problem is always better than solving symptoms.

Instead of deploying an arsenal of chemicals to neutralize weeds and keep lawns green as problems arise, the key is to make sure your lawn has a healthy growing medium to begin with.

The first thing to do is mow high with a sharp blade. An ideal height is between two and three inches.

Grass cut too short means sensitive root systems and crowns get more exposure to sunlight and traffic. Shorter lawns have a harder time absorbing nutrients from the sun and take longer to recover.

"A short cut lawn is not going to be drought tolerant, it's going to get sick and it's not going to get enough nutrients," Hermary



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Heide Hermary at CRD workshop.

said. "It traumatizes your lawn."

The second step in maintaining a healthier lawn is to leave grass clippings on the lawn after it's cut.

"This one doesn't require any work at all," she said.

Nutrients provided by decomposing grass clippings is a fundamental building block for good healthy soil.

These two steps alone are enough to keep lawns in great shape for most of the year.

Applying compost to the lawn once or twice a year, and sea water every two or three years, also promotes healthy soil, she said.

Because of grass' strength, good soil will generally mean it can out-compete just about any of the weeds in your yard.

"The grasses we use in our yards are really really tough grasses," she said.

If you don't have access to enough com-

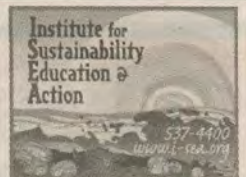
post to liberally spread across your lawn, try adding a brew of compost tea or a diluted microbe solution such as Effective Microorganisms or Bioss.

The stronger your lawn's root system, the harder it is for weeds to gain a foothold.

A healthy lawn in good soil can generally last up to six weeks without needing any water. It will turn brown and go dormant but will come up just like new when the rains return.

Developing a healthy lawn that is safe to work and play on, Hermary said, is all about using the nutrients that nature provides and living within your yard's seasonal demands.

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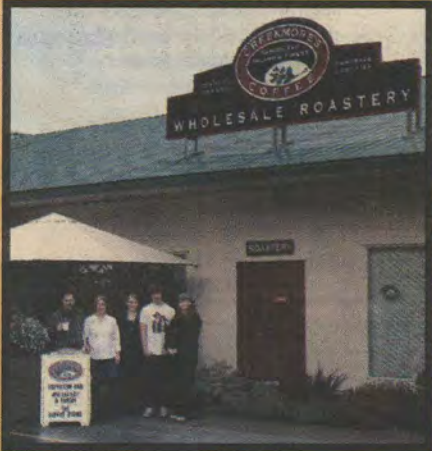


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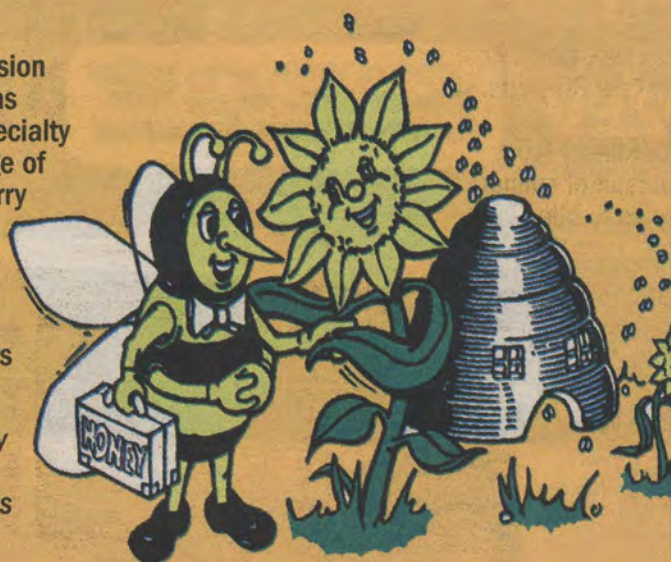
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Pharmasave introduces biodegradable bags

Island consumers can ease off on some of their plastic bag guilt with Pharmasave's introduction of 100 per cent biodegradable bags.

Starting the week of July 21, more than 400 Pharmasave stores in nine provinces — including the two on Salt Spring Island — began replacing all plastic bags at the checkout counters with biodegradable bags.

"Pharmasave is committed to being an environmentally responsible company and we are demonstrating this commitment by making all of our bags biodegradable and recyclable," said Sue Paish, CEO of Pharmasave. "We recognize that consumer awareness is growing and more people are looking for green options. These new bags are a sign of more initiatives to come from Pharmasave to help our customers reduce their ecological footprint, and to make it easy and convenient for them to take part."

Pharmasave estimates that its new biodegradable bag program will prevent approximately 20 million plastic bags from potentially hitting the landfills each year.

Costing an estimated five per cent more to produce than regular shopping bags, the move to replace the old



PHOTO BY PETER MCCULLY

Pharmasave employees Jen Sturgeon, left, and Shauna McKerrell with new biodegradable bags.

bags with the new environmentally friendly bags is viewed as an investment to sustain the environment, says the company.

In addition to being biodegradable in landfills, the bags also biodegrade in home composts.

Depending on conditions, the Pharmasave bags typically take between nine months to five years to disintegrate compared to regu-

lar plastic bags that can take hundreds of years or more to decompose in a landfill.

A unique feature of the new Pharmasave bags is that they are also recyclable — not typical of most biodegradable bags. While the bags are better for the environment, Pharmasave still encourages its customers to reuse them as much as possible to decrease the amount of energy that is used to produce all bags.

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## GREEN EDITION

# Next big green design idea is ... going small

Farm workers' cabins are one use for buildings

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Having a small environmental footprint is something many people are working toward these days, but few people are thinking as small as Johanna Murray.

A resident of the Gulf Islands for 27 years, Murray has become something of an expert on how to work creatively without a lot of space. She's put her knowledge and passion together for a new venture called Small Footprint Designs, Salt Spring's first building company to focus on the really tiny.

Close to 30 people came out to an open house held on July 26 to see Murray's first completed project under the Small Footprint banner: a cozy, lofted studio with a barn shaped roof and a bright blue door. The size? 107 square feet.

Murray is quick to point out that the legal uses of her designs are limited by land use bylaws: she is not creating cottages or guest houses and her buildings do not have kitchens or plumbing — and 107 square feet is the maximum one can go up to without acquiring a building permit. But such a space has many practical uses, including as an art studio, workshop, meditation hut, office or garden room.

A potential use that Murray is particularly interested in is as a farm worker's cabin.

"I've felt there's a need for this in the community for some time," Murray said during an interview. "I'm working closely with the Salt

Spring Island Area Farm Plan."

Published in January 2008, the plan calls for agriculture to become a core element of the community and the economy. Living sustainably by producing the island's food on-island is not impossible; statistics in the report show that in 1893, Salt Spring produced 156 tons of potatoes and 144 tons of grain, compared with two tons of potatoes and a few bushels of grain in 2006.

One of the problems with reintroducing farming to the island is the lack of affordable housing. Murray said that her designs are one solution. Travelling WWOOFers and farm labourers could sleep in small cabins and rely on the farm as headquarters for eating, bathing, etc. Land within the ALR is currently the only type allowed more than one residence.

"We have a chance to build a sustainable farming community," said Murray. "If the workers had a nice place to stay it might make it attractive enough for them to keep staying here."

Another potential idea that would use the buildings just for sleeping cabins would provide housing for homeless people.

Murray's experience in building includes several carpentry jobs, including building six or seven homes with carpenters. She's also done woodshop jobs, musical instrument building and wooden boat refinishing, sailed schooners and been a kayak guide in the summer. She said having knowledge of boats has probably helped influence her design ideas.

"Boats have to be the most efficient use of space — everything is

used wisely."

People interested in Murray's design ideas can contact her with their needs, and she'll work with a carpenter to design and construct a suitable building. She hopes to be able to provide alternative energy sources soon, and already works with local mills to use local lumber.

**"If the workers had a nice place to stay it might make it attractive enough for them to keep staying here."**

JOHANNA MURRAY  
Small Footprint Designs

Murray also works closely with Uli Temmel and the Capital Regional District's Building Inspection Office to ensure her designs conform to bylaw requirements.

In the near future, Small Footprint Designs will also feature prefabricated buildings, which Murray said will be constructed in one place locally and then delivered on a flatbed truck, saving fuel and other costs.

Although many designers would be tempted to go bigger and more complex as they develop, Murray is looking at quite the opposite trend.

"I'm interested in really small spaces, and I want to become an expert in it — so I want to stay small."

Murray can be reached at 250-537-7832.



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Johanna Murray and one of her creations.

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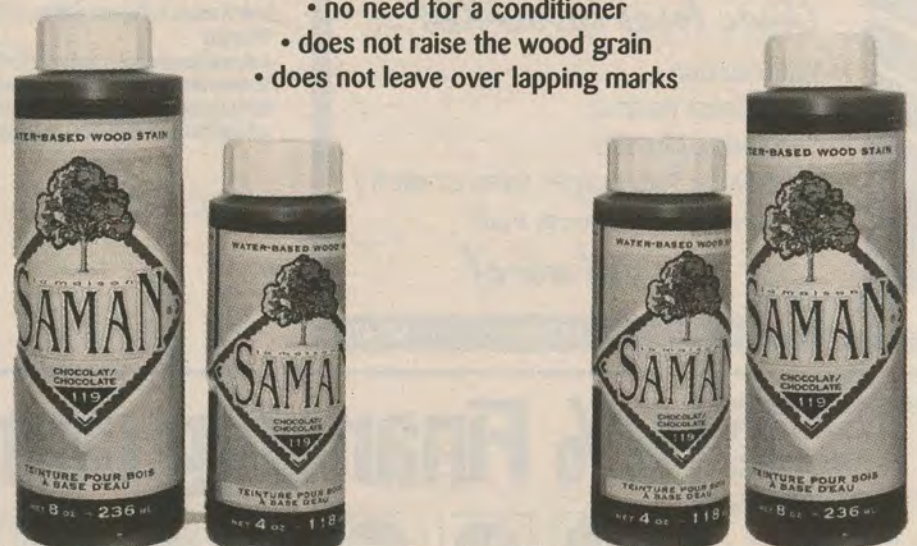
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# What's On This Week★

## Wed. August 6

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Harry Warner & Friends.** Perform at Salt Spring Vineyards every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.  
**Alan Moberg.** Award-winning West Coast balladeer and saltwater cowboy at Tree House Cafe.  
**Music & Munch.** Singer-songwriter Elvira Clare performs well-known songs at All Saints, 12:10 p.m.  
**Shirley Valentine.** Sheila Jordan performs in the Willy Russell comedy at ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m. (With wines from Morning Bay Vineyard.)

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Hiroshima Day.** Commemoration event with activities at Peace Park, 5 p.m.  
**Fitness for Families.** Free every Wednesday program at Portlock Park. Bring a stroller, 10-11 a.m.  
**Read All Over the Map.** Summer Reading Club theme is Stories of Fritz the Cinema Car with Louise Nye, SS Library, 1-2 p.m.

## Thurs. August 7

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Jon Middleton.** Folkly-reggae with a local flavour at Tree House Cafe.  
**Blues Jam.** With Dave Roland and friends every other Thursday at Moby's Pub, 8 p.m.  
**Shirley Valentine.** Sheila Jordan performs in the Willy Russell comedy at ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m. (With wines from Morning Bay Vineyard.)

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**SS Local Trust Committee.** Monthly meeting at ArtSpring, 1 p.m.  
**Acting For Shakespeare Workshop.** Four-day workshop led by Libby Mason and Marek Czuma. Info/Registration: 537-1283.

## Fri. August 8

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Kris Hansen.** Straight up at Tree House Cafe.  
**Harry Warner & Friends.** Perform at Salt Spring Vineyards every Friday, 2-4 p.m.  
**Derek Duffy & the Vagabonds.** Benefit concert at Centennial Park, 7-9 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Acting For Shakespeare Workshop.** Four-day workshop led by Libby Mason and Marek Czuma. Info/Registration: 537-1283.

## Sat. August 9

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Shane Philip.** Live music at Moby's Pub, 9 p.m.  
**Lisa Maxx.** Fresh & passionate acoustic folk roots. Tree House Cafe.  
**Adrian Iaies Trio.** Featuring one of South America's leading jazz pianists. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Zero Kilometre Dinner.** Guest speakers Pat Martin and Julian West. Meaden Hall. Information events at 4 p.m. Supper at 6 p.m.  
**Galliano Wine Festival.** Lions Field on Burrill Road. The festival runs from 1 to 4 p.m. and costs \$30 CDN per person. Tickets can be ordered through Jacques Roy at 250-539-5976 or jacques\_roy@shaw.ca  
**Fulford Day.** Family fun and music at Drummond Park.  
**Acting For Shakespeare Workshop.** Four-day workshop led by Libby Mason and Marek Czuma. Info/Registration: 537-1283.  
**Dad 'n' Me.** All you can eat pancakes for dads and kids aged eight and under at Family Place. Saturdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

## Sun. August 10

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Gene Grooms and Friends.** Fulford Inn. Sweetwater. Tree House Cafe.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Dances of Universal Peace.** Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 p.m.  
**Acting For Shakespeare Workshop.** Four-day workshop led by Libby Mason and Marek Czuma. Info/Registration: 537-1283.

## Mon. August 11

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Terry Warbey.** Tree House Cafe.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Toastmasters.** United Church upstairs, 7 p.m., except holidays.  
**Children's Clay Camp.** Five-day workshop with Tracy Harrison begins today. Info/Registration: 538-0144.  
**Kids' Climbing Camps.** For ages 8-14. Info 537-9971 loc. 231 or jalexander@ssics.ca.  
**Rug Huggers.** Family Place, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Tues. August 12

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Yamandu Costa Trio.** Brazilian roots-jazz guitarist and friends. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.  
**Open Stage.** With Tommy Hooper at Tree House Cafe.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Flower Festival.** All Saints indoor garden display from 1-5 p.m., with tea served at 2 p.m., and Choral Evensong at 4:15.  
**Market in the Meadow.** Tuesday farmers market at United Church meadow, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Probus Club of Salt Spring.** Guest speaker Arthur Black. Legion, 10 a.m.  
**SS Community Transit & Transportation Commission.** Public meeting at I-SEA, 7 p.m.  
**Kids' Tuesday Farmer's Market Tour.** Tastes of Salt Spring cooking class with Bruce Wood, 11- to 14-year-olds learn how food is farmed and cook pizza and other treats, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Info: E-mail Kathy Dryden at kd1184@telus.net.  
**Children's Market.** Kids sell their home-made/grown/baked products and play music Tuesdays outside at Fables Cottage, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Wed. August 13

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Peter Prince.** A musical feast for the soul. Tree House Cafe.  
**Harry Warner & Friends.** Perform at Salt Spring Vineyards every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.  
**Music & Munch.** Program called Tender Flowers features several performers at All Saints, 12:10 p.m. Flower Festival open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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 • Local wine production is the focus this coming weekend with a feature on Salt Spring Vineyards and the Garry Oaks Vineyard. Interviews with the owners give the inside scoop on growing the grapes and the wine-tasting experience. The bi-weekly A&E Report coming up on Thursday brings you the artists with upcoming events. This week includes the SS Fiddle Troupe, Shirley Valentine, and Denise Bachman from the Basketry Guild.

**EXHIBITIONS**  
 • **Photosynthesis** — 8th annual show of work by Salt Spring photographers opens at ArtSpring on Tues., Aug. 12 from 5-8 p.m. Runs daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 2.  
 • **Shao-Fang Ching's** series of paintings called **The Visitors** is featured at J. Mitchell Gallery.  
 • **Sit. Stand. Run.** — Showcase exhibit at ArtCraft by Deborah Gainer and Martin Herbert. Opens at Mahon Hall on Fri., Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m. and runs daily until Aug. 20. Last day for the Salt Spring Basketry Guild's Out on a Limb Showcase is Wed., Aug. 6.  
 • **Black & White** — the summer show at Morley Myers Gallery and Studio with work by Morley Myers and Kevin Steinke.  
 • **Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive presents **Being Here**, an installation by Diana Lynn Thompson. Show runs to Aug. 24.  
 • **Lady X** returns to Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art with an exhibit of paintings called **Mixed Emotions**.  
 • **Juliana Slomka** shows paintings at the Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe through August.  
 • **Stefanie Denz** and **Martin Ehlers** show work at Cafe Talia on Hereford Avenue.  
 • **Shera Street's** large acrylics inspired by Cuba and Machu Picchu, and her series called **Joy** are hanging at Barb's Bakery & Bistro through August.

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Julianna Slomka is seen with her work "Read My Lips" at the Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe. The colourful show is hanging until the end of August.

## ART EXHIBITS

### Mysteries of life explored in new Slomka artwork

Acrylics exhibited at Coffee Co. through August

A new art exhibit at Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe in Ganges expresses the artist's life experiences and emotions in dynamic, bright works on canvas.

Like many Salt Spring Islanders, Julianna Slomka has worn many hats and has diverse interests. The short list includes raising Morgan horses and driving a school bus for nearly two decades. She is very active, has practised several gruelling sports and teaches Argentine tango which she learned while in Argentina.

"I thought I had found a moving art form I could not live without," she said.

Life experiences have informed her painting, explains press material, "and one piece in the exhibit deftly shows that movement in dance, a pair of tango dancers, the gentleman's right foot blurred in a shuffle while the rich red-heeled feet of the lady anchor the moment."

## NEW BOOKS

### Barnes produces unique kayaking book

Dreaming in Nuchatlitz

With a focus on his passion for paddling, Salt Spring resident David Barnes has just released his second book of West Coast kayaking adventures.

Dreaming in Nuchatlitz, a Paddler's Journey, recounts the final journey taken by Barnes and three other friends.

"This book is unlike any

other outdoor adventure story," states press material. "It is the chronicle of the swansong journey of four paddling buddies to the place of spirits called Nuchatlitz. Life, work and circumstances would later prove to disband this tribe of paddling pirates, but not before one last adventure to the misty, rain-soaked wild coastline of Vancouver Island. As well as the antics that he and his companions fall into during the trip, the book touches on the local

myths and spirit world that inspired David to write."

Dreaming in Nuchatlitz is now available locally at Salt Spring Books, Volume II and the Waterfront Gallery.

The book, which costs \$22, is also available through Trafford Publishing, ISBN 978-1-4251-7211-4, or online at trafford.com/08-0250.

Barnes' first self-published book with a kayaking theme is called Black Pearls of Wisdom — Tales of the Tribal Kayaker.

"As life would have it, circumstances forced her to return to her first passion — using her hands to turn a flat white surface into an illusion of the opposite. She works in acrylic, enjoying the versatility and bright colours the medium affords her. And this show is bright. In one six-foot-long canvas, four vibrant red pairs of lips, as luscious as one can imagine, mouth words which she has yet to reveal."

Slomka hopes the passion in her pieces is apparent, and offers the following statement to help viewers understand her intentions.

"The mysteries of life are both exciting and painful. Struggles with our dreams, happiness and sensuality, our losses and memories mean little to others, but mean the world to us. No one is immune to these experiences. They're what make us all the same."

She adds: "It is my hope that in viewing my work, it rings a bell of familiarity with these emotions we all have."

The exhibit runs through August.

For more information, Slomka can be reached at 250-537-8414.

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**DANCE ON:** From left, Sophie Douglas, Lindsay Wickersham and Stevie Hoesel dance to the beat of Oka, an Australian band that I-SEA brought to Centennial Park on Friday night.

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Shane Philip plays seven instruments, including the didgeridoo.

"Swelling in primordial pulses and whooping whoops, the tacit tones of Shane Philip's didgeridoo hold the power to still listeners into silence or encourage audiences to rise up in a tribal swell of intoxicating spirit — with sometimes but a heartbeat in between," states his website.

"Meanwhile his hands will be skillfully juggling between shaking up rhythms with his aslatua, driving the dance floor with his djembe and sliding out grooves on his Weissenborn-style guitar while his foot taps in earthshaking electronic kicks wherever they might fit."

Philip's newest CD, released earlier this year, is called In the Moment.

A cut was played on CBC Radio One's North by Northwest show last Saturday morning.

"The album is a huge leap for him as an artist beyond the traditional folk rock [realm] into an organic, dancing vibe and it teeters on the verge of clearing an evolutionary gap in the entire genre," states press material.

Philip's previous releases were Om Cooking (2005) and Earthshake (2006).

He was a Social Studies teacher until taking up a music career full time in 2005.

Philip's Aug. 9 Moby's appearance, which begins at 9 p.m., is one of about 20 he has scheduled for this month, ranging from the Big Time Out festival in Cumberland, B.C. to "Wild Bills" in Banff, Alberta.

He has also shared the stage with hidden gems like Ember Swift, Herbalizer and Wassabi Collective.

Cover charge for the show is \$10.

On Thursday, Aug. 7, Dave Roland hosts another popular Moby's Blues Jam beginning at 8 p.m.

## WORKSHOPS

## Wisdom and word power

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Aug. 16-17 workshop is an opportunity to explore various approaches to journal-writing and to writing for one's self, explains a press release.

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Future workshops and circles will be offered throughout the year.

"I relish the opportunity to inspire women to honour the wisdom and power of their own words," said Cutler.

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## COMEDY REVIEW



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Sid Filkow (as Swami) and Arvid Chalmers (Maggie) get lots of laughs in their two-night show *The Islands Trust Story (T.I.T.S.)* at ArtSpring.

# Geezers hit the mark in making fun of all

Missing tennis bubble also found at lake bottom

BY PETER VINCENT  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Many islanders would assume that if you are going to put on a show about the Islands Trust, the jokes write themselves.

As the reader can well imagine, the packed ArtSpring houses entertained by messieurs Chalmers and Filkow on Friday and Saturday night had, shall we say, a certain political bent. The mere name dropping of any of the miscellaneous players in the local political arena was enough to elicit gales of laughter. The comedy duo was indeed preaching to the converted.

In spite of that, the night was not preachy. In fact, it was only vaguely political. That was surprising on two counts. Given Arvid Chalmers' recent run-ins with the Islands Trust, one may have expected the man to make a lunch out of the subject, turning his personal saga into a modern-day Lenny Bruce performance, waving a court summons over his head like a bloody shirt. But that was not to be.

Surprise number two: Given the name of the performance, *The Islands Trust Story* (or T.I.T.S. for short), many of the island's left-leaning intelligentsia may have been disappointed that the evening was more about fun and less about the politics suggested by the title on the marquee. This was about as far from a political rally as you might get. This was part Corner Gas and a healthy dose of Benny Hill.

The political shots tended to be delivered with kid gloves and touched on everything from federal Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier's recent resignation to the new Capital

Regional District proposal for a septic tank monitoring system. Enter Mr. Chalmers in a dangerously tight Superman outfit — the big "S" representing "Septic Man."

The biggest laugh came with Geezer Filkow explaining that if you look way down into the centre of the giant aerators bobbing around St. Mary Lake, you can see the tennis bubble resting on the bottom.

**"The sign of a healthy society is its ability to make fun of itself, and when it comes to last Saturday night, Salt Spring's finest passed with flying colours."**

Of course, if we can't make fun of each other, who can we make fun of?

The two self-deprecatd all over themselves, with loads of references to the aches and pains of hitting the downside of 50, single life on the rock, and the glorification of the ever expanding, ponderous waistline. Talk about your belly laughs.

Enter the Benny Hill portion of the show. Perhaps the jewel of the evening was Filkow (I really hope he runs another 'Geezers' Yoga class) showing off his considerable yogic talents hovering above a splayed out Chalmers dressed up as a shall we say — matronly — female, all performed on top of a very spindly kitchen table. Homegrown yoga positions

such as "Beaver Point" and "Mount Bruce" were demonstrated. Use your imagination here.

In this age of political correctness, anything goes when you are parodying your own race, religion, gender or profession. Frankly, I don't know how comfortable I would be sitting in the audience had I been of East Indian origin. For better or worse, cultural sensitivities have evolved into hypersensitivities over the past decade. Just ask Salmond Rushdie.

A somewhat abbreviated second half was given over to improvisation, courtesy of Q&As from the audience. As Chalmers explained, the evening's performance was the first to be taped for the upcoming Salt Spring radio station.

This may well explain the relative dearth of sight gags and the enthusiastic audience participation via the Q&A format. Sight gags don't play well through home stereo. On the other hand, everyone looks good on radio.

The evening ended on a musical note, as the two performers did a little ditty entitled *It's Later than you Think*, which for all the world sounded like Monty Python's *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*, from *The Life of Brian*. Heady company indeed.

The sign of a healthy society is its ability to make fun of itself, and when it comes to last Saturday night, Salt Spring's finest passed with flying colours.

I wonder if the "other side" has ever yucked it up at some of their political foibles.

I suspect like most messianic political organizations, they think the troubles of this world and this island are too serious to find boner jokes all that funny. And there is a little tragedy in that.

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# Meditate, appreciate, cry

Thompson show renews love and grounds present



Elizabeth Nolan

## ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

Oft times it takes an outside perspective to allow us to see clearly; a disruption to our everyday patterns of experiencing and knowing present the world in fresh light.

Diana Lynn Thompson's installation *Being Here*, composed at the invitation of The Point Gallery, brings about the change that allows a renewed appreciation of life on the island, while at the same time promoting a meditative tranquillity.

Thompson is well known as an artist who is skilled at whatever medium she takes up. Her materials and approach change with each project, and she has often incorporated a political or environmental message.

*Being Here* is Thompson's first solo show on Salt Spring since 1990. She has spent many years travelling with her art, and was regularly booked two years in advance until a house fire upended her life in 2006. Thompson has only recently been getting back onto her artistic feet, contributing sculptural works to last year's group show *Salvaged*.

The invitation by The Point Gallery's owner/curator Margaret Day, who Thompson calls "a great patron of the arts," gave the artist the space to create a solo show celebrating her home.

Many artists and friends were on hand for Sunday's opening reception. While several people recalled other of Thompson's works that had moved them in the past, all were completely taken with the current installation.

One visitor was overheard saying, "I've never seen anything more joyful that makes me want to cry."

Michael Robb, a friend and

fellow artist, said he thought the work was among Thompson's best.

"I think it is transcendental. The level of design is so subtle and precise. It's ethereal."

As Day observed, the physical beauty of this work makes it an easy show to appreciate. Entering the shadowing lower level from the bright light outside, one's breath is taken away by the large floor piece to the left.

A large, black carpet has been covered by two large, connected patterns of white limpet shells, clam shells and porcelain pieces. Five circular shapes on the left and six on the right are placed together in mandalas. Concentric circles reduce the space inwards and are centred by smooth, inverted porcelain cones. The negative space of the black field found between each circle and each object is as important as the individual points of light.

Thompson's placement of the shells is precise and striking in white on black, capable of producing a meditative effect after a few minutes of looking. She spent four and a half days composing this piece, using shells she has collected over a lifetime on the West Coast. Despite a long creative process that began in February, Thompson feels the impermanence of the work is partly why it works so well.

"It's ephemeral sculpture — it's there for three weeks and then it's gone. Part of the reason it looks so wonderful is because if it was glued down it would look horrible, and if you stepped on it you would

crush it."

In *Being Here II*, Thompson has hung hundreds of shells and handmade porcelain objects from linen thread, four or five layers deep along an 18-foot stretch of gallery wall.

The porcelain cones and squiggles suggest forms from the natural world without imitating them, while the natural, slightly off-white colour of all the pieces creates subtle variations in light and perception. The shadows created by track lighting add additional layers of depth.

Another piece on the floor again suggests a mandala. It's made of dozens of shallow porcelain bowls, from tiny to cup-sized. Most are off-white, some are more white, and some have just the subtlest hint of soft green. A few of the bowls have tiny shells inside.

Although *Being Here* reveals the artist's meticulous control of her materials, the actual designs were all of the moment during her eight days installing the work, as initial ideas did not necessarily work with the gallery space.

"Part of why an installation is an installation is because you are responding to where you are," Thompson explained.

"People say it would take a lot of patience, but to me it's just love. When I'm doing installations, I'm completely focussed. I'm not being pulled here and pulled there, there's no phone ringing.

"There's something so calming about putting things in order."

*Being Here* continues daily until Aug. 24.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### PHOTOGRAPHY

# Serendipity creates amazing show

Photosynthesis features  
work of 25 photographers

One of Salt Spring's most eagerly anticipated large group exhibitions opens at ArtSpring for the eighth year on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Work of 25 Salt Spring photographers will be displayed at Photosynthesis, beginning with the opening reception from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, and then daily until Sept. 2.

"Its appeal is often attributed to the participants being a loose connection of artists with dissimilar tastes who appreciate each other's work and trust to serendipity that when the prints arrive the morning of the show they will, when hung on the wall, coalesce into a unique if somewhat anarchical representation of the best photography on the island," explains a press release.

Photographers range from seasoned commercial professionals to gifted amateurs. All approach the show as an opportunity to display their best

pictures of the past year.

"The photographs will be slices of time taken from the world around us. Sometimes the image will be fleeting, found in a decisive moment which lasts only fractions of a second; other times the image will have happened after much planning or waiting. The creativity is in the seeing; the recognition of that which surrounds us as worth recording in a way that it can be looked at with new and possibly unique perspectives."

While there has been a photography show on the island almost every year since 1995, it was in 2002 after the death of the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists that island photographers were again forced to organize their own show.

As David Borrowman recalls, "I met Kim Kornbacher at the mailbox one evening and she said, 'I've rented ArtSpring for three weeks in July, now what do we do?'"

Borrowman suggested calling a meeting, which was done, and various

names were suggested as possible participants. The show's success means more people now want to take part than space permits at ArtSpring.

This year Ron Watts returns to the show after a long absence and student Jesse Wilson is welcomed for a guest appearance.

Photographs on the wall are for sale, as are smaller versions, packaged but not framed, at lower prices.

Participants in this year's show are Birgit Bateman, Seth Berkowitz, Alan Bibby, David Borrowman, John Cameron, Bobby Crichton, John Dennis-ton, Janet Dwyer, Steven Friedman, Tamar Griggs, Ann Holt, Ken Ketchum, Eric Klemm, Kim Kornbacher, Alane Lalonde, Michael Levy, Shari Macdonald, Eric Onasick, Osman Phillips, Gil-lean Proctor, Chris Stackhouse, Kevin Steinke, Ron Watts, Jesse Wilson and Billie Woods, plus a selection of pictures from the Driftwood's 2008 Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island.

Photosynthesis hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

### MUSIC & MUNCH

## Flower Festival adorns Music and Munch performances

Runs Aug. 12-13

In a colourful celebration of summer, the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island is hosting its sixth annual Flower Festival, which will embrace Music and Munch as part of a two-day event.

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, visitors to All Saints By-the-Sea will be treated to a feast for the senses of flowers and plants. Parishioners will

be using their creative flair and green fingers to provide a cool and tranquil haven for islanders and visitors to enjoy as part of their summer pleasures.

The church will be open in the afternoon, with the indoor garden on display. Tea will be served in the hall overlooking Ganges Harbour from 2 p.m.

Choral Evensong, the most quintessential of Anglican traditions, follows at 4:15 p.m. in the church filled with flowers.

On Wednesday, Aug. 13, Music and Munch takes place with a program of music, song and dance titled Tender

Flowers, which is taken from one of the many lovely songs in the program.

Pianist David Storm will be joined by young violinists Sarah Lundy and Kaya Hunter, who together with organist Barry Valentine will accompany a charming selection of songs and dances.

Singers Connie Holmes, Anke Smeele, Lyle Eide and Alan Robertson are favourites with Music and Munch audiences and their selections for both quartet and solo voices will be as pleasing as ever.

Dancers this year are Sue Newman, Lottie Devindisch, Sharyn and Safiya Carroll, and Zoe Bentley.

"Their graceful talents will express the beauty of larger-than-life flowers, with some nymph-like cavorting to boot," states press material.

The Flower Festival opens its doors from 1-5 p.m. on Tuesday, and on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Entrance is by donation and visitors can win a beautiful floral door prize.

Wednesday's event consists of the Music and Munch recital, which begins at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional lunch for \$5.50. This is the season's most popular recital, so patrons are asked to come in good time if they wish to purchase lunch tickets.

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## Flick Pick

### Harold and Kumar 2: Escape From Guantanamo Bay



Jason Tudor

Harold and Kumar 2: Escape From Guantanamo Bay suffers from the problem so common to comedy sequels: the filmmakers care more about recycling jokes from the original than they do about making a half-decent film.

The first effort, Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle, had our pot-addled heroes (John Cho as the neurotic Asian guy Harold, Kal Penn as the id-riled Indian Kumar) on a New Jersey-wide search for a White Castle Restaurant to satiate their munchies. It ended with Harold finally making a connection with hottie Latino Maria (Paula Garcés), but she left for Amsterdam at the last minute.

As the sequel starts, H & K are heading to said pot capital of the world to chase her down. Disaster strikes when the two are misidentified as

terrorists on the airplane ("it's a bong, not a bomb," says a stoned Kumar) and taken by a bullish federal agent named Rob Fox (the Daily Show's Rod Coddry) to Guantanamo Bay for interrogation.

Of course they escape and a wild trip from Cuba to Miami to Alabama to Texas begins, the two hoping that Kumar's ex-girlfriend's soon-to-be-hubby can use his connections with the Bush government to try and fix everything. Along the way they'll meet a friendly black orthodontist, Gucci-sporting rednecks, soft-hearted Klu Klux Klan members, and just maybe Dubya himself.

The first film was really funny, and the filmmakers this time around are hoping to continue its irreverent take on American racism while adding a touch of criticism towards the Bush administration's war on terror.

But Harold and Kumar 2 never really comes together, for it has no heart. I hated both the main characters... Kumar is an insufferable, stupid jerk and Kumar is a whining pain in the butt. It's quite a change from the first, in which their gentle winningness helped us sympathize as their inane odyssey in search of burgers went from weird to crazy to downright ludicrous.

It doesn't help that the sequel is so full of "oh hey, I remember that guy!" cameos from the first film as well as oodles of boring bodily-function jokes. Combined, they really rob the story of any sense of integrity or purpose.

Yeah, yeah, I know... it's a "stoner" film, but I could have been as high as Willie Nelson and Cheech Marin's genetically engineered baby and would still have laughed at H & K 2 only a few more times.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ARTCRAFT

### Artists go big at Mahon Hall show

Martin Herbert and Deborah Gainer take Showcase stage

With an exhibition title of "Sit. Stand. Run.", provocative artists Deborah Gainer and Martin Herbert have created special work for the ArtCraft Showcase opening on Friday night.

"An unselfconscious immersion in the moment and our need to explore balance are elements that strengthen Deborah Gainer's new work," explains press material. "Gainer demonstrates both her keen senses and craftsmanship through a life-size pack of four running dogs constructed in terracotta.

She asks, "Ever watch a dog run? Can you imagine being the body of the dog, stretching legs out, then pulling them in, grabbing the earth as you go, pulling with the front and pushing with the back, belly stretched, nose pointed in the direction of travel?"

Directly on the floor, in true "installation art" format, Gainer offers the canines as a metaphor for freedom. Gainer is fond of touching upon the greater existential questions and does so sculpturally by working the clay in a loose manner, revealing to the viewer information that begs us to get involved in the recounting of her experience.

Herbert makes his debut exhibition on Salt Spring after having shown widely in galleries and museums in Western Canada.

Herbert's work is held in private and public collections, including Mount Royal College and the University of Calgary where he received a BFA in Sculpture and Painting.

For the past two decades he has worked extensively with theatre companies and musicians, and his work with Ronnie Burkett's Theatre of Marionettes has been seen on stages worldwide.

For Herbert, drawing has become the foundation of all his current work. In this exhibit he will show six uncommonly large graphite drawings on mylar based on the nude figure.

"These large 'still life' compositions convey a majesty in the classic struggle for line to become language."

"Sit. Stand. Run." opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8 and runs until Aug. 20.

This Showcase series exhibit is generously sponsored by Re/Max real estate agent Karen Corley.



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**AWAKE:** Sculptor Morley Myers with his chlorite piece Dreaming With My Glasses On, part of a two-man show of new work with Kevin Steinke now on at Morley Myers Studio and Gallery in Merchant Mews.

## MUSICIANS

### Palu still singing despite world record rejection

Organization won't create new 'freestyle' category

An islander's quest to be in the Guinness Book of World Records has met an unfortunate roadblock, but Palu Rainbow Song (Paul Beckman) isn't letting that squelch his tune.

Palu had applied to Guinness to create a record of "the longest continual freestyle singing of original songs," which isn't the same as singing already existing compositions. Freestyle songs are made up in the moment.

But Palu received an e-mail from Guinness stating that they already had a record for the longest amount of singing and playing by an individual and weren't inclined to add freestyle songs to their record list.

"They didn't want to open a new category," said Palu.

He had spent five hours engaged in freestyle singing on July 13 in Centennial Park as a first record attempt.

Palu said his five-hour "unofficial record stands" and he hopes to extend it even further.

"I still plan . . . to shatter and break my previous record."

He also said he intends to create his own "Palu book of world records" for himself.

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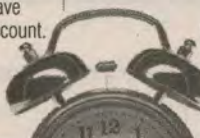
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August 8, 2008  
Jackie Jackson

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to our  
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Mom & Nana  
Love & hugs from  
Joanne, Pat,  
grandkids and  
great grands.  
XOXO

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### DEATHS

**Elizabeth Lee  
Funeral  
Consultant  
537-1023**

ON JULY 29, in the loving presence of  
her children, Ima Krayenhoff passed on  
to her next adventure. With  
gratitude for all the support and care  
that the Salt Spring Island community  
and hospital staff provided our mother,  
Rolph, Marianne, Meror, Selinde and  
Helen. If you'd like to make a donation  
in Ima's name, please consider giving  
to the Bessie Dane Foundation &  
Hospice, PO Box 521, Salt Spring  
Island, V8K 2W2 so that others may  
feel supported in their last days.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

**WOMENWRITING: 3rd Annual Special  
Weekend Workshop, "A Circle of  
WomenWriting," Sat. & Sun. August  
16-17. Join this circle of women writing  
as we use journals to honor our  
truths, share our stories, deepen con-  
nections with our authentic selves &  
create intentions for our life's journeys.  
Nurturing environment. Serene south-  
end. (\$125-150) Wendy Judith Cutler:  
653-4286 (winnie@saltspring.com)**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

**BINGO**  
MEADEN HALL  
Royal Canadian Legion

**7 PM THURSDAY  
AUG. 7**  
Early Birds, 6:30 pm

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for event planning and to make sure  
your date doesn't conflict with some-  
one else's.

### KIDS CLIMBING CAMPS

The climbing Wall offers rock climbing  
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## IN MEMORIAM



**DON DABBS 1921-July 29, 2007**  
**HAZEL DABBS 1925 - Aug. 12, 1998**

*Rest in peace dear Mom & Dad.  
The years have passed away.  
You are gone, but still are living  
in the hearts of those who stay.  
So sadly missed by your family.*



## INFORMATION

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In Memoriam  
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## DEATHS



*Crystal (Chris) Wade*  
*January 20, 1920 - July 28, 2008*

My Mother passed away peacefully in the early dawn after  
a brief illness. Born and raised in England, she returned  
on many occasions to visit with her sister Myrtle, family  
members and friends. Following her service in WWII with  
the British Forces she immigrated to Ontario, Canada.  
Settling in Caledon, she established a successful horse  
business and continued to be a celebrated rider. After a  
change in life's direction, Mum moved my brother Michael  
(deceased in 2006) and I to Pender/Saltspring Island,  
British Columbia. She enjoyed the island life and became  
involved and well known in the communities. My wife (Kar-  
en), daughter (Rachelle) and I were fortunate enough to  
have Mum live on the same street in Black Creek, Vancou-  
ver Island for the last nine wonderful years.

My mother will also be lovingly remembered and sadly  
missed by grandchildren Christopher, Jessica, Jordan, as  
well as relatives, friends and all those who knew her. Mum  
lived everyday with a strong willed passion and concern  
for everyone. She will be remembered for her wonderful  
sense of humour and her unique perspective on life. May  
we all be blessed to know a person like her; she will for-  
ever be in our hearts and memories.

There are just not enough words to express how much I  
will miss you Mum. All my love, your son Philip.

We gratefully acknowledge the special care given by Dr.  
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30, near TJ Beans. Reward. 537-  
2767.

**FOUND I-POD** near Swanson and  
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## INFORMATION

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## Stanley Laing Accounting

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**115 McGoldrick Place as of AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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**skakima@shaw.ca**

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**OF THE BUILDING**

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## COMING EVENTS

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOST AND FOUND

**READING GLASSES** found on Aug 04 by Menhinick dr beach hike. 653-4117.

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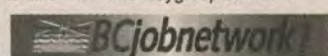
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### SALT SPRING LITERACY

### HELP WANTED

## EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

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**AUTOMOTIVE PARTS COUNTERPERSON** REQUIRED for busy GM dealer in Squamish, BC. GM experience preferred. Please email resume attention Parts Manager to: [squamish@gardnerautogroup.com](mailto:squamish@gardnerautogroup.com).

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### HELP WANTED

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**PART TIME** Administrative Assistant. The Land Trust Alliance of BC is looking for an Administrative Assistant for who can work approximately 15 - 20 hrs per week. The start date will be in early September. Application deadline is August 22nd. For a complete job description please email info to [landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:landtrustalliance.bc.ca) or visit: [www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca](http://www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca).

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### EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

## HELP WANTED



Retail sales person required, able to work 2-3 days a week including weekends, with additional days needed occasionally. Employment to start end of August. Please submit resumes in person to

### GANGES GARMENT COMPANY

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Quinn Knox, 250-478-3933  
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**SUPPORT WORKER** position available for daily life activities in the home and community of a young woman with behaviour and communication challenges. Preference will be given to those who have demonstrated experience or training, ability to drive a vehicle is required. Resumes and a covering letter will be accepted at GIFTS at 152 McPhillips until August 15.

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### HELP WANTED

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## SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Requires: Core Inn Youth Worker - 18 hours/week  
A youth worker to provide a variety of activities which include computer assistance to users of the Coreinternet Café, supporting the youth drop in, selling cafe items and developing activities for youth.

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Submit application to: Salt Spring Island Community Service Society, Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K6



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## Ganges Village Market



## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

### Market in the Park Coordinator

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The Market operates on Saturdays from the beginning of April to the end of October each year at Centennial Park in downtown Ganges. It is an extremely popular visitor attraction during the summer months, and accommodates over 150 vendors, including 65 seasonals. The contractor's duties require on-site coordination of activities during all hours the Market is in operation, as well as off-site administrative responsibilities from January to December.

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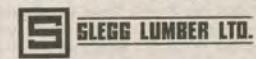
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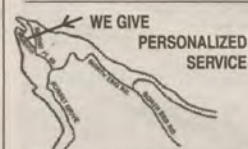
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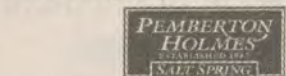
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Aries (Mar 21 to Apr 20)

Bringing a sober perspective to the drama of life is increasingly important to you now. There is still time to enjoy the game, yet you also want to concentrate more fully on your work. Advancing to the next level requires a concentrated focus and a practical attitude. Emphasis here is upon Saturn in Virgo where it will remain for about another 2 years. Use this time frame to decipher where you are now and what you might study or train to know. This week gather a new tool or skill or two and you will feel confident with your productivity. All the while, include a creative focus.

Taurus (Apr 20 to May 21)

Creative projects and expressions close to home should be keeping you busy. Changes in your life are apparent for others to see. Long-term training of some kind is calling you. What new tools do you need to acquire to get the job done right? Combine efficiency with beauty. Your first responsibility now is to yourself and gaining a clear sense of your purpose and direction. Consider that beyond the care of infants and children, everyone is responsible for their own emotions and choices. In other words, be true to you and avoid appeasing people and situations. Honour your choices.

Gemini (May 21 to Jun 21)

Creating a more stable home base continues. This includes organization and clearing the clutter. People and unfinished business from the past may be a source of unexpected challenges. You are challenged to keep an open mind to see things clearly. Your focus will be more practically creative starting this week. However, it remains a good time to simply entertain new angles and prospects as well. Get used to the idea of certain directions so that you can get comfortable emotionally before taking more direct action.

Cancer (Jun 22 to Jul 22)

Outlining your priorities continues to keep you busy. Knowing where, what and how to invest is part of the plot. Desires to improve your life are growing steadily. Gaining education and/or training is a good sign. Opportunity is knocking but will require discipline, effort and commitment. There remains some time to reconsider long-term commitments. If you have not already done so and feel stress and anxiety at the prospect of binding contracts etcetera, now is the time to think and feel more deeply about it. Aim to make your time contributions and commitments into satisfying investments.

Leo (Jul 23 to Aug 23)

Taking initiatives to refine and consolidate a more reliable foundation are a main focus now. You are wise to open your mind to other people's opinions and counsel now. Trust and patience with important matters is important these days. Many opportunities are coming. Prepare by being healthy and organized. Timing is of the essence and the best thing to do generally is to prepare, re-group, tie up loose ends, and create promising momentums. This does imply taking new initiatives and exercising leadership. Yet, the greater time of expansion may take a few months or so. Enjoy the build-up process.

Virgo (Aug 24 to Sep 22)

Sometimes dreaming can be the most practical of activities. It was a dream vision that made the Taj Mahal and all other great works. The secret is to take your dreams seriously and to dream with serious intention. Concentrate reflectively and outline your dreams, visions and plans. Each can be seen under a separate category yet will hopefully blend together according to the flow of your life. Dreams can be more personal, plans more practical and visions more global. You do get to decide what each means to you, but the point is that by being more organized you stand to be more effective.

Libra (Sep 23 to Oct 22)

A wise person once said we do not have relationships we create them. This simple shift of words can lead to a major shift of attitude. Balancing love and respect is the timeless formula. Honouring both can activate a spiritual awakening. Create a more beautiful life with love and respect for all your relationships. Of course, the primary relationship is the one we have with ourselves. Even this one is complex in as much as we have a body, heart, mind and soul. Attending to this primary relationship is important for the sake of creating more authentic and satisfying relationships with others.

Scorpio (Oct 23 to Nov 21)

Balancing desires to be seen and heard by others and by your own self is now in focus. Self worth and acknowledgement is the basis of gaining respect and recognition from others. Taking an independent lead to shake and awaken yourself and others to your value will earn you attention. Sometimes we need and want more attention than at others. The reasons are linked to our cycles of destiny. What is interesting about this time period is that the best attention you will get is the kind that helps you to know yourself better than you already do. Advancement is good, greater self-awareness now is better and both are best.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 to Dec 21)

Taking an active lead to promote cultural and artistic interests continues. However, your focus will become more serious and practical this week. Gathering tools, learning and perhaps teaching new skills is a top priority. Bring your creative initiatives down to earth for collective enjoyment and benefit. True leadership ever

seeks better ways to render meaningful service. This is a core life duty for you. The art and wisdom that sits behind creating a life wherein genuine service is active is not always apparent. Yet, a singing heart is a great reward and it helps to know that often when we do what we love the money follows and even if it does not we do what we love.

Capricorn (Dec 22 to Jan 19)

Learning how to best direct your energies is extra important now. This should include creative investments on one hand and clearing the old to make way for the new. Sometimes, we stand in our own way with pride and other limiting perspectives and evaluations. Be open to new angles. Again this means clearing the old to make way from the new. So, is it stuff or mental or emotional blocks or all of the above? Congratulate yourself for knowing the answer and ever for asking for answers. Aim to merge your talents with those of others for even greater achievements.

Aquarius (Jan 20 to Feb 19)

Investing time, energy and money into exciting new creative projects is a main focus for you now. This includes merging your energies, interests and passions with those of others. The past does not necessarily equal the future especially when we exercise new perspectives and directives. We are all being challenged to incorporate new values into our lives as you are destined to play a leading role at this time. This cycle will continue for another few years! Aquarius is about networking, clubs, associations and revolutionary movements. If you are not already moving in this direction it may be a good idea to be open to new ideas and directions.

Pisces (Feb 20 to Mar 20)

Nurturing and refining a healthier lifestyle continues. This includes being open to challenges presented to you from others. What conversations are you having and who is experimenting with new lifestyle choices? Listen well and be willing to experiment to create overall better health. While your own well being is an important consideration, the health of your relationships, lifestyle choices, skills and abilities are all extensions of your overall health. In all respects, aim to refine and improve, heal and repair or clean and cleanse for the sake of a more efficient, effective and refined daily flow.

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## BOOK REVIEW

## Ancient Bloodlines Trilogy launched

North Pender writer's work for young readers now available

BY CHERIE THIESSEN  
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Magic, mysticism and mayhem: young readers will find this and more in the first two books of the Ancient Bloodlines Trilogy: *The Power of the Dark*, and *Shadow of the Swords*, by North Pender Island writer Barry Mathias.

Although these two novels were published this year and enjoyed a successful launch last month, *The Power of the Dark* is actually a revision of an earlier book, apparently already in use in some B.C. schools. It's not difficult to see why. In these times of religious zealots and murder in the name of God, books with subtle messages of tolerance and humanity are good things to put in the hands of youth.

In the first novel, readers are introduced to the mysterious John, who seems to have no idea of his parentage and only scant memory of his past. In true romantic form, he attempts to rescue a beautiful young girl from the clutches of a massive and fearful stranger and he becomes the temporary owner of a powerful sword, and for a short time, a leader of men. But he's only a boy, and boys need to grow up, no matter how special they are. There are mistakes to be made and wisdom to be slowly and painfully acquired.

It's England in 1112, 13 years after the fall of Jerusalem at the end of the First Crusade, an unsafe and hostile period. Gwen, the daughter of a blacksmith, is adored by her father, Tom, but ignored by her mother. Schooled by the local priest, she has entered the forest to gather flowers for the church when the dark monster swoops down on her.

She'll be captured, knocked unconscious, rescued, hunted, and recaptured before the day is through. She'll face hunger, thirst, a raging forest fire, betrayal and more, but she'll still notice the handsome lad who pops up now and again with fumbling rescue plans. For his part, the would-be rescuer will fare only slightly better. Nothing much is going right for this pair, but in the process they are beginning to realize they may be larger than life.

In *Shadow of the Swords*, which ricochets back and forth from John's story to Gwen's, and expands to France, Cyprus and Jerusalem, the pair are largely apart, reuniting only at book's end. It's 1112, and during the next two years, John will experience love, assassination attempts from an unlikely source and new friendships. He'll find a home with a lord, Ralph d'Escosse, whose life he saves during a surprise attack at Stonehenge. It's this rescue that's later responsible for the two young men winding up in the Holy Land where John is finally reunited with Gwen.

She, in the meantime, was unwillingly spirited away from her beloved father by the Knights of the Order, fell gravely ill during the voyage to "safety," was reunited with a devoted old friend, and taken to a convent in France. For 18 months she has been eagerly devouring knowledge while challenging and repudiating many aspects of the Christian education the nuns have been trying to give her in preparation for her new role — a role she still doesn't understand.

So are these Knights of the Order friend or foe? What do they have to do with the Crusades? Who is the mysterious Tegwin, and will John see Owl again, or the Pagan Priestess and Ralph's sister, the beautiful Aelfreda? What is the connection between Gwen and John? Will they be able to acknowledge their love? All will be revealed in the third book, *Mathias promises*, and he is already hard at work on it. The *Keeper of the Grail* is slated for publication next year.

For information on how to get the books, which are published by Agio Publishing House, people can go to [www.barrymathias.com](http://www.barrymathias.com).



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