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SKYSCAPE: Tony Roland, left, and Troy Kaye from Kapa Kai Glass install huge panes of glass at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply, which is building a new post and beam green house.

VISIT

Duo has a brush with royalty

Murakamis part of a select few at a private gathering

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Siblings Rose and Richard Murakami spent last weekend hobnobbing with a couple most people never even get the opportunity to lay eyes on.

When Rose first received Consul-General of Japan Mr. Seiichi Otsuka's invitation for her and Richard to meet the Emperor and Empress during their recent visit to Victoria, she was extremely honoured, but didn't think it would happen.

"Initially when the Consul-General's assistant phoned me about the visit, I thought we couldn't go because Richard is really sick," Rose said. "But when I told Richard, he gave me holy hell and said we're gonna go because this is a once in a lifetime experience."

And once Otsuka learned of Richard's health — which had him admitted to hospital for shortness of breath, a tight chest and pain in his arms just days before the royal visit — they went out of their way to accommodate the family that has made such huge contributions to Salt Spring Island.

The Murakamis were allowed special vehicle access inside the Government House grounds and were two of the few people at the private event who were given a personal introduction to the 75-year-old Emperor Akihito and 74 year-old Empress Michiko.

"Then the Empress came over especially to talk to Richard again," Rose said. "Richard

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BC FERRIES

Ferry ordeal and ban offers life lesson

Barge service moves in to fill gap

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

By the time market vendor Wendy Beatty finally got to Centennial Park at 12:30 p.m. last Saturday, she'd suffered a more than 12-hour travel detour, lost an estimated \$1,000, was issued a six-month ban from riding aboard BC Ferries and faced a possible assault charge.

And although all that happened after Beatty was refused entry onto the Crofton-Vesuvius ferry last Friday would test the patience of anyone in her situation, she's chalking the whole experience up as a testament to the good character of her fellow island residents.

"It's not great that I can no longer ride on a ferry until Jan. 14, 2010 but, you know, I learned a

lot," she said. "It did cost me some money, but the story is well worth it."

Beatty, who describes herself as calm, cool and collected, experienced a momentary flash of frustration on Friday evening when employees at the Crofton ferry terminal told her she would not be making her sailing despite the fact that the Howe Sound Queen was at dock and below capacity.

It's the kind of direct action, so many islanders have pondered but few have attempted: she just stepped on the gas and drove right past the tollbooth.

"I have no stress in my life, but I just went for it," she said. "I said, 'I'm going to get on this ferry.'"

Beatty then came up against another ferry employee who was blocking access to the loading ramp.

That's when, Beatty said, her car "nudged" the employee on the lower leg and she finally conceded she would have to wait until the next sailing.

Alerted by the ferry employee, a Duncan-North Cowichan RCMP officer arrived on the scene and talk of a possible assault charge ensued. At press time, the incident remained under police investigation.

But back at the Crofton ferry terminal, BC Ferries personnel informed Beatty that neither she nor her vehicle containing nearly 40 litres of fresh milk for her Saturday market cappuccino business would be getting on any ferry until the

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Murakamis thrilled with experience

ROYAL VISIT

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got to talk to her three times and I got to shake the Emperor's hand three times. That's also how many times I got to talk with him."

The two spoke to the 125th monarchs of Japan about the Murakami name which comes down from the seventh son of the 62nd emperor.

"The Empress was really gracious and really warm," she said. "And her English was meticulous."

But before Rose even came face to face with the royals, she was soaking up the VIP tour of an elite Canadian landmark.

"It's a beautiful place with big windows all around and a nice view of the ocean and then I thought, 'Gee, this all comes from our tax money?!' I was just excited to be inside Government House!"

Richard and Rose received a letter of thanks from Otsuka upon completion of the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project, for which they



Rose and Richard Murakami meet Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko during an event at Government House in Victoria.

donated land worth \$1.2M.

They were selected for the rare visit in May and attended with a Vancouver Island Japanese contingent, of which members have made significant contributions to their

communities. They had been prepped at a meeting on conduct earlier in the year.

The Emperor and Empress also visited Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver on their 12-day Canadian tour before boarding a plane

to Hawaii on Tuesday. They plan to spend two days in the state before returning to Japan.

"It was a nice experience," Rose said. "A once in a lifetime experience that we never dreamed we would have."

Despite ill-health,

Richard is still reluctant to put his feet up.

"You know my brother," Rose said. "You can't knock him down. So he's out there [at his shop] sitting on a chair and giving his workers directions on what to do."

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following morning.

Fortunately, she said, friends waiting in the ferry lineup took notice and had the milk transported to Beatty's Salt Spring Island home.

Beatty had no other option but to check into a local motel and await the morning sailing.

It wasn't until 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning that Beatty learned

she was prohibited from traveling on any vessel operated by BC Ferries for the next six months.

According to BC Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall, the ban was implemented after the company found out that she entered the loading area without paying and struck the ship's first officer on two separate occasions.

Marshall said six-month bans are quite

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rare given that 99.9 per cent of passengers comply with the company's rules.

Questioned as to whether she thought the ban is appropriate for someone living on Salt Spring Island, Marshall said Beatty should have considered the possible consequences of her actions.

Flabbergasted and left with no other option, Beatty did what many an island resident would do in her shoes.

She phoned local comedian and realtor Arvid Chalmers.

"I needed a little levity," she said, adding

that Chalmers knew exactly what to do.

Within fewer than 90 minutes, Beatty and her car were boarding a barge operated by Salt Spring's Greg Bellowance in downtown Sidney. An hour and a half after that, Beatty disembarked at a boat ramp in Ganges Harbour.

"She told me the whole story and I said 'oh my lord,' Chalmers said. "Eventually she arrived to great cheers from everyone."

Once she finally arrived at the market, Beatty was surprised to find that friends and fellow market vendors had taken it upon themselves to get up at 6:30 a.m. in order to setup her Cafe Olé

business and prepare everything for the day.

By 1 p.m., it was business as usual. Even the milk was in place and ready to go.

Despite the ordeal, Beatty bears no resentment to any of the BC Ferries personnel who, she feels, are good people trying to contend with strict timelines and tight regulations.

"Once they press that red button, there's no pressing the green button [and letting more people on the boat]," she said.

When asked how she intends to overcome the puzzle of living through a ferry ban on Salt Spring Island, she remained optimistic.

"I guess I'll shop locally," she said.

A man was incorrectly identified in last week's front page photograph. The owner of the dog and puppies seen during Canada Day activities is Marty Lewis — not Marty Best.

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Study reveals urgency of tourism management plan

Islanders split on merits of more visitors

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring is in dire need of a tourism management plan if the island is to have any hope of protecting its tourism economy, says the author of a Masters thesis conducted on the island last summer.

"If it's not managed by the community, then there could be consequences," said Claire Halpern, a student who finished up her degree from the University of Waterloo earlier this month. "The problem with tourism is that people don't realize it until it's too late and the monster resorts are already built."

In a recent interview from Halifax, the Vancouver-born Halpern said she's seen communities across Canada become unrecognizable as a result of unbridled tourism development.

It's the same phenomenon that's seen Niagara Falls become dominated by wax museums and casinos.

As part of her research, Halpern tried to find Salt Spring's position on tourism-development scale of one to six. After nearly a year spent researching and analyzing data, it turns out Salt Spring is in what people in the field call a state of "advanced commodification."

According to Halpern, that's not such a bad thing. It's only the second step in the progression that leads to "complete destruction" and "post-destruction" phases.

She attributes the island's authenticity to a strong level of community involvement.

"Salt Spring has been fortunate to develop organically into an authentic tourist destination," Halpern writes in her seven-page executive summary.

"However, without conscious tourism planning, there is always the risk of the detrimental types of tourism taking over. It is only with pro-active participatory community based tourism planning that the residents of Salt Spring can continue to have this sense of pride and fulfillment from their island community."

Halpern began her research last summer by visiting the island, examining local planning documents and circulating a survey to more than 250 randomly selected island households and approximately 100 tourists wandering the streets of Ganges.

A majority of local survey respondents said they enjoy talking with tourists, have positive experiences with tourists on the island and believe the positive impacts of tourism outweigh the negative impacts.

Less clearly defined, however, were people's attitudes about seeing more tourism on the island, with 36 per cent disagreeing, 20 per cent agreeing and 34 per cent neutral.

Roughly 40 per cent of respondents agreed that island infrastructure has improved as a result of tourism, while 34 per cent disagreed and 26 per cent remained neutral.

Among nearly 100 tourists questioned, 38 per cent said they were visiting Salt Spring for its natural environment,



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

The Saturday market in Ganges is one Salt Spring entity that benefits from the "good" tourism on Salt Spring.

30 per cent were here to visit friends and family, and 17 per cent to shop.

An estimated 96 per cent were happy with their experience and 58 per cent agreed that Salt Spring's tourist infrastructure should remain as it is.

The root of Halpern's research sought to determine if Salt Spring businesses and service providers catered to the tourist economy at the expense of community members.

Based on her results, Salt Spring is doing a good job.

"I personally think tourism on Salt Spring is really good. You're still in a positive stage," Halpern said. "Yes, you're selling heritage, but it's not changing the face of the community."

Ensuring that Salt Spring does not become the next Niagara Falls or Whistler, she said, requires government, community groups, business owners and everyone else on the island to get together and create a vision of what the island wants to look like.

Halpern said she was surprised an official plan that considered public input on tourism had not been developed before she undertook her 2008 research.

"There is a huge drive for tourism to grow and grow and grow," she said. "Because tourism affects everyone, people should get involved."

The Tourism Salt Spring committee is currently working on the completion of an island-wide study that is hoped to provide the information Halpern says is so urgently needed.

The report, conducted under the auspices of Tourism BC and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, has sought input from various sectors of the island.

Committee chair Marguerite Lee said she is unsure when a final report will be finished, but anticipates it may be ready for public release within the next several months.

"As with so many things of this nature, it's one step forward, two steps back," Lee said.

News briefs

Off-island cops strike

Police officers from the province's Integrated Road Safety Unit netted some pretty significant numbers during a visit to the island last week.

Among the more than 50 violation tickets issued, 21 were for seatbelt infractions, four for motorists driving without a licence, three for cyclists without helmets, one for speeding and

17 other tickets for minor infractions.

Police issued one 24-hour driving prohibition to a driver who was caught driving while impaired by drugs and impounded a single vehicle.

The road safety unit comprises officers from municipal and RCMP police detachments in larger centres who routinely travel to smaller communities to assist with the enforcement of Motor Vehicle Act violations.

The unit visits Salt Spring at least once a month.

German Dragon boaters

An estimated 25 German dragon boat racers will be on Salt Spring Island during the first week of August to prepare for the World Police and Fire Games.

To make their stay as pleasant as possible, Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue chief Dave Enfield is calling on members of the community to step forward with donations of food items for a barbe-

cue to welcome the German boaters on Aug. 4.

The fire rescue department hopes "for some donations of local food stuffs to show the visitors what a special place this truly is," Enfield said.

Contestants representing emergency service agencies from all over the world will participate in various events held in the Vancouver area between July 31 and Aug. 9.

Aside from dragon boat races, the games will feature

dozens of traditional and not so traditional sports.

Gaelic football, Grouse Grind Mountain races, a triathlon, orienteering, darts, wrist wrestling, angling, tug-of-war and "toughest competitor alive" are only some of the scheduled events.

With more than 10,000 competitors already registered, the World Police and Fire Games are second only to the Olympics when it comes to total number of participants, Enfield said.

Team Nibelungen was

invited to train on Salt Spring by members of the island-based Spirit Point dragon boaters.

The team's races take place near the Plaza of Nations in Vancouver on Aug. 7 and 8.

Onlookers may be able to spot the visiting team practising in Ganges Harbour on the evening of Aug. 4 and again on the morning of Aug. 5.

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RESCUE TECHNIQUE: A ravine rescue was among the many exercises and courses undertaken last weekend as some 130 firefighters from around the province took part in an annual fire training event on Salt Spring.

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COURT MATTERS

Local dentist pleads guilty to tax evasion

'Natural person' bank account revealed \$179,544 in income

Salt Spring dentist Robert McGinn received a six-month conditional sentence in Duncan Provincial Court on Tuesday after pleading guilty to income tax evasion.

According to a Canada Revenue Agency press release, McGinn's sentence includes 100 hours of community work service and a \$13,181 fine, representing 50 per cent of the federal tax evaded.

A CRA investigation revealed that McGinn sold his dental practice in 2000 and began working on a part-time basis as a dentist for the new owner.

In November 2002, McGinn entered into a contract for hire with the owner as a "natural person" and instructed that cheques for services be payable to "Robert McGinn, natural person."

McGinn then opened a personal

account at the Bank of Montreal, registered in the name "Robert McGinn, natural person" and refused to provide his social insurance number.

From 2003 through 2005, says the CRA, McGinn failed to report \$179,544 in income earned for dental services provided.

McGinn eventually provided banking records that revealed the unreported income. He had stated that the "taxpayer" had not earned any income but rather "Robert McGinn, natural person" had earned income for their benefit.

In a statement McGinn said "From 2003 - 2005, after careful consideration of the Canadian Income Tax Act, I made the decision to arrange my affairs in such a way as to exempt myself from certain taxes. I acted in a way that I believed to be legal and I did it openly as a challenge to the Income Tax Act itself. Subsequently, I repeatedly communicated with CRA, asking them if what I had done was correct.

They never answered my questions.

"In January of 2009, a Court finally ruled on a similar case, and although that decision is under appeal, I decided to accept the decision as law. I immediately contacted CRA and agreed to pay all of the taxes and penalties requested. Unfortunately CRA decided to charge me with evasion of income tax. I pled guilty because a court case could have meant greater penalties."

The CRA states that "when individuals are convicted of income tax fraud, they must still repay any amounts fraudulently received, plus interest and any civil penalties that may be assessed by the CRA. In addition, the court may fine them up to 200 per cent of the refund sought and impose a jail term of up to five years."

McGinn was, but is no longer a long-time Member of the Board of the Salt Spring Monetary Foundation which produces Salt Spring Dollars.

SS COFFEE CO. REZONING

Ford Lake group releases environmental study

Report calls upon precautionary principle

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An environmental report commissioned by a group opposing the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application asks island trustees to defer consideration until more information is provided about possible consequences of building a coffee roasting facility at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road.

"I have noted a number of critical gaps in the information provided to the Islands Trust by the applicant, without which informed decision-making in order to uphold the official community plan is impossible," concludes the report prepared by Katherine Dunster, a Bowen Island resi-

dent with a Ph.D. in biogeography and plant ecology from the University of Toronto.

The Islands Trust received the Friends of Ford Lake-commissioned report at its regular monthly local Trust committee meeting on July 2.

In conducting her review, Dunster examined more than a dozen reports and studies submitted by the applicant, local and provincial governments and engineers as part of the application process between March 2008 and June of 2009.

In her report, Dunster said more comprehensive biodiversity and ecosystem data is needed to complete the coffee company's initial environmental report, conducted by Streamline Environmental in Nov. 2008.

"A lack of information on environmentally valuable resources does not mean that

those values are not present," Dunster writes.

Dunster criticizes the company's plan to use peat moss as a filter in its proposed wastewater filtration system on the grounds that harvesting peat is an unsustainable practice.

"The use of [...] peat as the waste water bio-filter is a contradiction to the stated desire of the applicant to achieve LEED Gold Certification."

Prior reports, including an Islands Trust-commissioned peer review of Salt Spring Coffee Company's environmental assessments, concluded that the proposed roasting facility would not threaten air quality in the area or endanger the Ford Lake watershed.

Trustees speaking at the July 2 Trust meeting upheld their view that the project does not appear to pose a significant environmental threat.

"Our own advisory environ-

mental committee found little concern from an environmental perspective," said trustee Christine Torgrimson.

"I take the environmental aspect of this proposal really seriously and, frankly, I have to say that I see very little from an environmental perspective that gives me concern."

Torgrimson opposes the application based on sprawl concerns and the difficulty of enforcing 17 proposed covenants associated with the coffee roasting operation.

The Salt Spring Coffee Company seeks to rezone a rural property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road to a commercial-zone variation to permit construction of a production and administrative facility, and a greenhouse.

Islands Trust staff will provide an application update at the next local Trust committee meeting on Aug. 6.

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NEWSBEAT

FITNESS



Rotary Club installs new fitness playground on Rainbow Road

Ribbon cutting set for July 22

Members of Salt Spring's Rotary Club spent last Saturday in the hot sun installing a new fitness playground at the Rainbow Road pool.

The culmination of six years of planning, work and fundraising, the playground is designed for children and adults, and is the first of its kind on Salt Spring.

Rather than installing traditional playground equipment, the Rotary Club decided to create a playground that would promote a higher level of fitness for those who use it.

Six stations have been installed, with room to expand if the public responds well to the concept.

The stations are: a log jump,

a horizontal ladder, a balance beam, a chin-up centre, a push-up centre and rings.

The fitness centre is located next to the swimming pool between the building and the outdoor ponds.

Earlier this spring, Rotarians installed a fence between the pool building and ponds aiding the safety of children, at a cost of about \$2,000.

Club members worked with the environment ministry regarding sensitive wetlands and setback regulations.

Kees Ruurs, manager of Salt Spring Park and Recreation and a Rotarian participating in the project said, "To pair fitness equipment with the new swimming pool is perfect because it creates a centre that promotes health and wellness."

Michelle Beekmeijer, Carol

Dodd and Ruurs served on the Rotary committee that researched the playground equipment, but it was Beekmeijer who brought the committee's attention to the more modern fitness concept.

Canadian Play Systems won the contract after a call for proposals went out.

Funds raised by the Rotary Club's annual Spooktacular event at Halloween provided money for the project, which was initially bid at \$17,500.

The Rotarians saved \$1,000 by installing the equipment themselves, and also saved in freight charges thanks to a personal delivery by Canadian Play Systems' partner, Vern Parkstrom.

The public is invited to join the Rotary Club for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:30 p.m., Wed., July 22 at the Rainbow Road pool.

TRANSIT

Transit system fêtes unique achievement with celebration Sunday on ArtSpring patio

Afternoon party honours 'little bus that could'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission is having a party on Sunday afternoon and everyone's invited.

The celebration is a way to thank the people of Salt Spring for making the island's transit system one of the most outstanding services the country has to offer.

Acting on behalf of the partners who helped make everything possible, transportation commission chair Bob Fenske received the Canadian Urban Transit Association's award for

exceptional service with outstanding performance at a luncheon ceremony in Whistler last month.

"The whole purpose is to celebrate a really unique achievement for the community," Fenske said.

"That's why we want it to be a family event, because it is the community that has contributed to the success of the system."

BC Transit president and CEO Manuel Achadinha will present transit system operator Ineke De Jong with the award at 2:30 p.m.

Light refreshments and food will be provided for all participants who come out to celebrate the commission's success.

"This is where the whole

thing comes together," he said. "This is the pinnacle for me."

Salt Spring's transit system was selected for CUTA's 2009 National Transit Corporate Recognition Award from among nominees representing rural and urban communities across the nation.

The award is presented annually to transit providers on the basis of categories which include technological innovation, cost effectiveness, creativity and motivation, leadership and new product introduction.

A national panel of judges comprising representatives from transit systems and the business community chose the winning candidates.

The event will take place on the ArtSpring patio with festivities beginning at 2 p.m.

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Salt Spring Rotary Club members and helpers spent Saturday installing a new playground for children and adults at the Rainbow Road pool site.

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NEWSBEAT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PARC rises to defend parkland

Request prompts creative solution

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) voted to uphold existing bylaws while promising further study of a shoreline property along Upper Ganges Road.

"That is the heart of the community and there must be some consultation before we do anything," said commissioner Rob Wiltzen, at a meeting on Monday.

The property in question, formally known as Pecs Cove Park, is between Upper Ganges Road and Ganges Harbour and in front of the Bayside housing development.

The issue of "developing" the park landed on the PARC table after Kingfisher resident Michael Wheaton submit-

ted a formal request earlier this spring, asking that he be allowed to continue pruning trees in the park to preserve his harbour view.

According to PARC documents, Wheaton admits to having hired a landscaper to trim vegetation and trees in the park for 10 years. Though Wheaton said he was responsible for the trimming of vegetation, he has denied having anything to do with the falling of a large-diameter fir tree along the shoreline.

Wheaton's request that he be allowed to continue his pruning practice coincides with a Monday evening delegation by John Millerd on behalf of the residents of the Bayside housing complex.

In a speech to commissioners, Millerd asked that PARC consider the landscaping and development of the Pecs Cove property in a way that could

preserve the viewscapes of Bayside residents.

"The view of the harbour is what reminds us that we are on an island," Millerd said. "I think some kind of beautification project would be a pretty neat thing."

Millerd went so far as to suggest that Bayside residents could provide some funding to commission a First Nations' inspired art piece for the site.

Neither Millerd nor any of the other bayside residents have taken it upon themselves to trim any of the vegetation.

PARC commissioners denied Wheaton's request for further vigilante shrub and tree clearing and stated that they would not arrange to have the area landscaped until a more thorough analysis of the area's potential is available.

"If this trimming is allowed to occur, a dangerous prec-

edent could be set for anyone else wanting to take matters in their own hands and cut trees in parks," reads a PARC staff report.

Commission members did not indicate their intention to prosecute any person or persons for contravening the community parks regulations (bylaw 2930).

"We really must let people know that they cannot do this, full stop, period," said Salt Spring Capital Regional Director alternate Darlene Steel, who represents Garth Hendren at the PARC table.

Commission member Brenda Guiled added that she is confident headway can be made regarding the PARC property now that the issue has surfaced.

"It's great that some good will come of this and it will be positive for the community," she said.

ISLAND PROFILES

Fire chief looks back on 40-year career

Dave Enfield retires at the end of July

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dave Enfield says he started as a volunteer firefighter in 1969 with the City of Surrey but for those who want to get technical, his volunteerism started even earlier.

When Enfield was a young boy, he lived across the street from a firehall. He would dart out in the middle of the night to open the doors so firefighters could gain access, and that, he says, is when he caught the "fire bug," just like his

father and two uncles, who were all volunteer firefighters.

In December of '71 out of Sullivan Fire Station in Surrey, Enfield was hired as a career firefighter and has since worked his way to battalion chief level. On April 6, 1999 he left the Lower Mainland behind and took the position as chief of the Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Department.

"When I first came here, we did 200-some odd calls, and we're now doing close to 700," Enfield said. "Fire fighting's evolving. We now do hazardous material response. We do our technical, high-angle

rope rescue. We do confined space. We're very good with our auto extraction.

"People are very confident running all the apparatuses. Recruitment levels are very good. One of the things that I'm most confident in is that I've been able to give people the tools and instilled confidence in them from the top, right down to the newest recruits so that they feel part of the team, and that they're trained well enough so they can handle anything that comes their way."

His move to Salt Spring brought with it plenty of obstacles, whether they were out in the woods during a summertime blaze, or back in the firehall.

"I think the biggest challenge was establishing records management, training, and building confidence in the members here through the training and support so they knew they could do the job and felt comfortable attacking any situation," Enfield said.

As for challenging calls, he remembers the Bullock Lake resort fire as supremely difficult given the summertime heat and location. Fire crews from the outer islands joined in the efforts as well as community members, some of whom had water haulers.

Enfield, who will be

retiring from his position at the end of the month, hopes that the same community that supplies dedicated volunteers and aids in fire rescue efforts now will continue to recognize the department's dedication and support its future growth.

"I hope that they realize the commitment that everybody puts in here," he said.

"We put in 13 or 14,000 man-hours volunteer time, all of us, responding to calls and incidents and training sessions throughout the year. That's a big commitment by 45 people and I hope that the community sees its way to allow the department to build a new facility for the firefighters so that we can maintain that level of service to the community. Right now we're working in a 50 year-old facility that we're jammed to the roof in. We need a new facility so that we can be active for the next 50 years."

While Enfield seems a little reluctant to say goodbye to his 40-year-long passion, he's able to see the positive side of retired life.

"When I came from Surrey, I used to golf at least twice a week and now I'm lucky if I golf twice a year," he said. "I've got some projects out in the yard that I've been putting off for 10 years. I did plan for some renovations when

we moved here in '99 that I finally started in May this year."

On the list of Enfield's other retirement bonuses are: reclaimed closet space; a lower hydro bill since he won't have to charge up so many radios, flashlights, etc.; and a plan to pour more time and energy into a Christmas light display with his wife Debbie.

A new chief has yet to be hired, but resumés have been submitted from all over Canada and as far away as Ireland. And to this future leader, he warns:

"There's been a natural progression here for the last 11 years, I would not like to see that progression curtailed in anyway."

He will remain the emergency program coordinator until the end of the year, but won't try to mask the fact that he will miss fire rescue.

"You get it in your blood," he said. "You have to miss it."

Enfield has no plans of leaving the island that he and his wife have made home.

"I've really enjoyed my time here," he said. "Thanks to the board of trustees and the dedicated volunteers who put their lives on the line. I hope they're appreciated by the community — I appreciate them."

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LIBRARY

Library sketches on display

Board members from the Salt Spring Island Public Library are pleased to announce that several sketches of the proposed new library building will be ready for display on July 30.

Board member Stan Shapiro said members of the public are invited to drop by and provide their input on several drawings. The sketches are based

on input received from Salt Spring residents at a public meeting in June in addition to comments submitted in person and via e-mail to library staff.

Advice on which design features should be incorporated into the new library building proposed for McPhillips Avenue can still be dropped off at the library.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

NO MORE WHEELS ON THE BUS: Heath Cooper and John Quesnel (pictured from left) of Salt Spring Metal Recycling dispose of an old school bus, formerly used as a training prop by Salt Spring Fire Rescue personnel at the Fulford training ground.

HORSEBACK RIDING

New horse group lobbies for trails

Back Country Horseman

Salt Spring will always be home to horseback riders, but with strict regulations on local trails, will they always have a place to ride?

The Salt Spring chapter of the Back Country Horseman of BC (BCBCH) might have the solution to the conundrum of fewer horse-friendly trails on the island and the worsening threat of riding along unsafe areas to access riding trails.

The BCBCH formed last month with two main goals in mind: to create and maintain trails for the general public, as well as provide

multi-use access, whether it's to walkers and bikers or ATVs (so long as provincial legislation does not forbid the action).

"Our other mandate is to leave no trace and have as minimal impact as possible," said Michelle Boyd, vice-chair on the newly elected BCBCH committee.

The committee will be holding a meeting at the Farmers Institute on July 28, when they will welcome anyone interested in joining the organization or learning more about the BCBCH's future initiatives.

A fundraiser barbecue is now in the works, as well as a mock jail house fundraiser at the fall fair.

Currently, only two public areas are available for horseback riding on salt Spring — a Burgoyne Bay area parcel of land and trails in Channel Ridge that no longer have public access. So, anyone who uses the trails is trespassing on private property, Boyd said.

According to Boyd, the increasing amount of vehicle traffic has also brought with it a heightened danger for horseback riders en route to the only two locations.

Anyone interested in learning more about the BCBCH can contact Boyd at 537-4893 or llfarm@shaw.ca. Chair of the BCBCH Jenn Burgoyne call also be contacted at 537-4994, burgoyne@telus.net.

POLITICS

No May decision made yet

Elizabeth May speaks at AGM

Elizabeth May stayed true to her word and didn't reveal her decision on whether or not she plans to run in the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding during the next federal election.

May stayed mum on the issue July 9 when she was guest speaker at the Green Party annual general meeting (AGM) in Saanich.

According to Rob Hines, Green organizer for B.C. and the North, May revealed she is still considering one other riding along with Saanich-Gulf Islands. May has stated that she will go public with her decision by Labour Day in the face of an imminent late-September election.

A large portion of the roughly 60 attendees were Gulf Islanders, who witnessed one of the smoothest running AGMs the local Greens have ever experienced, Hines said, adding that every decision was reached by consensus.

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Rants

Rants to the driver of a car who on July 5 at 7 p.m. overtook and passed a car in the 30 km/h area of Cusheon Lake Road near the public wharf area where many families with small children were enjoying the lake. C. Hardy

Rants to the person/people who left their large dog in an SUV with the windows rolled up outside Country Grocer. L. Johnson

Roses

Bushels of lavender and beer to James and Elliot of Nicol Construction, Adam the plumber, Gary the electrician, and Carl and Mike from Merit Kitchens at Mouat's. They completed our kitchen and bath renovations competently, efficiently and diligently. They always arrived on time, complete with a sense of humour, which helped us cope with the stress of living in our home while under construction. They were also kind and careful of our dogs. They all went the extra mile for us, and their prices were reasonable (no, this is not paid advertising, it's just the truth). Thanks, guys, and we'll let you know when the party is! Lynne & Isy

fragrant bunches of rainbow tea roses to my fellow Tuned Air singers and Chris Kodaly for bringing my songs to life so sweetly! Joi Freed-Garrod

Nice dry roses to the gallant gentlemen who pushed my Toyota out of the ditch on Wednesday morning after I spun out. Many blessings! T&C

Roses, roses and more roses to all the wonderful businesses on Salt Spring that supported our "Toonies for Tree Frog" fundraiser! Thank you for giving up counter space to display our jars: your support was invaluable. And thank you to the whole community who donated to our fundraiser- you are so wonderful and generous, we appreciate you reaching out to help. Many, many Tree Frog roses to all! The children, staff and board of Tree Frog Daycare

A dozen rose-coloured sea anemones to Barry Green at Harbour's End Marine for all his time and effort in removing the massive amount of sea growth from the bottom of our dragon boat. Our yellow dragon can now rove the seas with ease. Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club.

Mike Kitchen and the whole crew at Country Grocer, who made sure with their donation that both local and visiting Vikings were able to serve up a feast fit for kings at last weekend's Nordic Summer Festival! Dan Miller

A single ambrosia scented rose for Cathy and Al Reimer who were the first to come to my aid when I was... delayed from boarding the Crofton ferry. One for Jane Janzen for rallying the troupes; Louis Renaud who rose to the occasion; Ted Janzen for coming to Louis' aid and Murray Richie who joined Louis in the fray, providing entertainment for my neighbours at the market; Kieth Robinson for astutely following the directions of a 12-year-old; Chris Dixon for solving the immediate problems; Nelson Teskey for stepping up to the helm; Maxine and Dennis Gee for being Trojans; Jessica Kliaman for leading the way; Ben, and Suzanne Zacharias, and Pam for offering to help; Greg and Kim Bellavance for a most enjoyable ferrying; Arvid for his constant support; all the ferry workers who do their best to transport us. A dozen roses and my deepest apologies to the ferry worker who felt intimidated by my actions. I meant you no malice. Wendy Beatty

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EDITORIAL

Bring on the plan

It isn't often Salt Spring-ers get to benefit from the input of outsiders.

What's even more unusual is when islanders take that input to heart and take action.

Fortunately that hasn't been the case with Claire Halpern, a university student whose 2009 master's thesis for the University of Waterloo delves into the highs and lows of Salt Spring Island's tourism industry.

Many of her findings, such as our divided feelings on whether the island needs more or less tourism, won't come as a surprise to any of us who've been trapped in the mighty Ganges parking maelstrom or reaped any kind of benefit from the annual influx of tourist dollars.

Heading into town on a Saturday has become an ongoing inside island joke. Over the past weeks, a surge in the number of would-be market vendors has prompted some to voice the need for market expansion.

THE ISSUE:
Tourism management plan

WE SAY:
Results awaited eagerly

Consistently inconsistent ferry schedules and breakdowns have left more than a few passengers stewing as they await the next sailing. Even popular anchorages around the island are beginning to show signs of strain as unmonitored vessels continue to dump untreated sewage into the sea.

That the island has thrived for so long without a plan boggles the mind, and certainly caught the attention of our visiting master's degree student.

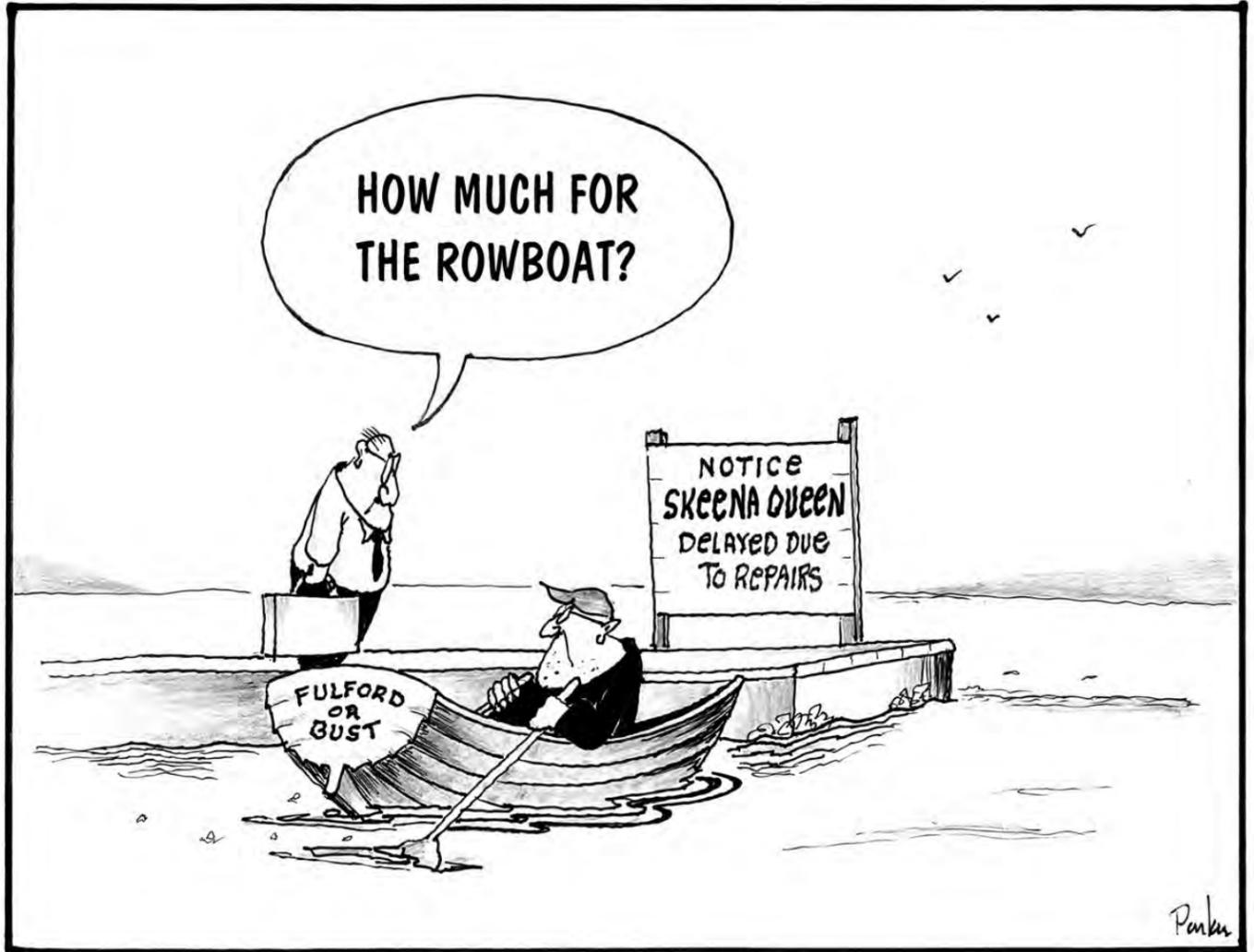
"Without conscious planning, there is always the risk of the detrimental types of tourism development talking over," Halpern writes.

Thankfully, hope is in sight due to the efforts of the Tourism Salt Spring Commission, acting in association with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and Tourism BC.

The group expects to release its plan for the future of tourism on Salt Spring later this year and, according to chair Marguerite Lee, establishing the fine balance between the island's rural flavour and developing a larger tourism infrastructure has been central to its discussions.

It's a monumental task whose time has come and whose recommendations are eagerly awaited.

Now all we have to do is learn to take our own advice to heart whenever the plan is produced.



Questioning the rezoning process

BY MICKEY MCLEOD

To date I have purposely kept any of my personal comments out of the Driftwood in regards to our rezoning application.

Salt Spring Coffee Company has only supplied information via the Driftwood about our proposal as a means of trying to supply clarity and openness about our process.

However, I need to comment on Christine Torgrimson's quote in last week's Driftwood.

"If they truly love the island as they say they do, if they treasure the Salt Spring Island brand, they care about their island workers and families and are sincerely committed to doing the right thing in as many ways as possible, they will work towards finding another property here that is more suitable to their needs and desires and more compatible with the nature of that particular place on the island."

Ross and I have worked tirelessly for many years to find a suitable home for our operation.

As we advised the Trust, we have tried unsuccessfully over the years to buy or lease no less than eight different properties on island that might have offered us a permanent home where we could roast coffee and grow food.

Eventually we approached George Ehring and Peter Lamb to ask if they had any suggestions.

VIEWPOINT

Ross and I have worked tirelessly for many years to find a suitable home for our operation.

We were advised that if we could not find an existing industrial or commercial property we always had the option of buying a lot and applying for rezoning.

That is precisely what we did.

Trustee Torgrimson was an avid campaigner for the various environmental audits and reviews we had to undertake.

She even went so far as to suggest a further study on cumulative environmental impact was necessary, no doubt at taxpayers' expense.

When we pointed out to the planning department that RWDI had already concluded cumulative impact was of no environmental concern, Trustee Torgrimson now seeks to condemn our proposal on two non-environment related issues, sprawl and covenants.

How are we to regard the actions of a trustee who, after examining our environmental assessment from every angle for eight months, concludes that our ass is fine but she really doesn't like the look of our elbow.

As a community, we need processes and protocols that are defined and documented so we can be sure our politicians undertake their duties efficiently and impartially.

To do otherwise brings discredit on the Trust and on the role of trustee.

The writer is president/CEO Salt Spring Coffee Company

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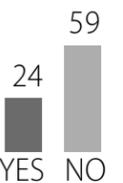
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The view of the harbour is what reminds us that we are on an island."

JOHN MILLERD, BAYSIDE RESIDENT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Has the economy affected your summer travel plans?


JACQUELINE LANDEEN

Most definitely. It's important to minimize use of fossil fuels, be prudent with money and take care of everyone in the community.


BRYAN HUNSBERGER

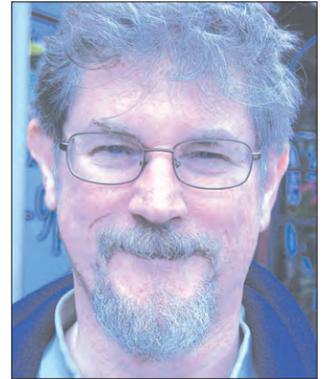
I live in a trailer, drive a moped and have a beautiful wife. Life is peachy.


MARILYN BETTS

We don't do summer holidays. We do winter holidays, but even that's changed a bit.


BRUCE PARSONS

It hasn't because I take my holidays in the winter.


ANDY HEARD

We're keeping close to home.

Letters to the editor

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Volunteers needed

The BC SPCA has some 400 employees; but without the efforts of its over 4,000 volunteers, the society could not come close to accomplishing what it does.

That is certainly the case at the Salt Spring shelter. With only one, three-quarter-time employee, we rely on our dedicated volunteers. Whether caring for abandoned and abused animals at the shelter; assisting in vital fundraising activities; fostering animals; or sitting on the Community Council; the shelter simply could not exist without them.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers. We are down to 15 individuals who provide various forms of in-shelter care. A full roster would be more

in the area of 30 individuals and that doesn't include foster homes, fundraisers or the Community Council. My fear is that as we rely even more on existing volunteers, that burnout will become an issue and we will lose even more.

However, having lived on the island for the last decade, I know what an incredibly generous and supportive community this is. I am confident that knowing how urgent the need is, community members will come forward and say 'How can I help?' To those folks, I would like to say that not only are you helping your local shelter, but you also stand to benefit when you see, first-hand, the difference you make, when looking into the eyes of an animal in need that you have helped.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.spc.bc.ca or call the shelter

at 250-537-2123.

On behalf of the animals at the Salt Spring BC SPCA, I thank you for your help.

BRANDY GLOVKA,
BRANCH SUPERVISOR,
55 BC SPCA

Softer approach

Watching what I thought was the rather excessive quantity of off-island police cars and Mounties bringing law and order to our island streets last Wednesday, I got to wondering if this wasn't a little heavy-handed.

I assume they were primarily wearing their traffic police "hats" and that their show of force (bad pun) was designed to instill in us a fear of the vehicular traffic gods about vehicle safety, rules-of-the-road, driver licensing and insurance

issues. (Indeed, I wondered if Vancouver Island was left with any police for the day!)

If they were in "revenue-maximizing mode," aiming to aggregate the most fines so as to defray the cost of the jaunt and yield maximum profit, this is definitely not "community policing" and is to be deplored.

Might I suggest a "softer" approach that is more orientated to "community policing," so appropriate in a community such as ours?

A Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) existed in the city where I used to live. Every month or so, the police would widely pre-advertise and promote a STEP day or week (often "sometime within the next month") during which they would conduct spot checks for a specific set of infringements, say, mufflers and

wipers. Other popular STEP selections were things such as "zero tolerance" on speed limits for a day; strict adherence to stop signs; school zones; functioning of lights and indicators; and paperwork, etc.

The beauty of this system was that the police were perceived not so much in a heavy-handed, punitive mode as in a community-policing mode -- you were forewarned to get your act together and reminded in advance of the relevant letter(s) of the law (some of which we tend to forget otherwise). Such an approach helps enormously with police-public relations which, at times, can verge on the adversarial ("The @#%\$^&s are out to get us").

They would be perceived as doing a good job by way

of reminders from time-to-time, keeping unqualified drivers and non-compliant vehicles off the road, and refreshing in our minds the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and the laws at the same time.

ROSS KING,
SALT SPRING

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SUE NEWMAN
SALT SPRING

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Our own fault the cost of paradise is so high

I was a half hour early. As I stood in front of my car watching the overloaded Fulford ferry pull out leaving a couple of dozen cars on the tarmac, the guy in front of me shrugged and said, "Well, that's the price we pay for living in Paradise."

Of course, there are far more serious prices than a missed ferry. A cursory list would include the heart stopping gas prices, astronomical rents, poverty level wages . . . the beat goes on.

All these large and small annoyances pale under the glare of our dysfunctional governance system. Nothing brought this into sharp, galvanizing focus as clearly as Christine Torgrimson's Sarah Palinesque, unsolicited pronouncement that she is rejecting Salt Spring Coffee Company's application to relocate at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road.

When pressed, Ms Torgrimson stated that she "just can't shake this feeling that [1501 Fulford-Ganges] is simply the wrong location." How does that song go? "Feelings. Nothing more than feelings."

No one is denying that "feelings" are an important component in any decision making process. But somewhere along the line, reasoned thought and logic must also enter the equation. However, if Ms Torgrimson possesses clairvoyant powers, I need proof. . . a bent spoon or a hovering teacup. Something. Otherwise, Salt Spring Coffee Co. and Salt Spring deserve more than a "feeling."

"I've seen [sprawl]. . . I don't want to see it here."

Sprawl? Here? We live on a small island off another island. What business in its right

mind would locate here? The population and the associated costs just don't add up. Franchises such as Hollywood Video, Curves, and even the Dollar Store wither on the vine here. Sprawl? Please.

Ms Torgrimson goes on to proclaim that "maybe some bright light will shine and I will change my mind, but I don't think so."

One has to question what it would take — a decree from the Pope? A royal proclamation from Queen Elizabeth? A burning bush? The coffee company has been singled out by the David Suzuki Foundation. The Sierra Club has chosen Salt Spring Coffee in its fundraising campaign. It is setting the worldwide environmental standard by going for the Gold Leeds designation. The owner himself just got back from Peru, visiting small coffee farmers and co-ops.

In the face of all green endorsements and glowing independent environmental studies, who will have the ear of Ms Torgrimson? Who will persuade with sweet reason? Fellow trustee George Ehring?

I met up with George early one morning on the Long Harbour run to the mainland. He looked tired and pale, and I am sure the last person in the world he wanted to share a cup of coffee with was yours truly. Despite the early hour we had a great chat about the trustees' conundrum. He was off to tour some roasting facilities on the mainland. He had been to roasting facilities in


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

Saanich. Due diligence. Facts, facts, facts. George has been doing this a long time. He understands that there are decisions to be made that may not synch with his personal inclinations, but are nonetheless the right decisions for the community at large.

Upon hearing Ms Torgrimson's rather premature rejection of the Coffee Co.'s application, George stated "This shows you that we don't work things out together, because I did not know this was coming."

Indeed. Upon attending various Trust meetings, I have to say it does not appear to be the same cozy relationship that George enjoyed with past trustee Peter Lamb. In fact, "cozy" is likely the last descriptor I would choose around the Ehring/Torgrimson duo.

So. If not the persuasive powers of George Ehring, then who? The Islands Trust chair, Sheila Malcolmson, operates under the unofficial guiding light of the Islands Trust at large: "no economic development larger than crocheted tea cozys on any of the Gulf Islands." There will be no sage advice forthcoming from that corner.

That's it. And that's the problem. There is no one else, save the small clutch of neighbours who seem to maintain against all reports to the contrary, that nearby Ford Lake will transform into an inflammable toxic goo at the slightest whiff of coffee bean. There is no one else. And that's our fault.

Our fault? Absolutely. Salt Spring Island

could have had four local trustees at the table. We could have had two more tongues, brains, varying opinions. Two more chairs to engage in conversation with Ms Torgrimson — to present informal persuasion counterbalancing the NIMBY representatives.

Last election we (and by that I mean the pathetic 40 per cent voter turnout) voted 1,943 to 1,439 to keep the local trustee number at two instead of four. The primary reason this failed by 500 votes was that the "Islanders for Self Government" executive threw its considerable weight and resources behind defeating the "four" option. This was a giant mistake that we will be dealing with for years to come. The current Coffee Co. quagmire is a prime example.

And the four trustee option is not likely to end up on the slate again for some time. Come next election, Islands Trust incumbents will simply pull out the numbers.

"Salt Spring turned it down last time. You had your chance. The good people of Salt Spring Island have spoken."

It is the same rebuttal they used to slap down any talk of another incorporation referendum. So if you don't like the current set up, you better get used to it. There isn't going to be much change in the near future.

As to the hapless Coffee Company, there is a very good chance that after investing tens of thousands of dollars in good faith, it likely will be forced to take its roaster, the 20 jobs, the \$1 million in annual wages and all the spinoffs those kind of numbers represent, to the mainland. And that my friends, is a very high price for living in Paradise.

THRIFTY FOODS™

Dear Thrifty Foods Customer,

On Earth Day, April 22nd, Thrifty Foods announced it will discontinue the use of plastic grocery bags effective July 22nd, 2009.

Reaction to this decision has been mixed.

Most have applauded it as a step in the right direction while others have expressed anger they will now be forced to buy plastic garbage bags. Still others have pointed out that our plastic bags were biodegradable – whereas many kitchen garbage bags and other products are not – and they feel this will have an overall negative effect on our environment.

Some customers have even suggested Thrifty Foods will save large sums of money by not distributing plastic bags and that this is merely an attempt to capture more revenue.

While I respect all opinions in this matter, I also believe it's important to present all sides of the issue. I hope you will allow me to point out that:

- Although Thrifty Foods moved to biodegradable bags in 2007, they have not provided a viable long-term solution. Besides being ineligible for recycling, biodegradable bags will only degrade under specific conditions of heat and light – conditions that aren't always guaranteed in a landfill. In reality, biodegradable bags can take a very long time to degrade, but in the meantime they still impact our environment, contribute to litter and hurt wildlife.
- Money saved at Thrifty Foods by not distributing plastic bags will be spent, instead, on making our reusable bags more affordable and more accessible – and by doing everything we can to make the transition to reusable bags, and other alternatives, as easy as possible for our customers. We will, for example, be offering kitchen garbage bags free with a purchase of \$60 or more, as well as half-price offers on Thrifty Foods regular reusable bags. New packing options are also being introduced, such as different sizes and types of reusable bags and collapsible, reusable cardboard totes. We have also postponed - for the time being - the planned 10 cents fee for paper bags. And, of course, we will continue to offer customers three cents for every bag they re-use.
- While plastic grocery bags may also serve as garbage bags, they still pile up under the sink faster than they can be used to bag waste. Last year, over nine billion plastic bags were handed out by retail outlets across Canada. The fact is that only two or three percent of those ever get recycled.

We're confident people will find better ways to manage the disposal of their household garbage, including separating it more carefully into compostable, recyclable and other categories. As society itself becomes more aware of the ways in which household garbage can be better managed – and as regional and municipal governments come up with better methods of collection and disposal to accommodate these new realities – current and future generations will benefit.

We arrived at the decision to discontinue plastic grocery bags after exhaustive study into the issue, including careful consideration of mounting scientific evidence that indicates this is a step in the right direction and is, after all, the right thing to do.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

Yours truly,



Milford Sorensen,
President & CEO, Thrifty Foods

OPINION

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Tutors are godsends

Students lose out, in the case of public school students not being allowed access to tutors during instructional periods (June 17 Driftwood article, "Island tutor schooled on proper protocol").

You don't have to be wealthy to spend 30 or so dollars for an hour to help your child do appreciably better on a trig or geometry test. In fact, we know students who spend their own money on tutors during crucial times. As parents we would like to say that tutors have been a godsend of support during the school year.

By restricting tutors to after school hours, the students are limited access to them, and the stress upon them and their families is counterproductive.

ANNICA AND FRANK BURNABY,
SALT SPRING

How to help

Thank you for a very comprehensive article regarding Health for Humanity work and my involvement in it. ("Local surgeon thrives on Health for Humanity missions," July 1 Driftwood.)

Many people have phoned me with positive comments and we all feel the reporter Natalie North did a grand job.

Here is the Health for Humanity address in case anyone wishes to make a donation.

Health for Humanity Service Society, 15745 102B Avenue, Surrey, B.C., V4N 2M1.

It is a registered charity (CCRA# 861946333RR0001) and will issue tax receipts for individual donations of \$20 or more.

DR. PAMY SIRA,
SALT SPRING

Support coffee proposal

I am writing to express my astonishment at the reported lack of support of the Salt Spring Island Coffee Company rezoning application due to concerns regarding industrial sprawl and the large number of covenants stipulated by the Trustees themselves.

To decline the application based upon issues that are outside of the applicant's control and are not material to the issues that should be considered would be gross negligence, and would result in a great disservice to Salt Spring Island and its residents.

The issues should concern the impact the application will have on the environment, balanced against the impact it will have on the island's economy.

Four environmental reports have concluded that the environmental impact is negligible. We should be extolling the virtues of the proponent's lofty goals to create a model enterprise that, if supported, could be a beacon of sustainable development for Salt Spring to brag about to the rest of the world.

To deprive Salt Spring of such a good news story and of an economic engine that generates 20 jobs for families on island and adds \$1 million to this small economy, based upon such ridiculous excuses and rationale would be a catastrophic misuse of an elected representative's position.

We are talking about a coffee company, not an industrial chemical manufacturer. If the production of coffee is such an environmental hazard then how can the trustees, in all good conscience, continue to consume coffee if it is such a burden on

the environment and the community? Just because it is in our backyard and not someone else's shouldn't make it okay to consume coffee roasted in someone else's community. How hypocritical is that?

If we should trust any commercial/industrial developer, wouldn't we be better off putting our trust in a local on-island company that has shown it wants to listen and work to address the community's concerns and which has shown its good faith time and time again? Or would you rather open the door for another developer, likely from off-island who might come in, strip the land bare without any concern or thought for the impact it might have on the land and the community as a whole?

Please, I implore you, let good sense prevail.

MARK ASTON
SALT SPRING

Shame on Trustees

Our marvelous Trustees are at it again. They are so busy "protecting" us from ghoulies, ghosties, long-legged beasts and things that go bump in the night (at least one is, the other is still dithering), they seem to forget there are people on this island who would like to take home a pay cheque.

Salt Spring Coffee seeks to operate an environmentally friendly facility with numerous green features, and each time the Trustees add another "preservative" layer (read "covenant") SS Coffee has complied. Now the

Trustees have moved the goal posts again and fear SS Coffee's presence along the main road may create further undesirable industrial sprawl in the area.

Preserve — what? A parcel of land adjoining the highway where few would now choose to live? Protect — what? Seemingly, the exclusivity of Ford Lake for a few millionaires.

Against this we have 20 Salt Springers who will lose their jobs if SS Coffee gives up and leaves, plus a \$1 million payroll that circulates throughout our island and benefits us all. For make no mistake, if SS Coffee's application is denied, I for one believe they will quit the island and given the hassles and negativity they have allegedly endured, I would not blame them one bit.

Ms. Torgrimson and Mr. Ehring, what is more important to you — encouraging a decent corporate citizen and "preserving" 20 jobs during the worst economic downturn in 75 years, or "protecting" your ability to rule this island as you alone see fit? Shame on you both.

J. HORSBURGH
SALT SPRING

Salt Spring wake-up

It is always heart-rending to read of the unending stresses and expense that the Salt Spring Coffee company and other community enhancing projects go through in failing to accommodate the ever-changing goal posts set by the Islands Trust and their party faithful.

The frailty of Trust logic that sees all human activity as some form of evil sprawl was clearly evident in trustee Christine Torgrimson's rather subjectively held decision that "I've seen [sprawl], I'm sick of it, I don't want to see it here."

How many times does she refer to "I?" Clearly our trustee reveals some deep-rooted personal feelings clouding her judgment. One might ask, do our elected officials

represent us or themselves? Perhaps the coffee company should have been pre-advised before applying that this was what they were up against, not actual bylaws and criteria but rather a pre-conviction that "I don't want to see it here."

Win or lose, islanders should thank the coffee company for presenting such a precise article revealing so appallingly what kind of bureaucratic maneuvering applicants can expect to encounter.

It may be all too coy to say "wake up and smell the coffee Salt Spring," but after 35 years and tens of millions of tax dollars spent enduring the Islands Trust, we still need a serious independent governance study. And, needless to say, not one coordinated by the very powers that would never relinquish their grip on our natural island growth and needs.

PAUL MARCANO
SALT SPRING

Trustee support

I need to thank Christine Torgrimson for her recent decision to not support the rezoning application by the Salt Spring Coffee company.

We all have seen the sprawl in most North American communities and, despite the fact many people hate it, it is so hard to stop. The Islands Trust, with your help, is the only thing saving us from this same fate. I fear this is just the latest battle against this process. But with this vote you are helping to preserve the great beauty of our island that most of us hope to pass on to future generations.

The benefits of future industrial development to adding jobs to our community must be considered side-by-side with the impact on the owners and residents of neighboring properties. The coffee company is asking for a clear guideline for Islands Trust approval of rezoning applications. I would suggest that without strong support by nearby property owners no rezoning application should be approved.

Keep up the good work and thank you!

BRIAN SWANSON
SALT SPRING

Java and the Law of Inertia

Whichever side of the fence one sits in the great java debate, and however much weight one gives to the particular issue of the shipping of coffee on and off the island, I'm sure that we would all agree that it is important to get the facts straight.

It was with some amusement that I read in the coffee company's open letter to the Trust, in last week's Driftwood, that coffee beans — unlike everything else in the universe — can move from one place to another without the input of energy: "We use not one jot of additional fuel and emit not one additional molecule of CO₂ into the atmosphere by operating from Salt Spring."

Perhaps this is due to the levitational power of caffeine, which we have all experienced, and the transcendental proficiency of espresso drinkers on our spiritual island — of which we can have no doubt. Or is it more likely that a ferry would use more fuel with the coffee truck on board than without it?

I expect that SSCC will manage to find a suitable location for their factory in the near future, but when they do, I hope that they demonstrate more respect for the local bylaws and covenants than they do for the laws of physics.

MICHAEL WALL
SALT SPRING

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Engaging the community

Graffiti stages The Labyrinth

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last seen two years ago with its "Shakespeare in the park" production of *The Tempest*, Graffiti Theatre is back at the centre of local community theatre, all set to stage a colourful and exciting interactive show.

With the mandate of creating a supportive theatrical environment on the island that integrates the audience and the show, rather than dividing them, the current offering promises spectacle, entertainment and community engagement to boot.

Runaway Moon, a small but renowned theatre group based on an organic farm in Grinrod, BC, has partnered with Graffiti to bring its current project to Salt Spring.

Using masks and puppetry, and a mix of rehearsed scenes and community actors, the group will present *The Labyrinth*, an original version of the classic Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur.

During the week of July 6-12, eight local participants spent full-day workshops developing the script with Verrick Grimes, a director with Runaway Moon for the past five years.

Ranging in ages from 12 to over 50, the Salt Spring actors began by talking about what they knew of the classic story and what it meant to them. They then decided how that related to current issues and how much of that would find its way into their interpretation.

"The ancient minotaur story is open-ended enough to read into it many stories," Grimes said. "We're taking and interpreting it for this community — this is Salt Spring's version and not something you can see anywhere else."

With five performances between July 17 and 19, *The Labyrinth* takes place in the United Church Meadow and makes use of Salt Spring's unique environment.

Each character appears in three different sizes, represented by professionally made masks and puppets; the dramatic shifting of size throughout the play creates amazing possibilities for storytelling and a little magic as well.

As Grimes has learned during rehearsals, the creekside location perfectly "suits puppet-scale, and when you put puppets in that space, it becomes their world."

Past creations by Runaway Moon have seen audience members following a play's action around live



sets in the town of Enderby, where the main actors were joined by regular community members making scripted appearances.

Here on Salt Spring, interested people who weren't able to commit to a full week were also invited to join in the final rehearsal for special bit parts.

The audience will participate in moving around the meadow.

That level of engagement provides a different quality of enjoyment, bridging the gap between audience and performance.

"We're taking advantage of the strengths that professionals and community members bring as a hybrid, that can't happen in the same way in purely professional theatre. A social actor brings a generosity that creates an incredible experience, a warmth and a visceral connection to everything you're doing," Grimes observed.

The ability to combine community engagement with professional level theatre the way Runaway Moon does is an exciting move for Graffiti, said the company's director, Rebecca Nygard.

"We're looking at this as an experiment of what the company is going to do in the future. It's a process to encourage community involvement because the community has said it wants that, and to have more relevant storytelling.

"Stimulation — and work — usually only happen in the city. We're trying to create that here for young artists, and provide opportunities to have a few professionals here for them to work with. But it's a different objective than having a polished professional piece."

Tickets for *The Labyrinth* are on sale through the ArtSpring ticket centre. Performances will be held in the United Church Meadow on Hereford Avenue.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

JAZZ

Jazz workshop culminates in concert

Students, teachers take the stage

The Salt Spring Arts Academy is proud to host a jazz concert on Saturday, July 18 that will feature Hugh Fraser, Monik Nordine and arts academy summer jazz workshop students.

According to press material, "The jazz concert will give workshop students a chance to show off what they have learned in an intimate workshop that heard students being encouraged to go home and listen to music with their eyes!"

Local students Matt Stubbs, James Twaites and Caroni Young, as well as students from Victoria, have been working hard to get their band tight for the Saturday night gig.

Ramesh Meyers will play bass at the concert, along with Laurent Boucher on drums.

This great night of jazz music takes place at the United Church at 111 Hereford Avenue at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door, or in advance from Salt Spring Books.



Jazz musician Hugh Fraser, left, works with students at a summer workshop held at the United Church this week.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Harry Warner returns to Music & Munch

Brings traditional Irish flair

For the second season running, Salt Spring Island's Irish-born songwriter and "musician of merriment and mirth" has returned to grace the stage of Music and Munch.

Harry Warner brings his special touch of Celtic music to All Saints' Church next Wednesday, July 22 at 12:10 p.m.

Press material describes Warner's earliest roots as beginning in County Kerry in the small village of The Spa (just three miles from Tralee) where he grew up with a deep love of Irish music, song and performance duly inherited from his father Claude.

His first public appearance at age 12 was agreed to only on the condition that "everyone had their eyes closed." Thereafter, in adult years, the public singing continued but informally, with friends and libation in hand.

Warner's first formal involvement with a musical group was not until 1993 when here, on Salt Spring Island, he joined Spanner in the Works with Derek Duffy, Terry Warbey, and Myranda O'Byrne.

The following year Doris McCann, Jo Lundstrom and Warner formed the group "Black Velvet Band," endearing themselves to Salt Spring audiences at many venues over the years, and travelling "far and wide," even taking their singing and

playing on a tour back to his native home in Ireland. (Briony Penn has more recently become a member of this group.)

Warner has three CD recordings to his credit: I Wish I Was With Them Again, with Spanner in the Works, Do You Love An Apple with Black Velvet Band, and Galway to Ganges with Jo Lundstrom and Terry Warbey.

Wednesday's audience can expect to hear songs performed in both English and Gaelic — which Warner speaks fluently — with a traditional Irish touch of storytelling included in the mix.

His solo performance, beginning at 12:10 p.m. is followed, as usual, with an optional light lunch for \$5.50.

CONCERTS

Acadian musicians recreate maritime 'kitchen parties'

Vishten at ArtSpring this Friday

BY GEORGE SIPOS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

If you think Prince Edward Island is far away, how about les Îles de la Madeleine?

But islands have a way of jumping over continents, and Friday, July 17 will see Salt Spring Island welcoming a fine traditional band from these two Canadian islands in the Atlantic for a performance of traditional Acadian music at ArtSpring.

The Acadians, as we all know, were French speaking Maritimers displaced from their homes through a brutal act of ethnic cleansing by the British in the 1750s.

Many ended up in Louisiana where their music evolved into zydeco. The few pockets of Acadians left around the Gulf of St. Lawrence mercifully retained their traditional fiddling styles, their step-dancing and their characteristic foot percussion through the centuries.

A new generation of fine musicians is now reinvigorating this rich treasury of great music.

Vishten is made up of twin sisters Pastelle and Emmanuelle LeBlanc from Prince Edward Island and Magdalen Islanders Pascal Miousse and Louis-Charles Vigneau.

All of them grew up in households where fiddle music was commonplace and where neighbours and travelling musicians dropped by

night after night for musical jams that lasted into the wee hours.

It is these traditional "kitchen parties" that their performances recreate.

The musicians of Vishten sing, dance, and play a wide variety of traditional instruments including fiddle, guitar, accordion, penny-whistle, banjo, mandolin, piano, jaw-harp and bodhran.

The songs are mostly in French, sung by each band member, alone or in four part harmony. The foot percussion sometimes drives the rhythm in fiddle tune, sometimes stays in the background in gentler musical moments.

Here is what the musicians of Vishten say about themselves:

"As musicians we made a conscious choice in our early years to play and interpret in new ways the music we learned from our parents' generation.

"Our choice stems from a deep respect for and love of the sounds and rhythms forged by the musicians who have come before, inspiring us to create anew and carry this music into the future."

This will be a fine and exciting evening of terrific music. ArtSpring staff is thrilled to bring the energy, vigour and authenticity of some of the best music in Atlantic Canada to a Salt Spring audience.

Vishten's show starts at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 17, with tickets available from the ArtSpring ticket centre, 250-537-2102.

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Wed. July 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alain Besson & Fabienne Huygen. Concert of piano, dance and sound yoga. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Rosemary Delisle. Vocalist with accompanist Kim Cousineau at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Lane 31. At Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Harry Warner & Friends. Enjoy music, wine and a picnic at SS Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Club. Activities for kids in grades 1-6 (but younger and older ages welcome) at SS Library. 1-2 p.m.

Thurs. July 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Gerber's Outdoor Boogie Woogie. Chicago blues man performs outdoors at ArtSpring. Bring cushion or a lawn chair, dancing shoes & cool shades. 7:30 p.m.
DJ Manello Funkikora. Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.
Hooper Family Band. Salt Spring's Von Trapp family of rock! Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Open Mic. With Stephanie Rhodes & friends, Thursdays at The Local bar & bistro. 8 p.m.
Fulford Open Mic Night. With Dale & Dave at the Fulford Inn on Thursdays.

ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Cash & Carry room and Silent Auction. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri. July 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vishten. Acadian group recreates joy & energy of Maritime kitchen party. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
The Labyrinth. Graffiti Theatre & Runaway Moon theatrical retelling of the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur in the United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue. 7 p.m.
Planet Music. Original urban jazz. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Harry Warner & Friends. Enjoy music, wine & a picnic at SS Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.
Paul Mowbray. Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.
Summer Music Series. Live music at the Harbour House Hotel every Friday 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Cash & Carry room and Silent Auction. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sound Yoga Workshop. First of three day-sessions with Alain & Fabienne at SS Spa Resort. Info/reservations: 250-538-1773.

Sat. July 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Labyrinth. Graffiti Theatre & Runaway Moon production. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Jazz Camp Concert. Finale to week-long youth jazz camp led by Hugh Fraser and Monk Nordine. SS United Church. 6 p.m.
Jon and Roy. Victoria duo blending folk, roots and funk. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Kemal Evans. Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Cash & Carry room and Silent Auction. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Community flea market 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Live Auction 8 p.m.
Blackburn Meadows Men's Open. Blackburn Meadows Golf Club. Info/registration: 250-537-1707.
Herbal Medicine Making Workshop. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Info: Community Herbalist Suci Spindle, 250-653-0068.
Locavore Dinner. Meal of local foods with guest speaker on the environment. Meaden Hall. 1 p.m.

Sun. July 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Labyrinth. Graffiti Theatre & Runaway Moon production. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Jazz in the Vineyard. The Bossa Boyz and Diane on vocals with mellow bossas & ballads. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.
Sue Newman & Friends. Live jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.
Peter Prince. A musical feast for the soul! Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
The Barley Brothers. Still alive and un-plugged. Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.
Fiddleworks Instructors' Showcase. Concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
The Oogies. Live rock music. Beaver Point Hall. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Herbal Medicine Making Workshop. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Info: Community Herbalist Suci Spindle, 250-653-0068.
SSI Transit Public Celebration. In honour of recent award for exceptional service. Light refreshments. ArtSpring patio. 2-4 p.m.

Mon. July 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Romney Getty. Ontario singer-songwriter playing original Americana and folk. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Dance. Dance to Remember - Ecstatic Crown Chakra Session. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 7-9 p.m.
Toastmasters. Mondays in the Crofton Room at the Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. With host David Jacquest at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Gene Grooms & Friends. Blues music at the Harbour House every Tuesday. 7:30-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Market in the Meadow. Tuesday Farmers' Market. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tues. July 21

ACTIVITIES

Contemporary Dance Class. Ongoing weekly dance class at Cats Pajamas Studio. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-5681.
Fiddleworks Community Dance. Beaver Point Hall. 7 p.m.

Wed. July 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Harry Warner. Harry Warner at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Fiddleworks. Canadian, Celtic fiddle. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Harry Warner & Friends. Enjoy music, wine & a picnic at SS Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Club. Activities for kids in grades 1-6 (but younger and older ages welcome) at SS Library. 1-2 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Inside/Outside** is the exhibit at **Salt Spring Woodworks**, featuring new sculpture and art furniture by **Arnt Arntzen, Brent Comber** and **Peter Pierobon**. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through September.
- **ArtCraft, the Salt Spring Arts Council's** juried show and sale with work by some 100 artisans runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **Mahon Hall**. **Precious Metals — Fine Balance** showcase ends July 16; **Windfall** featuring **Robert Andrews** and **John Denniston** opens July 17.
- **Salt Spring Potters' Guild** annual **Mark's Work Wearhouse** window show, this year with a theme of **Our Harbour**, runs through the summer.
- **A Century of Canadian Art — 1909-2009.** Historical and contemporary artworks at **Pegasus Gallery**.
- **Hastings House Sculpture Garden** — 30-minute guided tours on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. by appointment at 250-537-2362. The 1.5-km public **Sculpture Trail** is also open daily.
- **Clare Singleton** shows island scenes painted on location in an exhibit at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- **Shari Macdonald** has new photos hanging at **Jana's Bake Shop**.
- **Janet Dwyer** has works hanging at **Ganges Yoga Studio**.
- **New Works by Stefanie Denz** - the **Wallpaper Series** and **Fine Handcrafted Bling** by **Ayla Mcininch** at **Cafe Talia** 122 Hereford Ave. Opens Thursday, July 16, 6-9 p.m.

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NORDIC FEAST: Dan Miller prepares for a feast at last week's Nordic Summer Festival staged on Salt Spring by the Fridhgard Fellowship Society.

CONCERTS

Showcase starts fiddle camp week

Instructors' concert runs Sunday

This Sunday eight of Canada's top folk musicians will gather on Salt Spring for Fiddleworks' 10th Annual Salt Spring Fiddle Camp, running July 20-24 at the Salt Spring Centre.

The week kicks off with an Instructors' Showcase Concert at ArtSpring this Sunday July 19, at 7:30 p.m. It will feature world class musicians on fiddle, cello, viola, piano, guitar, trumpet, banjo song, and "some amazing step dancing too," states press material.

Artists include the "one and only" Daniel Lapp from Victoria on fiddle, trumpet and piano, famous Cape Breton fiddler and step dancer Mairi Rankin, plus Canadian folk music award winner Emma Beaton on cello, banjo and voice, as well as fiddlers Zav RT, Trish Clair-Peck, Miriam Sonstenes, Christie Gray, and Karen Dignan.

The musicians will collaborate throughout the evening as duos, trios and all together in an uplifting ensemble to open and close the show.

Music will range from celtic to old time and swing and include lots of good old Canadiana, says the press release.

Tickets are \$12 youth and \$18 adults, available at the ArtSpring box office.

During the week of fiddle camp, the public is invited to Fiddleworks' community dance at Beaver Point Hall on Tuesday, July 21 starting at 7 p.m. (admission by donation).

There is also the closing Gala Concert and Dance on Friday, July 24 at Fulford Hall, 7 p.m. (admission by donation), featuring the students and staff in an inspirational night of music and celebration.

Precious metals exhibition brings seductive shine to ArtCraft stage

Several artists display their work

ArtCraft's second showcase of the season opened last Friday with the Precious Metals exhibition.

Luminous jewels are enough to lure almost anyone up the stairs, while creative welding and pictorial work will be enough to balance the gold lust with solid appreciation.

Nycki Samuels — the Tough Tiny Welder — represents her talents well with a variety of pieces.

Most immediately capturing attention is The Gothic Chair, a refurbished stacking chair from Mahon Hall. Samuels' statement notes that the idea to redo the chairs was raised up (and dropped) as an Arts Council fundraiser.

It's hard to say whether the chair would be any more comfortable, but its appearance is hardly recognizable as the utilitarian object it once was.

Samuels has replaced the back with aluminum, added decorative panels on the seat and backrest in copper, and twisted steel rods around the painted black legs.

The most glamorous addition has to be the forged finials that rise from the back in curved spikes.

Other items also show Samuels' whimsy with the welding iron: her candelabras combine floral and butterfly motifs to create sinuous and sensual dragon shapes.

Flutter unites a red flower and red wings with decorative copper wire, while Dragon has a lithe black "body," silvering wings and petals, and is

wrapped in a flat copper chain. Karin Marita Jones is another woman welder whose small physical size belies the power she wields on her materials.

Known for making jewelry using the damascene technique for inlaying metal on ancient weapons, here Jones has used the same technique for two pictorial works.



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

Odalisque I and Victoria I are two takes on classic nudes of European art, simplified and stylized in contrasting inlaid metal sheets.

Each picture has the silhouette of a woman against black sky and ground, a river of silver separating the fields at the horizon, and a few silver stars overhead.

Jones has used scrapbooking punches for the stars and other small shapes that make up the woman's body in Victoria I, fitting together a complex mosaic of butterflies, flowers, leaves, skulls and bones.

Commenting on the piece, Jones remarks on the contradictory social meanings of feminine scrapbooking and masculine (from weaponry) metal inlay.

It's an interesting construct, but her articulation is also skillful and pleasing.

Alex Lyons' work reveals a continuing progression into modern sophistication. His classic and simple forms contain an edge that makes them unusual: for example, the convex bow of an earring in disc shape or slender rhomboid.

Silver rings with a very slight copper tone (or in reverse tones) have a soft brushed look

and an earthy, solid appeal.

Joan Ayles has a very different style in her jewelry, creating organic looking shapes out of complex mazes of wire, jewels and precious stones.

Her work is all about moods created through colour combinations: a tropical sea with blues, green and purples, or a more earthy look with variations in green, topaz, bronze, pearl and moss.

Jan Smith's take on organic is best seen in a necklace resembling centre cuts of a citrus fruit. Lime green discs set in silver radiate petals which are blood red on an underlying panel.

Thoughtfully, she has left some discs with just the silver framework, supplying a lightness to the piece that might otherwise be overwhelmed by the contrasting colours.

"... creative welding and pictorial work will be enough to balance the gold lust with solid appreciation."

Martin Ebbers' work had not yet arrived on the day I visited, but as seen earlier at the Masterpiece Weekend show, his new designs build delicate patterns of water lilies and box wood leaves into the bands of wide rings.

Seven Pebbles brings diamonds into a vision of sand left rippled by the tide; what could be ostentatious is instead playful and charming.

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Aqua Chautauqua Circus land on SSI

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The New Old Time Chautauqua is taking to the high seas with a maritime tour that includes a stop on Salt Spring.

The musical vaudeville circus with a strong tendency towards education presents its 28th-annual summer tour, Aqua Chautauqua, with a July 25 stop at Fulford Hall that promises to "rattle the lofty rafters."

Starting at 7 p.m., the show will be the grand finale of a day full of fun and education.

It all starts at 12 noon at the Saturday market in Ganges, with an Everybody's Welcome Parade. Islanders are invited to don costumes and join a colorful promenade dancing down the street with performers and a marching band.

The parade will lead the merry-makers to an "Educational Circus" in the Centennial Park area, and from 1-4 p.m. children and adults alike can learn a wide variety of skills, including juggling, acrobatics, quilting, mask-making and clowning.

There will also be a workshop about solar water heating and discussions on Peak Oil and "The Other" (how we, as individuals and nations treat people who are different than we are).

People are encouraged to bring musical instruments for an old-fashion song swap. "Chautauqua's workshops are always a lot

of fun and interesting — a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon," states press material.

At 7 p.m., The Big Show starts at Fulford Hall. The Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra will march down the aisles to kick off the performance, followed by a "variety of acts from across the far and near."

"This may be the most eclectic and exciting group of performers yet gathered under the Chautauqua banner."

PRESS MATERIAL

"Bellingham's Islando and Shannon will fly on the trapeze and North Carolina's Runaway Circus will perform juggling acrobalance. Lasqueti Island's Dr P and Clever Trevor's tomfoolery and clowning is sure to bring a smile. World traveler, Vanessa Vortex, will bust out the hula-hoop with fun results."

Basque master clown Iman Lizarazu will inspire laughter and wonder. The Super Noodlini Family will bring juggling and humor from the "old country," while Nobody's Fools represent more modern

day pin tossing and humor.

The Haute Trash Fashion Show will showcase garments sewn from would-be garbage and highlight the value in things we throw away.

The New Old Time Chautauqua is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to nurture and build community through laughter, entertainment and education.

It presents family-oriented events in diverse communities, especially to rural and under-served populations.

"This may be the most eclectic and exciting group of performers yet gathered under the Chautauqua banner. Kids will be amazed, teenagers will be inspired and adults will wish they had practiced more magic and juggling and not frittered away their time at work."

This show will benefit Fiddleworks Community Development Society, a non profit organization based on Salt Spring and dedicated to bringing people together to share in the joy of music, develop life and leadership skills, and build community.

Admission to the big show is \$15 for adults and \$8 for youth, seniors, and disabled. All ticket sales are at the door.

On Thursday, July 23, there will be a community Potluck at Fulford Community Hall at 7 p.m.

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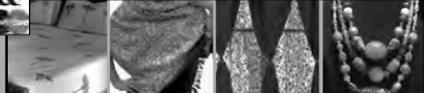
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Lady Minto Hospital kicks off 2009 Phantom Ball Campaign

People encouraged not to go

The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation is pleased to invite guests to — not — attend the 2009 Phantom Ball.

Since the ball is not actually taking place, guests are asked to donate funds to the Lady Minto Hospital's Phantom Ball Campaign.

Benefits range from not having to wear formal dress to having a handy excuse to miss other events, the chance to win an Alaskan Cruise and maintaining excellent local hospital care.

Money saved by not attending or holding the ball will help Lady Minto purchase much needed equipment, states a press release.

This year proceeds will go towards upgrading x-ray equipment and continuing support of the nurses' education fund.

The foundation says it is proud of the community hospital and the excellent level of care that is available on Salt Spring;

it is equally proud that the community continues to support the hospital, keeping superb medical services here, close to home.

The theme for the 2009 Phantom Ball is a Cruise for Two to Alaska, sponsored by Uniglobe Travel.

Donors to the campaign will have their names entered in a draw for the prize package for a spring 2010 cruise, departing Vancouver aboard a luxury ship.

The winners will sail through the Inside Passage to Alaska, enjoying the stress-free life of shipboard travel and the fabulous scenery of the north coast.

Community members are urged to leave their tux or gown in the closet and accept the invitation to participate in the 2009 Phantom Ball.

The foundation asks that people please donate to this important cause — and to remember, every donation makes a difference.

Enter the prize draw for a chance to win, and celebrate the

Inside Passage together.

"We all win when you donate to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation," the press release states.

For more information, please call 250-538-4845 or email Diana.hayes@viha.ca.

"Money saved by not attending or holding the ball will help Lady Minto purchase much needed equipment."

People who don't receive an invitation in the mail should visit the website at www.ladyminto-foundation.com or drop by the hospital and pick up a brochure packet on display in the Lady Minto Hospital lobby.

Prize draw takes place September 17.



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JAZZ

Quartet takes stage at Market Place Cafe

Presented by jazz and blues group

Salt Spring jazz lovers will have the opportunity to attend a great night of music this Thursday as the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society and the Market Place Cafe present a jazz quartet of international stature.

Fresh from playing at the Vancouver and Victoria jazz festivals, Scott White on bass, Henry Boudin on saxophone, Pat Coleman on guitar and James McRea on drums will heat up the stage at the Market Place Cafe on Thursday, July 16.

A jazz and blues society press release provides the following musicians' bios.

"Coleman has performed and recorded with many of the best jazz musicians in the world, including Quincy Jones, Pat LaBarbara, PJ Perry, Moe Koffman, Guido Basso, Don Thompson, Oliver Gannon, Dave Friesen and Peter Appleyard among many others.

"Saxophonist Henry Boudin has shared the stage with such greats as Dizzy Gillespie and Jaco Pastorius.

Boudin has performed at Vancouver, Victoria and Montreal jazz festivals and for the CBC

Radio programs Jazzbeat, Hot Air and Jazz Sur Le Vif.

"Scott White is currently the music director for Cirque de Soleil in Europe. White played all over B.C. with a variety of musical ensembles including the much-loved Romaniacs.

"James McRae has been involved professionally in music performance for almost 30 years. This past year McRae's pet project has been a group called The Message which has allowed him to explore, celebrate and reinvent the music of Horac Silver."

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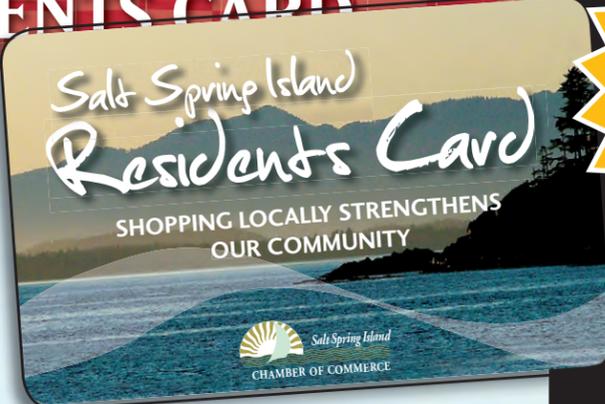
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In a medium size bowl combine **1 bell pepper**, medium diced, **1/2 cucumber**, medium diced, **2 tomatoes** diced, **1/4 cup red onion**, diced, **1/2 cup fresh strawberries** quartered, **1/4 cup fresh basil**, chopped, **2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**, **1 tablespoon oregano**, **1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar**. Top with **1/2 cup light feta cheese**, crumbled, and cracked black pepper to taste. Chill before serving.

Shopping list:

- 1 bell pepper
- Cucumber
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 red onion
- Strawberries
- Fresh basil
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- Cracked black pepper
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LIVE MUSIC Oogies ogle stage at BPH

Salt Spring music fans are in for a treat with a live performance by The Oogies at Beaver Point Hall on July 19.

Most of the members of this grassroots, Salt Spring band have grown up on the island; practicing all year for this gig, and they promise to "blow the audience's socks off."

Press material for the show states that Jade Snow Rosen, Jasper Snow Rosen, Cameron Hayes, and Boulder visitor Kipp Johnson have written some "unreal" songs that are a mix of John Mayer, Dave Mathews Band, The Beatles and the Chili Peppers, joined by some Led Zeplin and Jimi Hendrix in their repertoire.

Their set list is bound to keep people dancing all night.

"Come out and support this local talent; we will impress you!" the band says.

Press material explains that Jade and Jasper Snow Rosen, brothers who started off in the Steel Bananas, have now refined their tastes to softer rock and new music written in the tree forts of Salt Spring.

"Cam Hayes has become an excellent singer/song writer, and has a musical ear that keeps it all together. Kipp Johnson on the bass is a special guest from Boulder. He's been coming to Salt Spring since he was 12 years old and looks and feels like another Snow Rosen. Jasper and Cam's singing and harmonies, along with Jade and Kipp's beat, will tantalize musical tastes," says the release.

Entrance is \$10 at the door. Sound by Dave Volrath, music purely by the Oogies.

The show runs 9 p.m. till 1 a.m., Sunday, July 19.



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AND THE BEAT GOES ON: Master drummer Michel Alseny Diallo sets the beat at Centennial Park last Saturday just prior to a show at Beaver Point Hall.

ENTERTAINERS

Boogieman visits Salt Spring for hot Queen of Hearts show

Coincides with first Treasure Fair viewing and cash & carry room opening

Islanders are in for a boogie woogie treat when Alan Gerber returns to ArtSpring with his Chicago Blues Show.

Gerber will entertain on the ArtSpring patio on Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Patrons can bring a picnic basket with them or dance away outdoors if the spirit moves them.

With five CDs celebrating his solo career as a Chicago blues performer, Gerber has just released his new album Queen of Hearts.

"His boogie woogie-gospel fusion style supported by his expert musicianship on piano, guitar and fiddle captivates the listener from begin-

ning to end," states press material. "Alan has a solid foothold in the music world both nationally and internationally. His highly entertaining one-man show is driven by his incredibly generous energy, eccentric stage antics and love for the people."

"Seeing Alan Gerber perform live is a joyous experience," said Holger Peterson of CBC's Saturday Night Blues show. "You can tell he loves to be in front of an audience and truly whips them into a frenzy. He's amazing!"

Thursday's show will also be the first viewing of the Treasure Fair auction items, the beginning of the silent auction and the opening of the cash and carry room, so people should get there early!

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YOUNG FRIENDS: Laetitia Jacobs gives Sara Hajuck a carnation. The two were spotted in Ganges during recent Canada Day celebrations.

ARTCRAFT

Windfall showcase opens at ArtCraft

Two artists featured

The Salt Spring Arts Council invites the community to Windfall, a new ArtCraft Showcase exhibition featuring the work of Salt Spring's John Denniston and Robert Andrews of Mayne Island.

Press material for the show defines a windfall as an "unexpected gain of good fortune, something accruing in an unexpectedly large amount or something blown down by the wind."

In this exhibition each artist takes a unique approach to the theme in expressing his experience and relationship to our forested surroundings on the West Coast.

Denniston has been a photographer for more than 40 years and worked as photo editor for the Vancouver Province until 2002.

ArtCraft press material notes that Denniston is far from retirement as an artist, and he rigorously questions why we choose to capture the specific images that we do.

He is certain that the thinking behind such decisions is a culmination of all the images one has ever seen combined with the influence of current affairs.

Denniston is contemplative and looks closely at the world, going by "feel;" when he comes upon a scene that is uncomfortable "it's time to push the button because something worth exploring is taking place."

For Denniston, windfall represents impressive, large images of fallen

trees and root systems as metaphors for the forgotten and unseen foundations that support us personally and collectively.

Andrews builds fine boxes from unusual and rare hard and soft wood found on the Southern Gulf Islands.

"... an unexpected gain of good fortune, something accruing in an unexpectedly large amount or something blown down by the wind."

He favors big leaf maple, arbutus, alder and yew wood for stunning boxes that range in size, style and function. Many of his creations are made from burls, which develop when a tree is in distress and offer a highly figured wood, prized for its beauty.

Burls are considered the "jewels of the forest" and people often bring raw burls to his shop to exchange for beautifully finished boxes.

For Andrews, the Windfall exhibition represents an opportunity to share a new selection of his highly sought after larger pieces.

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Honda takes next giant step on hybrid highway

Affordable green car talk of new vehicle season

BY JIM ROBINSON
CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

Honda has passed the next great milestone on the road to a greener future with the 2010 Insight Hybrid.

Smaller than a Honda Civic, the Insight five-door hatchback seats five adults, has a flat cargo floor with the back seat folded and can travel up to 640 km on one 40-litre tank of gas.

Fuel economy is estimated at 4.8/4.5/4.7L/100 km (58/62/60 mpg), city/highway/combined.

The heart of the Insight is its fifth-generation IMA (Integrated Motor Assist) system that first bowed on the original two-seat Honda Insight a decade ago.

IMA uses energy stored in a battery pack to provide extra power to the engine when needed. What is different is the new IMA allows the Insight to run on pure battery power under certain low load conditions.

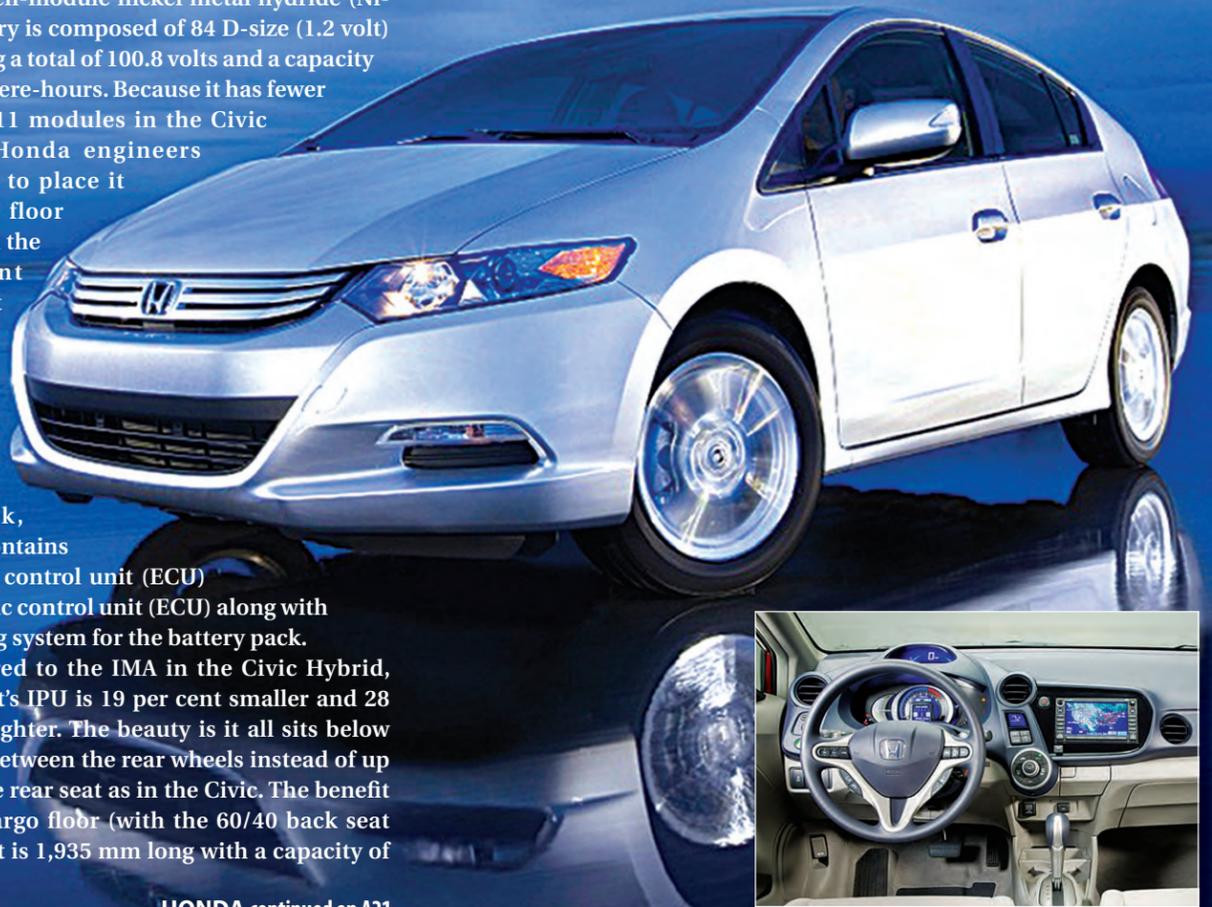
A 1.3-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine and a 10-kilowatt electric motor are the power source of the IMA system. Combined, they produce 98 hp and 123 lb/ft of torque. An ultra-thin brushless DC motor is located between the engine and the CVT transmission. During acceleration, the motor adds power. Under braking or gentle deceleration, it acts as a generator capturing kinetic energy to recharge the battery.

When you come to a stop, the engine turns off and the Insight runs on the battery. When you move off, the engine comes back on. Honda calls this Idle Stop.

The seven-module nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH) battery is composed of 84 D-size (1.2 volt) cells giving a total of 100.8 volts and a capacity of 5.7 ampere-hours. Because it has fewer than the 11 modules in the Civic Hybrid, Honda engineers were able to place it under the floor along with the Intelligent PowerUnit (IPU) that controls the IMA system. Besides the battery pack, the IPU contains the power control unit (ECU) and electric control unit (ECU) along with the cooling system for the battery pack.

Compared to the IMA in the Civic Hybrid, the Insight's IPU is 19 per cent smaller and 28 per cent lighter. The beauty is it all sits below the floor between the rear wheels instead of up behind the rear seat as in the Civic. The benefit is a flat cargo floor (with the 60/40 back seat down) that is 1,935 mm long with a capacity of 891 litres.

The 2010 Honda Insight Hybrid has seating for five adults and an estimated average combined fuel consumption of 4.7L/100 km or 60 mpg.



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ISLAND WHEELS

Insight into the hybrid future

HONDA
continued from A20

Despite its complexity, the Insight is straightforward to drive, but there are some interesting extras.

The layout of the instrument panel is like the Civic with an upper tier for the digital speed readout and a lower tier for the tachometre and fuel level.

But on the upper level, the speed (shown in numerals) is backed by a colour band that is coloured blue when fuel is being used aggressively. It turns blue-green when the driving style is moderate and then green when fuel is being consumed efficiently.

So at a glance you can tell if you are being good or bad to the environment.

On the lower tier to the left of the tach is a needle that swings up and down between blue at the top and green at the bottom to let the driver know when the battery is expending power or getting a regenerative charge.

To the left of the steering wheel is a green button marked "ECON." Push it and the IMA is

recalibrated for enhanced fuel economy by limiting power by four per cent, making Idle Stop come into play sooner, running the air conditioning in recirculation mode and reducing fan speed while smoothing out the CVT gearing changes.

Why, you ask, if ECON is better, did Honda bother with two modes?

Hondas are supposed to always be responsive and sporty. So what the engineers decided was to have one mode for driving when you need more power like merging onto highways and another for stretching each litre to the max.

Several journalists at the press launch noted the Insight bore a passing resemblance to the current Prius. More than flattery, it's a case of form following function.

Honda did everything to lower drag, from moving the radio antenna to the back of the car and adding body strakes near the wheels, to smoothing out turbulence to making the underneath of the Insight like one big flat panel.

The result was a lozenge shape but with a drag coefficient of 0.28, better than a lot of race cars.

And don't think that just because the Insight gives new meaning to the term "economy car" that it is cheaply turned out.

There will be two trim levels in Canada starting with the LX that features climate control, power locks/windows/doors, remote entry, cruise control and more.

The EX adds stability control, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted paddle shifters, Honda's navigation system with bilingual voice recognition and Bluetooth connectivity.

Unsaid at the unveiling of the Insight was the sense Honda is turning its attention to positioning itself as the "affordable" green car company as the slightly larger Civic Hybrid will continue to be sold on the same showroom floor.

And with the 2010 Insight, Honda has made a great first step in that direction.

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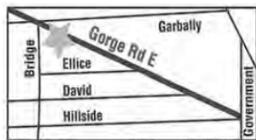
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1928 Chrysler coupe and 1934 McLaughlin Buick

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

When Dick McLeod drove his 1934 McLaughlin Buick Model 96C rumbleseat convertible into Trail's picturesque Gyro Park for its first official showing in the south central British Columbia city, it represented a step back in the history of the community that hugs the banks of the Columbia River just north of the U.S. border.

The new car had been delivered to Dominion Garage on downtown Bay Avenue after being ordered for the eldest daughter of Trail's most prominent citizen. Selwyn G. Blaylock was a graduate chemist from Quebec who had risen to become the general manager of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Cominco owned the community's giant lead-zinc smelting operation now run by Teck Resources.

Blaylock had told his eldest daughter Margaret she could have any car she wanted. When the powder blue Buick convertible arrived in town, it was a standout. The dealer had photographs taken of the car before delivery. The car cost \$3,500 — more than the cost of three Fords



Diana McLeod in the driver's seat with husband Dick in their historic 1934 McLaughlin Buick that cost \$3,500 at the height of the great Depression.

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Body number four of six examples of this model built in Oshawa, Ontario by General Sam McLaughlin, the patriarch of General Motors, the Canadian-built cars wore badges proclaiming them as McLaughlin Buicks. This was an amazing automobile for the times. It had power brakes, a special compartment for golf clubs, a leather-trimmed rumbleseat, the first front suspension to use coil springs, the first automatic choke, modern roll-up windows, a folding top and an optional exterior metal

trunk. When radios became optional the next year, the car was fitted with the correct custom radio by the dealer.

Margaret Blaylock, who never married, loved her car. She would tour through Trail and the surrounding countryside with the convertible top down. She serviced the car herself and would often be underneath her McLaughlin Buick, changing the oil and greasing suspension fittings.

When the war broke out, gas was rationed and the car went into storage in a building on

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the smelter property in Trail. Margaret joined the army and became a mechanic. In 1944, her car was sold to a smelter worker named Tino Magliani. Margaret Blaylock had moved to Vancouver to operate a limousine service.

In 1956, then 17-year-old Dick McLeod was driving a rather stodgy 1931 Plymouth sedan to high school where he spent some of his time doodling racy looking convertibles in his workbooks.

One day while cruising the back alleys he spotted an old car stored in a chicken coop. It was the venerable 1934 Buick convertible. He bought it for \$15.

After cleaning up the car and getting it running, McLeod drove the car through his remaining high school years. When he got into the automotive service business, he took the Buick apart to restore it. A full 35 years would pass before he would complete the restoration in 2007. The first official showing in Trail was at the first annual Smoke 'N' Steel Car Show.

The car show also marked the debut of another historic car that had undergone a restoration spanning two decades and which saw parts acquired from as far away as England and New Zealand. Long-time Trail resident Jack Colbert retired as a plastic surgeon in 1987.

He needed a project to fill his time. That came in the form of a very rare Canadian-built 1928 Chrysler Model 72 coupe. The rare car had spent decades stored in a Saskatchewan barn.

What ensued was an obsessive 20-year nut and bolt authentic restoration to return the Chrysler to new condition. Dr. Colbert proudly drove the



Retired Trail plastic surgeon Jack Colbert spent a full 20 years and \$75,000 restoring his 1928 Chrysler coupe.

Chrysler coupe to the show in bright late spring sunshine.

"The project kept me reading, thinking and moving forward," he said. "Every time I spent more money on the car my wife would say: There goes another cruise."

Colbert's 1928 Chrysler coupe is a top-of-the-line model made in Windsor, Ontario and delivered new to a Saskatchewan farmer. Having spent decades dry stored inside a barn, the car remained in remarkable condition with no rust. However, it needed a total restoration.

Chrysler cars were the first mass-produced automobiles to feature hydraulic brakes and a host of other mechanical innovations. With a six-cylinder engine and three-speed floor shift transmission, the Chrysler was much more powerful than most of its Ford and General Motors competitors.

Colbert was six years old when his 1928 Chrysler coupe rolled down the assembly line in Windsor, Ontario. At 87 years of age, he is finally enjoying the type of car he has admired all his life.

The writer is a classic car enthusiast and a partner in Peak Communicators, a Vancouver-based public relations company. aedwards@peakco.com

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Dylan Hatchard and nurse Mulligan hang out on the putting green during last week's hospital tournament.

Tourney 'most successful ever'

Lady Minto golf tourney raises \$25,000

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Golfers of all ages, sizes and abilities had something to cheer about on Saturday, July 11 as the 18th annual Lady Minto Golf Tournament raised an estimated \$25,000 for the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

"For 18 years we've been raising money to buy hospital equipment and this was our most successful year yet," said Sharon Bond, the foundation's development coordinator.

"It's a really fun event and we had wonderful time."

Approximately 184 golfers participating on 46 teams took part in the Texas-scrabble event under clear skies and a hot sun.

Action on the fairways was complimented by annual classics like the putting competition, balloon lottery as well as silent and live auctions.

The Salt Spring Golf and Country Club donated all green fees from the day to the Foundation. The event was capped off with a buffet dinner prepared by Jesse Blanchette.

Bond thanked the many island businesses who sponsored holes and donated prizes for the event. "There was a great prize table," she said.

A foursome made up of Franki

Johnstone, Jeff Savin, Brett Savin and Mike Barter took home the tournament's Hewitson Memorial Cup with a combined score of 29, a mere one point ahead of the three second-place teams.

"It's a fun thing," said Brett Savin, the golf club's junior co-ordinator. "We eagled the ace hole and that was probably a highlight."

Savin acknowledged the 12 junior members, aged 11 to 16, who helped make the event such an amazing success.

"They deserve a huge thanks," she said.

Plans are already underway for the 19th annual event scheduled for the second Saturday of July 2010.

BASKETBALL

GISS basketball star returns home

Gromme picks up VIU offer

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island-born college basketball player has landed closer to home thanks to her decision to play with the Vancouver Island University Mariners.

Kayla Gromme, 19, said she only decided to join the Nanaimo team two weeks ago after spending the summer training in Victoria.

"It was kind of a quick decision and the coach here was right on it," she said. "I was training with the University of Victoria for a month and realized that I just needed to get away from the city."

After graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 2008, Gromme spent the fall playing in Idaho State. She cut short her stay at the university after a falling out with the team's new coach.

Gromme said she looks forward to joining many of the opponents she once played against during her many successful seasons at the high school, provincial and national level.

"The competition may not be as good, but we've got a pretty strong team and a good chance of making it to the provincials," she said.

Gromme took to the court with her new teammates for the first time on Tuesday afternoon. The first game in her new Mariners' uniform is an exhibition game against South Carolina's Clemson Tigers on Aug. 12.

TRACK & FIELD

Islander nabs double golds

Youth awaits word from provincial team

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When she started out her season earlier this year, Grace Morgan had no idea she'd get a chance to stand atop the podium at last weekend's BC Track and Field Championships Jambo-ree in Abbotsford.

Not only is Morgan, 15, among the younger racers in her age group, but her participation in the 100-metre and 200-metre sprints marks a departure from her usual hurdle events.

"I thought this year would just be a growing year, but it's turned out to be a really great year," she said. "It feels really great."

Morgan finished the 100-metre final in 12.59 seconds, 14 hundredths ahead of the silver medal winner. Morgan earned gold in the 200-metre event after breezing through the preliminaries and finishing with a time of 25.91 seconds.

The weekend track meet brought together many of the province's top track and field athletes with hopes of making it on to the provincial team. Because her times were not "qualifying times," Morgan said she's keeping her fingers crossed until she gets word from Team BC later this week.

"The provincial team only takes 25 kids so it's pretty competitive," she said. "Just because you finish first [in a particular event] doesn't mean that you are going to get chosen automatically."

Morgan's times may have been just shy of her personal bests, yet she is satisfied with her strong performances. She credits her success to eating well, staying hydrated, a five-day-per-week training regimen and being able to maintain focus on race days.

"Everything just kind of comes together," she said. "One mistake can mess up your whole race."

Morgan runs and trains with Vancouver Island's Peninsula Track and Field Club.

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SWIMMING

Swimmers take top spots, personal bests

With two great meets in June in Victoria and Courtenay, the Salt Spring Stingrays entered the season's first "heats and finals" swim meet in Nanaimo last Friday to Sunday.

In each event, the top six swimmers swam a second time to compete for another personal best and possible spot on the podium.

This proved an even greater task, as swimmers from three mainland clubs attending the meet always seemed to be challenging for the finals.

The Stingrays rose to the occasion and many first year swimmers made finals: Lyyli Kennedy (Div. 2) took 11 seconds off both her 50-metre breaststroke (1st) and 100-m individual medley (3rd) personal bests; Soarsa Brewer (Div. 3) 50-m backstroke, 50-m butterfly, and — taking a whopping 19 seconds off his previous best time — 100-m freestyle; Rylan Burnett bettered his previous best time by six seconds and came 5th in Div. 1 boys 100-m freestyle; and Gia Hazenfratz also made finals in her first 50-m backstroke (6th).

Arianna Fraser, Tajo Fisher, Maggie Birch, and Cassidy Fraser also made finals in a total of nine events combined.

Arianna Fraser (Div. 3) dropped two and three seconds off her 50-m breaststroke (3rd) and 100-m IM (5th) respectively. Fisher (Div. 1) made finals and achieved best times in three of his four events.

Birch (Div. 4) made finals in 100-m breaststroke (5th) where she bettered her near personal best in heats by another 2.5 seconds. And Cassidy Fraser (Div. 4) made finals and swam personal bests in three of her four events: 50-m butterfly (3rd), 200-m IM (6th), and 100-m breaststroke (6th).

Along with the great results, several personal bests, multi-division relay teams and first-ever swims highlighted the meet.

Andrea Sanchez-Aguila and Melia Smith-Valdivielso (Div 2) swam their first 50-m butterfly events and teamed up with Nataya Smith-Valdivielso and Chelsea Harris (Div. 6) on a freestyle relay.

Aksel Roughsedge and Jackson Walde (Div. 2) swam their first 100m freestyle and IM races respectively. Lukas Fisher (Div.1 Boys) swam his first 50-m backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle races.

Jordan Kitchen (Div 3) took over two seconds off in 50-m freestyle (13th) and 100-m IM (8th) races while Amelia and Genevieve Milner swam best times in their 50m freestyle races.

Oskar Roughsedge swam his first 50m race in a relay. Nigel Bisnar also swam personal bests and made the top 10 in three of his four races.

The next few weeks will be key in the Stingrays' training as they prepare for their final meet, taking place in Campbell River, before Regional Championships August 8 and 9.

DRAGON BOATING

Spirit Point paddlers compete against the best in the province

Teachable moments mark Whistler event

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Spirit Point Dragons may not have returned from a recent Whistler event with any ribbons or hardware, but they've got plenty of memories from a great weekend on the water.

Amid lion dances, obstacle course races, dockside weddings and water fights, it's amazing any of the teams participating in the Whistler Dragonboat Festival on July 4 and 5 were able to get down to the business of racing.

The Spirit Point squad advanced through the preliminary rounds in fine form, eventually earning a spot in the Recreation B division for Sunday's semi-final event.

A fourth-place finish sent the team to the consolation round, where the Spirit Point paddlers

placed a respectable third.

Marit McBride and Kate Leslie led the team in the creation of a new team chant: "OM, Salt Spring, Salt Spring, Salt Spring: OM, paddle, paddle, paddle."

Though the call inspired calm and balance among Spirit Point racers, other participants are reported to have been "stunned into silence."

The event featured some of the province's best dragon boat teams, including the number-one ranked False Creek RCC, Sudden Impact and the DragonHearts Magnum.

"The Country Grocer-sponsored Salt Spring team got a good look at Sudden Impact's fabulous paddling technique from a bit of a distance behind in each of their 200-metre qualifying heats," reads a press release from the event.

The Spirit Point Dragons are headed for another weekend competition in Richmond on July 18.

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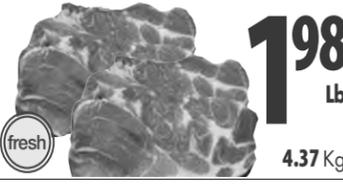
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SALT SPRING SOCCER

And then they were one: SSI soccer teams unite

New website, logo and uniforms among changes

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Soccer on Salt Spring is a past-time to some and a passion for many, but always an ever-evolving entity.

But as tournaments and skill levels have continued to grow, behind the scenes local soccer organizations have been lagging a bit both aesthetically and technologically.

Until now. This is the summer of great change for all Salt Spring soccer players as the long-standing youth soccer association's 14 teams amalgamate with the island's six adult teams and local house league to pool resources and create a single, more efficient club.

Meet Salt Spring United, where the tradition of the Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association and its older counterparts meets a new look that finally does justice to its quality of play.

The metamorphosis started with a now nearly-complete upgrade to the Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association website, which had previously been volunteer-run and needed a new user-friendly online registration system.

Association president Malcolm Legg said this was one area where the association felt it should hire a web master to ensure the job is done professionally.

The new website posed an opportunity to change the club name and therefore the logo, Legg said.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, Hamish Walde, Colin Walde, Alex Crandall, Malcolm Legg and Dylan Shaver show off new Salt Spring United shirts.

The new logo gave way to new shirts — an element of the upgrades that Legg finds particularly important, especially when the teams travel off-island and represent the club.

In a twist on the old standby, players are no longer clad in silver, black and red, but instead teams of white, black and red will be spotted on ferries and soccer fields around the region.

"It's streamlining the look," Legg said, adding that they needed "more pizzazz" than the previous five-year-old uniforms and failing website were able to offer.

A major component of the new facelift is the logo designed by local graphic designer and soccer mom Diane Weatherby, who worked to convey the tradition of the club, while bringing it up to speed in the sport with a professional logo that just plain looks good and that players will want to wear.

Weatherby's care put into the design is equalled by her interest in what United will bring to the island.

"It's channeling energy in a positive way and keeping healthy individuals in the community," she said.

Salt Spring United stayed true to its buy-local mandate and pur-

chased new jerseys through Sports Traders, which was able to give them a better price than many off-island deals.

Excluding the U-7 and U-8 teams (who only play round robins on Salt Spring and will be outfitted in slightly different, more affordable shirts), everyone will get to keep their jerseys and a \$25 uniform kit fee reflects that. The kit includes jerseys, socks and shorts.

"Our aim is to allow as many individuals to participate in the program as possible and to foster the growth of sport on Salt Spring," Legg said.

Registration deadlines are already

here, and while anyone who played last year has already received email notification and an opportunity to enter a draw for a \$250 Sports Traders gift certificate toward soccer shoes or a Croatian national team jersey if they registered before July 15th.

Any players seeing this hot off the press on July 15 and wishing to join can still sneak into the draw if they register online at www.saltspring-soccer.com today (Wednesday). Registration after today will cost \$20 more than the original amount.

Payment is not due in full at the time of registration, and a payment plan can be set up with registrar Tracey Shaver at 250-537-2863 or t2863@telus.net. Payment by post-dated cheques for Sept. 1 and details on fee assistance are also available through Shaver.

Other exciting changes in the club include access to technical director Josip Bratanovic, who has played and coached in Europe and is also a metro coach with the Lower Island Soccer Association.

He will focus on player and team training as well as monthly sessions for the coaches; an ice-breaker tournament to open the season Sept. 12-13; photos of every player; Salt Spring Youth Challenge Cup, April 24-25 and Salt Spring Challenge Cup May 22-24, 2010; an improved fundraising raffle system; a bi-annual newsletter and more improvements to be revealed as the season begins.

Volunteers are always welcome. While most of the coaching positions have been filled already, Salt Spring United is currently looking for a U-16 boys level coach. Contact Legg at 250-537-6367 for more information.

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People & Community

ISLAND PEOPLE

Rendezvous Café springs from tradition

Family finds new home on Salt Spring

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Brigitte Gonzalez once baked Cannelés de Bordeaux every day for two months until she found the perfect recipe for the legendary French cake with its caramelized exterior and tender interior balance.

When every gram was just right and the template for Cannelés joined generations-old family traditions, she posted it on her blog for everyone to enjoy.

"I want to share," Brigitte says as her Rendezvous Café customers peter out for the day and her husband Bruno takes over the bulk of the serving behind her. "I think recipes have to spread. If everybody keeps the secret then soon my grandchildren won't know how to make them."

It doesn't seem likely that Brigitte's culinary masterpieces will be lost anytime soon.

Among the treasures available on Brigitte's oft-visited Saturday market blog (www.freewebs.com/brigitteatthemarket) — Brigitte at the Market — is a link to her YouTube channel, where she offers the world an authentic French cooking lesson.

In Brigitte's soothing French accent, she whips up a batch of none other than her celebrated Cannelés. With Bruno behind the camera and their 13-year-old son Louie as the editor, the Gonzalez family allows any foodie to turn his or her kitchen into a patisserie for a day.

Brigitte laughs as she describes the 10-minute instructional debut, but she's entirely serious about continuing to post webisodes on a variety of French recipes. Up next, crepes — the food that's "easy, but not so easy," she jokes.

As she naturally drifts between French and English, humouring my attempt at speaking her native tongue and perfectly communicating with customers, it's bizarre to image that just five years ago, Brigitte, Bruno, their three sons and two cats left France for Canada and Brigitte struggled with the ultimate sink or swim immersion situation.

During their first year on the island, Brigitte, a former china painter, and



PHOTO BY NATALIE NORTH

Brigitte Gonzalez shows off her perfected Cannelés de Bordeaux inside Rendezvous Café at Harbour's End.

Bruno, who had worked in auto rentals, were unable to work conventional jobs as they went through the immigration process.

They hatched the idea to sell Brigitte's family-favoured pastries at the Saturday market. Their three-foot stand which first sold only the Cannelés de Bordeaux and Incroyables slowly gained a loyal following in the market, but not before Brigitte battled some of the challenges that came along with the new turf.

"Some people in the market," Brigitte says, "I remember they were laughing and they were asking 'What is this one here?' just to hear me talking and they were laughing and laughing. I wanted to tell them the name of my pastries in French and have my revenge!"

Vengeance for Brigitte might be the popularity of her delicacies across Salt Spring and beyond, which she now sells from their Rendezvous Café at Harbour's End and a stand nearly three times the size of their first.

Rendezvous supplies Salt Spring Island cafés as well as Plenty, an epicurian pantry in Victoria. Amid her 70-some-hour summer work weeks, she continues to remain a regular in the market that started it all.

"[My family and friends in France] cannot understand what it is, this market on Salt Spring," she says. "We have a market in every city or village in France, but it's not the same. This market is special."

Louie also put his video skills to work on a brief musical tour of the market, which Brigitte finds quite entertaining and has

also linked to her blog.

"It's one minute because young people are always in a hurry!" she says.

When Brigitte continues to speak about her experience at the market and the ongoing process of polishing her English, she emphasizes how kind people are and the bond that she has formed with her customers.

"They come back to thank me and I like that," she says.

Bruno says that because of the amount of foreigners that join the market and don't stick it out, nobody was interested in what the Gonzalez' were doing in the beginning. Even though they moved from just outside of Bordeaux, their home wasn't so different from

Salt Spring and they know they're here to stay.

"[Bordeaux] was a seasonal place like here," Brigitte said. "Quiet. Soon the high speed train came to our place and it was like if we had a bridge from Vancouver to here. Soon we had Parisienne people coming every weekend. It was crazy and we had to leave."

"It's splendid," adds Bruno who says they were looking for a small coastal B.C. community to raise their boys. "We are really happy to live here."

And in a serendipitous twist of fate, both Brigitte and Bruno have made very close friends with people who immigrated to Salt Spring from the very same small area where they lived. Amazingly, Bruno's close friend had moved here 30 years prior to Bruno's arrival and had originally lived "about Fulford to Ganges away" Bruno says.

Inside Rendezvous Café, at a bistro table surrounded by local art, Bruno's photography and Brigitte's finely painted china — amidst the sweet scents of freshly baked chocolate, almond, lemon, hazelnut and savoury tarts, and the customers that slip in and out exchanging French pleasantries — Brigitte smiles and proudly states they have a French corner of the island.

"Je suis une gourmande," she says. "There is no other word in English."

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Fall Fair Focus 2009 by Margaret Thomson

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Rufous hummingbirds currently seen all over the Gulf Islands

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Hummingbirds are interesting creatures for easily observable qualities such as their size (the bee hummingbird of Cuba is just 1.8 grams); their rapid wing beats (12-90 times per second); and their ability to fly backward.

But there's more to a local species that might be of interest to anyone with a feeder or nectar-rich garden in view.

The so-called "feisty" Rufous hummingbirds are all over the island right now and when they migrate south for the winter, most will make it all the way to Mexico — the furthest migration route of all hummingbirds.

Females, weighing in at a hefty 3.41 grams are actually one fifth of a gram larger than males. Their nests are tiny (just a couple centimetres in diameter), but large enough to lay two eggs and incubate them for less than three weeks.

The Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, which is currently caring for an orphaned

Rufous, once received a tiny nest with two baby hummingbirds, about the size of a fingernail.

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CHANNEL	FROM	TO
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DEATHS

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VALERIE ROSE MELVILLE (nee WALLEEN)

Born March 21, 1950. A Mother, Nana, Sister, Aunt and Friend to many passed away peacefully June 29, 2009, far too young at the age of 59, at Langley Memorial Hospital, after a long courageous battle with cancer. Val is preceded in death by her parents, Noreen and Rudy Walleen, and her best friend Tipper. She leaves behind her daughter Alana, her son Brett (Jennifer), her brother Vern (Penny), and her sister Darlee, and of course, Nana's little Munkee Noah, and Percy the father of her children and a friend 'til the end, and many wonderful and dear friends.

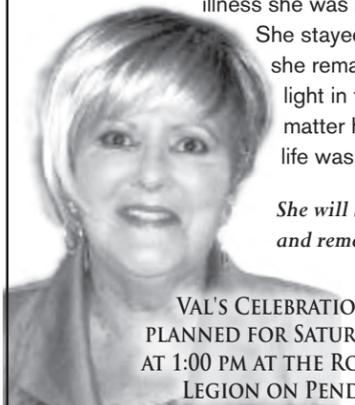
Born in Victoria, shortly after graduation she moved to Vancouver where she met her then husband Percy. They decided to move to Pender Island in 1974 where they raised their children, and continued to live for 32 years. She then moved to Salt Spring in 2007 to be closer to her daughter Alana and Alana's son Noah. In her final weeks she moved to Langley to be closer to her son Brett and his wife Jennifer.

Her life was devoted to her family and friends. She was loving, kind, warm and generous to all who crossed her path. Even in these last weeks of her life, Val displayed patience, grace, courage and strength.

She left a lasting impression on everyone she met because she cared so much about people and she was so inspiring. Her faith and hope stayed strong and she still gave all her love and care to those around her despite the illness she was stricken with.

She stayed positive and she remained a shining light in the world no matter how difficult her life was.

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Special thanks and gratitude go out to Maggie Ramsey, Jacquie Byron and Rebecca Nygard for their help in welcoming Finn to this world.



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Joy Irene Brocus

January 31, 1917 – July 08, 2009

The world just got a little less fun. Joy Irene Brocus passed away July 8th, 2009 in her 92nd year. That amazing heart finally quit.

Predeceased by her partner Don Beach, her parents William and Violet Brannan and brother Reg Brannan, Joy leaves her sister-in-law Betty Brannan, nieces Sidney Brannan (Caitlan Irving-Brannan) and Catherine Brannan (Jeremy and Justine Simons).

With her wonderful sense of the absurd, Joy regaled all with her stories of New Zealand, her skating days with "Holidays on Ice," and her soft spot for the fly-boys of World War II.

Joy lived for many years on Gillies bay, Texada Island prior to moving to Galiano Island. She was an inspired gardener and a lover of nature and all its creatures.

The family would like to thank the staff at Greenwood Extended Care for their loving care, Dr. H. DeKock, Ann Royal, and her wonderful support group on Galiano Island.

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING
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For info call 250-537-5505
Don't miss this informative session!

SUMMER SHOW & Sale. SSI Painters' Guild, July 24 - Aug. 4. Reception, Fri., July 24, 6-8 pm. Art Spring Gallery.

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LOCAVORE DINNER
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Saturday, July 18
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Meaden Hall (Legion)

Dinner is by donation (suggested donation of \$25, or \$20 for a group of 10) Additional donations above this amount will qualify for a political tax receipt.

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NDP Club holds locavore dinner

Local foods event looks at environmental priorities

Local organic vegetables, fruit, cheeses, eggs, locally caught seafood and Salt Spring-raised meat will be featured at a locavore dinner sponsored by the NDP at the Meaden Hall on Saturday, July 18 at 1 p.m.

Among the food sources are, Foxglove, North End, Indigo, Laughing Apple and Duck Creek farms, market gardeners including Janice Gauthier, Chris Dixon, Dale Fewings and Adam Gold, seafood suppliers Ropey Fishing, the Fishery and Evening Cove Oysters, and Salt Spring and Moonstruck cheeses.

On the menu is seafood (including oysters on the half shell), a variety of vegetable dishes and salad

bar, a navarin printanier (French lamb stew), roasted chicken with local herbs, bread made from Metchosin-grown wheat, as well as fruit and cheese.

"The importance of supporting our local agriculture and raising our own food cannot be over-emphasized during this critical time of climate change and increasingly expensive energy," a press release for the event states.

Will the NDP Club move off Salt Spring for some ingredients? Yes, to the extent of using seasonings, olive oil, coffee and tea, and Vancouver Island flour, milk and butter. The cooks are trying to keep the meal at least 95 per cent Salt Spring raised, grown or fished.

The charge for the dinner is by donation with a suggested donation of \$25.

For those putting together a

table of 10, the suggested donation will be \$20 each with appreciation for help in getting out the word. Additional donations above this amount will qualify for a tax receipt.

Guest speaker for the event is the new environment critic for the provincial NDP, Victoria-Swan Lake MLA, Rob Fleming.

Press material states Fleming is no stranger to Salt Spring: he has been here on a number of occasions, bringing useful ideas and listening to local suggestions regarding climate change action and environmental protection.

Fleming will speak immediately after dinner at about 2 p.m. Gary Holman will serve as emcee for the event. To reserve a place (highly recommended) or for further information, please call 250-537-5347 (Irene) or 250-537-4567 (Marion).

REUNIONS

Class of 1989 reunites over Aug. 1 weekend

Organizers put out the call for unfound grads

People who once roamed the halls of the old Gulf Islands Secondary School, listened to Billy Idol's Mony Mony one too many times at a school dance and wore blue eye shadow or high top sneakers should know that the Grads of '89 are having their 20-year reunion.

"Thanks to social media sites like Facebook, we have managed to track down some GISS grads, but still have many more to find," said Kirra Korrison, one

of the organizers. "If you are a parent of a grad, or a grad living on Salt Spring, let us hear from you. And of course, true to Salt Spring fashion, it is not just people who graduated with us who are invited; if you went to school with us at some point you are more than welcome to come."

On Saturday, Aug. 1, the reunion hosts a family potluck picnic at Drummond Park from 1 to 4 p.m., with fun activities for the kids. Then on Saturday evening beginning at 7 p.m., a social hour, party and dancing takes place at the Fulford Inn.

"Only on Saturday do we have

events planned, which gives everyone a chance to visit with whomever they wish for the rest of the weekend," said Korrison. "If other events happen organically, then fantastic."

A \$20 fee is being charged to cover the costs, and if any money is left over it will be donated to a local charity.

People should RSVP to Korrison with cheques by Friday, July 17. E-mail gkirra@gmail.com or call Kirra at 250-339-2325 for her mailing address. The event is also on Facebook. Search "GISS 20-year reunion" or join the group at "GISS GRAD '89."



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2010 Zinger 25RK Travel Trailer

Spacious rear-kitchen layout with sofa slide-out, island queen bed, check out this new line today!

Stk #A10N1730
MSRP \$23,393
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$231 P/mo oac* #4
\$21,720

NEW ARRIVAL ARBUTUS EXCLUSIVE!

2009 Bigfoot 25FB Travel Trailer

Dual entry, pwr. tongue jack, quality throughout - Arbutus price includes 3-year Extended Warranty.

Stk #P09N456
MSRP \$53,170
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$372 P/mo oac* #5
\$41,520

2009 Citation Executive 450 Park Trailer

Check this Citation Park Trailer out! Triple slides, 8' wide, sliding patio-style doors, fireplace, a must see.

Stk #A09N1727
MSRP \$67,060
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$585 P/mo oac* #6
\$65,720

2009 Quantum 375RLQS 5th Wheel

Space, luxury and the WOW factor! 4 slides, side-by-side fridge, 17' awning, garden shower with glass enclosure +++++

Stk #S09N10951
MSRP \$96,378
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$779 P/mo oac* #7
\$87,720

2009 Wilderness 270DBHS Travel Trailer

Family perfect! Front master, rear bunks, large centre slide-out, flat screen LCD TV, tons of counter space.

Stk #N09N886
MSRP \$40,327
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$344 P/mo oac* #8
\$32,620

2010 Arctic Fox E1140 Camper

Full wall slide-out, Onan generator, thermal panes, electric jacks, a must have camper.

Stk #10N1121
MSRP \$43,640
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$347 P/mo oac* #9
\$38,610

2009 Holiday Rambler Augusta 213 B+

Triton V-10 on E350 chassis c/w tow package, 4.0 Onan generator, ducted Air Conditioning.

Stk #S09N10917
MSRP \$96,024
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$550 P/mo oac* #10
\$61,720

2009 Coleman Americana Mesa

Full bathroom with shower & built-in potti, Sunbrella tenting, kitchen tip-out, a must see!

Stk #A09N1711
MSRP \$19,216
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$170 P/mo oac* #11
\$15,720

2009 Terry LX 335RLDS 5th Wheel

Double slides with toppers, dual panes, power stab jacks, electric fireplace, king-sized bed.

Stk #M09N885
MSRP \$75,713
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$533 P/mo oac* #12
\$59,720

2009 Tioga Ranger 31N Class C Motorhome

Spacious C class with 2 slides, feature-packed, glass shower, LCD TV in bedroom.

Stk #M09N848
MSRP \$124,945
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$867 P/mo oac* #13
\$97,720

2008 Citation Sup. 29RKDS 5th Wheel

Roomy rear kitchen with 2 slides, baseboard heaters, Citation reputation & warranty + clearout pricing!

Stk #A08N1481
MSRP \$70,760
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$476 P/mo oac* #14
\$53,310

2009 Northlander Eclipse 3711E Park Trailer

Great value and superior comfort in this Park trailer with 3 slides, large windows, bunk suite + master suite.

Stk #M09N842
MSRP \$67,680
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$445 P/mo oac* #15
\$49,720

2010 Tango Twist 23RLBH Travel Trailer

Ultra-lite bunkhouse with u-shaped dinette, LCD TV, fiberglass exterior and MUCH more!

Stk #M10N899
MSRP \$31,508
SIZZLING Sale Price ◆
\$293 P/mo oac* #16
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