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**FIRE DISTRICT**

## 2010 fire budget hits \$2.2 million

Trustees defend extra training ground funding

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The 2010 Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District budget is expected to reach \$2.2 million, according to trustees at the district's monthly fire meeting on Monday night.

Trustees gave first and second reading to a borrowing bylaw that requests the province's consent to proceed with the 2010 budget numbers.

The proposed 2010 budget represents a nearly 11 per cent increase from last year's sum of \$1,983,000. The 2010 budget is more than double the department's 2006 budget of \$915,000.

Line-by-line budget amounts will be available to the public after the fire board's request receives final approval from the provincial government later this year, chair Michael Schubart said following Monday's meeting.

Trustee Grant Eckberg cast the lone vote against the budget bylaw, citing concerns with the board's last-minute decision to request an

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**FUNDING CUTS**

## Wildlife centre staggers under potentially fatal blow

Loss of gaming grants takes one third of budget

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Imagine a wounded kitten or puppy being left to slowly die over a series of days while helpless onlookers pass by. Now imagine the same scenario with a seal pup or a fawn. The idea is unbearable to most, but that's exactly what we could soon see here, warns Island Wildlife Natu-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**CRAVING CORN:** Jet Jackson enjoys a cob of corn at the annual Salt Spring Fall Fair. Watch for next week's edition of Harvest Time for more fair photos.

ral Care Centre director Jeff Lederman.

For the past 13 years, injured wild animals have been rescued and rehabilitated, or their suffering shortened, with the help of wildlife centre staff and volunteers. The recent announcement of the immediate cancellation of BC Gaming grants for environmental groups has left the organization short some \$60,000 or 30 per cent of its annual budget, threatening imminent closure.

With the grants to environmental groups awarded retroactively in the third quarter of the year, the announcement means money bud-

getted for 2009 has already been spent.

"This money helps us get through the rest of the year and helps provide a big cushion for the next year," Lederman said. "Right now we're just wondering how we'll make it to December."

And as Lederman reports, the centre has no extra programs that can be terminated to support the shortfall. The loss of the expected funds means staff can't be paid, hydro bills won't be honoured and there will be no resources to save injured wildlife.

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**RECREATION**

## Ssplash enlists PARC aid to explore leisure pool

Time for next phase, says fundraising body

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

With the Rainbow Road Pool up and running for 16 months, initial steps are already being taken to add a leisure pool to the facility.

At Monday night's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, PARC agreed to cooperate with the Salt Spring Pool Association — AKA "Ssplash," the pool fundraising society — in establishing a design committee for a leisure pool.

As Ssplash president Wendy Rosier explained in a presentation to PARC, Ssplash would like to:

- come up with a list of possible features in the leisure pool;
- consult with stakeholder groups to prioritize that list;
- hire an architect to create a conceptual design and cost estimates;
- develop a public relations campaign; and
- take the conceptual design through a public input process before finalizing the design for delivery to PARC and Ssplash.

Rosier estimated it would take until May of 2010 to get to the public input phase.

"It would be nice if it would happen faster, but I know there is a process," she said.

Darlene Steele, a former Ssplash president who now sits on PARC as the alternate CRD director, asked Rosier what ideas her group had for funding.

"As you know, the whole bank vault seems to have slammed shut at the moment because of the recession and other issues,"

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# NEWSBEAT

## NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

# Uncertainty raises loan request amount

Library still waiting for word on grant

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After a long summer of anticipation, there's still no word about whether or not the new Salt Spring library project will receive a \$2 million federal grant for construction of a new library.

The delay has forced library

board members to alter the terms of a borrowing bylaw slated for a proposed late fall referendum.

On Sept. 9, the Capital Regional District board approved the library board's request to increase the maximum loanable amount from \$4.8 million to \$7.3 million.

The board also passed a motion to raise the library's maximum yearly requisition to pay off the debt and fund

services to just over \$1 million.

Library board chair Tilly Crawley said the federal government's delay has placed the building committee in a bind.

"We were told they are still considering the application, but we really felt we had to act," she said last week.

Receiving the grant, she added, would "substantially reduce" costs to island taxpayers.

At this point it looks like a referendum could be held in late November or early December.

Robert Hobson, president of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, said B.C. is one of two provinces where groups are still awaiting word on federal infrastructure funding.

He suspects the delay is a result of the provincial government's struggle to match the federal contribution.

# Splash eyes leisure pool at Rainbow site

## POOL

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said Steele. "Are there any grants you have your eye on? Where are you at with that? Because you know we don't have any money."

Rosier said Splash was not at that point of planning yet.

"We need to have a concept," she said. "Then we can start talking to our population and that's when things will start to move in line with looking for grants... we can't do anything until we get there."

Rosier said Splash would cover the costs of an architect's conceptual design.

PARC members Jon Suk and Gregg Dow will sit on the to-be-formed committee,

along with PARC manager Kees Ruurs.

Including a leisure pool component at the Rainbow Road site was hotly debated during planning stages for Salt Spring's first indoor pool, which occurred in the years leading up to the funding referendum in November 2004.

Splash lobbied for a "full-meal deal" facility that would include leisure pool features, while PARC opted for financial prudence with the single tank and hot tub option. However, the existing building was designed with future addition of a leisure pool in mind.

In other pool news, maintenance work is proceeding on the Rainbow Road Pool while it's closed during September. Baby change tables and holders are being

installed, and one wall inside the building is being painted with a creative design.

Dow, who serves on the pool facility committee, said kids will also have "a surprise" waiting for them when they return to the pool. Pool manager Jim Raddysh said Oct. 1 is the target date for the re-opening.

The new UV filtration system has been installed but is now awaiting engineer approval and a permit from the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

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# Wildlife funding amounts to environmental cuts

## FUNDING

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The centre was one of 69 environmental groups out of 119 previously funded that were told on Aug. 27 they would not receive a gaming grant this year. This was a surprise to Lederman, given that the group had received grants for the previous 10 years and had scrupulously met the same criteria. (See separate story about other local environmental group losses.)

Recent headlines have focussed on the cuts to promised arts funding, but Lederman is furious about the B.C. Liberals' tacit acknowledgment that the environment is its lowest priority, placing it on par with adult sports and

alumni organizations (two other groups whose funding has been completely cut), while youth sports and the arts will have some continued support.

"If you compare the environment to someone who can't put their theatre performance on this year, I can't believe how you can even put this in the same sentence," said Lederman.

"You'd think you'd be aware enough to know that there's nothing more important than the environment — we're talking clean air and clean water."

Although Lederman admits his organization does not contribute to long-term improvement of environmental health, it does provide a service that benefits animals around the

Gulf Islands, southern Vancouver Island and even the Lower Mainland.

Lederman said he doesn't think the government's decision to withhold grants to environmental groups is one that Salt Springers will support, and if the wildlife centre closes, it will be a loss everyone will feel.

The centre is one of only two facilities in Canada permitted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to rescue marine mammals, for example. And human interaction is the direct cause of more than 90 per cent of the animal injuries they see, Lederman said.

"The important thing about charity is that we offer important services, all the things the government should offer but

doesn't, and the government should support us. We're the do-gooders. They should slam somebody else."

The wildlife centre is currently seeking emergency donations in a bid to keep its doors open. Lederman said supporters can also write to several provincial ministers: Rich Coleman, the Minister of Housing and Social Development (responsible for the B.C. Gaming Commission) can be emailed at [eia.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:eia.minister@gov.bc.ca); Environment Minister Barry Penner at [env.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:env.minister@gov.bc.ca); and Assistant Deputy Minister Derek Sturko at [derek.sturko@gov.bc.ca](mailto:derek.sturko@gov.bc.ca).

Lederman concluded, "All you can do is voice your outrage. What's going to be next if you sit back?"

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### BEACH ACCESS

# Resident speaks up to preserve beach accesses

Island's 159 access points an asset for everyone

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The last thing Jill Willmott expected on a recent trip to Walker Hook was a run-in with an angry local threatening to shoot at her and her off-island guest if they ventured down the public beach access from Ross Road.

But that's exactly what happened when Willmott, her 80-year-old husband and her friend tried to go bird watching along a stretch of north island shoreline.

"When I started walking towards the narrow path down to the water by which I had previously accessed the foreshore, a car raced down the road, stopped near my husband and our visitor, and told them that (a) they were not allowed to park where they had and (b) if they ventured down the path to the water's edge they were likely to be shot at by the people living on the shoreline property," Willmott stated in a letter submitted to the Driftwood following the incident.

"As you can imagine, we didn't dally but immediately abandoned our waterfowl-viewing plans, somewhat shook up by this threat and sincerely hoping that the incident would not linger in our visitor's mind."

Since the incident, Willmott has tried to determine exactly what rights the public has when it comes to shoreline access.

As it turns out, she and her friend had every right to use the Ministry of Transportation's beach access at the end of Ross Road.

The trail is among 131 such ocean and 28 lake accesses on the island. The majority of these were created through subdivision agreements between developers and the Ministry of Transportation.

A full list of shoreline access points is available at the Parks and Recreation Commission office at Portlock Park or online by following the links at [www.saltspringgreenwise.com](http://www.saltspringgreenwise.com).

Brenda Guiled is a PARC commissioner who took the initiative to post the island's beach accesses online as a way to clarify what has proven a contentious issue in some island neighbourhoods.

"The issue of beach access is an incredibly touchy issue," she said. "Neighbours can get incredibly stinky because they seem to think it's their property."

Though she's yet to encounter anyone coming under fire, Guiled has heard and witnessed instances where residents living beside public accesses have created roadblocks or camouflaged trails to deter visitors.

As legal public assets, islanders and visitors have a right to know about and use these access points, she said.

"If people don't like it, we can work to change the law or



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Parks and Recreation Commission manager Kees Ruurs surveys one of the island's more popular beach access points at the end of Churchill Road.

they can try to buy the property," she said.

PARC has authority over 32 access points through licences of occupation with the Ministry of Transportation.

Such access points are maintained on a regular basis, feature staircases and garbage cans, and are well marked for the public, said PARC manager Kees Ruurs.

PARC commissioners have spent the past several years trying to develop an inventory of Ministry of Transportation access points PARC could acquire and improve, he said.

Identifying where the access points are is only the first stage of the process. Determining which points offer practical access to the foreshore comes next.

"The access points are based on survey work and can be very steep or inaccessible," he said.

He confirmed at Monday night's PARC meeting that the Ross Road site is a Ministry of Transportation road end "and if somebody insisted they could demand access across the property to the beach. Right now it is difficult to get there."

Regardless of how rough or remote accesses may be, how-

ever, Ruurs said everybody has a right to travel on them.

Threats and intimidation from neighbours, he added, should be reported immediately to the RCMP, along with a detailed description of the incident's time, place and particulars.

As for Willmott, she's already spoken to the RCMP and been told there's not much they can do without a licence plate number or description of the man who issued the warning.

Police may never resolve the matter, but Willmott said she'd like to start a public discussion about the way many shoreline property owners have usurped public lands for their own use.

"This must be followed up," she said. "I just want something to happen so other people don't have the kind of experience I did."

Ever had a run in with an angry property owner while trying to access the beach? Comment online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com).

## News briefs

### Teen falls off Beaver Point cliff

A Coast Guard vessel rushed a 15-year-old female to a Vancouver Island hospital after she fell down a 15- to 20-foot oceanside cliff in the 200 block of King Road.

Emergency crews called to the scene around 3 a.m. Sunday found the teen had fallen onto the rocks below. Police cannot confirm at this time the reason for the fall.

A Coast Guard vessel transported the injured

female to Sidney.

In other RCMP news:

A 28-year-old Hornby Island man was arrested for failing to provide a breath sample, after police made several attempts to obtain one.

The man was speeding and failed to stop at a stop sign early Sunday morning at the Upper and Lower Ganges roads intersection.

He was released on a promise to appear in court and was issued a 24-hour suspension from driving and a \$138 ticket for not carrying his driver's licence.

### Drivers need bus law schooling

Salt Spring drivers are still passing school buses while kids are getting on and disembarking, much to the consternation of schools superintendent Jeff Hopkins.

He has already seen and heard about various instances where buses' flashing lights and stop signs have been ignored when buses are stopped to unload or pick up students since school returned Sept. 8.

"It's disconcerting that people won't stop," he said last Wednesday, stressing that it is against the law to do so.

Hopkins urges island drivers to please heed the law and stop when a school bus has its lights flashing and stop sign engaged.

### May wins nomination

Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May won a landslide victory in the Saanich-Gulf Islands nomination contest against opponent Stuart Hertzog on

Saturday.

"It is so heartening to receive such an overwhelming vote of confidence from the grassroots of our membership," said May in her victory address to more than 100 members and guests at the meeting in Sidney.

May's campaign office will open at 2417 Beacon Avenue in Sidney.

### Aqua out

The fall 2009 issue of Aqua - Gulf Islands Living is now available.

This edition's cover story is on Salt Spring artist Carl Sean McMahon, whose dra-

matic metal art graces the cover.

Aqua can be picked up for free at the Driftwood office on Salt Spring, and Driftwood subscribers/purchasers will receive it with this issue. Other Gulf Islands residents will receive Aqua in the mail.

One story needs a correction, its subject advised this week. Galiano artist Dorrie Ratzlaff says one word in her story should be changed on Page 10.

Rather than being a self-described "boondockophile," Ratzlaff said she is a "boondockophobe."



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## NEWSBEAT

### PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CUTS

# Groups scrambling to fill gaming grant void

District PAC sends out letter of appeal

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN AND GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local groups supporting environmental projects and schools have been hit hard by recently announced cuts to B.C. Gaming Commission grants.

In addition to the devastating loss for the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre (see front-page story), the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society lost \$12,000 and Salt Spring Conservancy's Stewards-in-Training program must proceed this year without \$15,000. School parent advisory councils will make do with half the government funding from last year, and school sports will likely be impacted in some way.

The salmon group and Stewards-in-Training cuts are particularly devastating because they cover wages, which few grant agencies will fund.

"There's nobody else to go to for salaries," said Jean Gelwicks of the Salt Spring Conservancy.

The award-winning Stewards-in-Training

program is experienced by 700 schoolchildren in Grades 1 through 8 on Salt Spring. The gaming grant paid for coordination work done by two individuals, who organized and trained all the volunteers, did pre- and post-field trip lessons and other coordinating duties.

"We do have some time to make a public appeal," said Gelwicks, noting the just-starting fall program will proceed, but the larger spring session is in jeopardy.

Salmon enhancement biologist Kathy Reimer said losing \$12,000 not only threatens the work done by her group, but affects the people hired with those funds.

"We weren't just a bunch of rich people doing environmental work," she said. "We were using that for wages for at-risk and disadvantaged people."

On the school side, Tania Aguila, co-chair of the local district parent advisory council, said she's been surprised and concerned by the lack of response parents have shown about the 50 per cent PAC cuts so far. The per-student stipend to all PACs has been reduced to \$10 from \$20. DPACs will receive \$1,250 instead of \$2,500 to operate.

"It's very irresponsible if we don't question our government," Aguila said. "We're

setting a really bad precedent that they can take anything away that they want to."

The Gulf Islands DPAC made an emergency decision to send out an immediate letter of appeal to the government.

PACs often use the money to make up for shortfalls not provided for by schools, such as library books and field trips. At Fernwood elementary, PAC recently paid for a choir program.

For local school sports teams, the loss of \$130,000 for a B.C.-wide organization should not have much impact, said GISS vice-principal and athletic director Lyall Ruehlen Monday, unless it passes on that loss to member schools.

Ruehlen said not having a B.C. School Sports staff person available will likely increase his work load in terms of checking rules or student eligibility. But more importantly, GISS currently pays about \$800 annually to BCSS. After an Oct. 24 vote in Surrey, that amount could rise to \$1,500.

Such an increase would have a potentially negative impact on school teams, Ruehlen said.

"We'd have to look at how much we can travel and how many teams we can support."

### WATER QUALITY

# St. Mary watershed plan on tap at upcoming meeting

Oct. 1 date set for public presentation

BY MURRAY REISS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The St. Mary watershed steering committee will present the finally completed St. Mary Lake Watershed Management Plan on Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road. There will be an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. and a public meeting starting at 7 p.m.

As we all know, St. Mary Lake is the single most important source of drinking water on the island. Thousands of us depend on it for our potable water. But we also know, only too well, that St. Mary has not been the healthiest of lakes. The blue-green algae blooms we've seen in its waters are one clear sign of a lake in trouble.

Reducing phosphorus levels is the most crucial step in improving water quality and eliminating algae blooms. The aeration system that North Salt Spring Waterworks District installed last spring has been operating through the summer and early results are encouraging. Recent sampling shows more dissolved oxygen

in the deeper water and a corresponding reduction in the amount of phosphorus being recycled from internal sediments.

But while very encouraging, this won't be enough. Watershed management plans look at all the activities within a watershed that affect the health of a lake. The St. Mary plan specifically identifies ways to minimize nutrient loading from sources like faulty septic systems and excessive land clearing. In this way it encourages long-term solutions to restore and protect the water quality of St. Mary Lake.

Nor is a management plan, in and of itself, sufficient. Even though it can take a year or more to produce, it is really just the beginning. We all know of royal commissions, never mind humble management plans, that after years of labour sit on the proverbial shelf and gather dust. And as the recent float plane landing on Cushman Lake shows, protecting our island's drinking water lakes demands constant vigilance.

What can make the difference for the St. Mary Lake watershed is an informed and active stewardship group, committed to making sure that the management plan's key recommendations get acted on and implemented. The open house and

meeting will provide an opportunity for islanders to join the St. Mary stewardship committee and carry forward this important work.

The open house will present large-scale maps of the watershed's boundary as recently ground-truthed, its sensitive ecosystems, and development potential, as well as copies of the plan's objectives and recommendations and selected charts and graphs from the plan. Members of the steering committee will be present to answer questions.

The public meeting will feature presentations by steering committee members on the plan's targets for phosphorus reduction, and the recommended actions to reach those targets.

Philip Grange, who ground-truthed the watershed boundaries, will describe that process. Ken Ashley, who designed the aeration system for St. Mary Lake, will present an update on the aeration system's performance and what we can expect it to achieve in the future.

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The writer is coordinator of the Salt Spring Water Council.

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### PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Library dodges funding shortfall

Larger libraries bear brunt of cuts

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A decision to focus library cutbacks on urban centres means Salt Spring's public library will escape the province's planned 22 per cent funding cut unscathed.

"For us, it's not as disastrous as we expected," said librarian Brigitte Peter-Cherneff. "We're not going to be too badly off."

The province's August announcement to cut funding cast a pall of uncertainty over the future of many programs offered at the island's library. The province will provide \$13.7 million in funding to public libraries in 2009-10, down from the \$17.7 million issued in the 2008/09 budget.

According to Peter-Cherneff's calculations, provincial funding for the Salt Spring library will be approximately \$944 less than it was last year.

"I don't think you are going to see a difference," she said. "The cuts will be felt more at the larger library level."

The provincial government's library services branch provides annual grants of about \$33,000 to the Salt Spring Public Library. The funds represented most of the \$41,279 in overall grant funding received by the library in 2008/09.

The Salt Spring Island public Library Association's total revenue for 2008 was approximately \$267,000.

# NEWSBEAT

## ENVIRONMENT

# GISS group adds voice to global wake-up call

Phone calls to politicians among actions

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students and teachers at Gulf Islands Secondary School were part of a world-wide event held Monday demanding elected officials act on climate change, joining an estimated 2,200 events taking place in 128 countries.

The event was brought about through an initiative launched by Avaaz.org, an activist web movement, and the high school's Environmental Action Group Encouraging Responsibility (EAGER).

GISS student Linda Middleton led the activity from the stairs leading down to the school's lower field, where a group of around 75 people had gathered with cell phones in hand.

At Middleton's signal, the group began calling the offices of MP Gary Lunn and MLA Murray Coell, as well as a toll-free number for Parliament in Ottawa.

While some participants were hung up on and others had their



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Linda Middleton speaks to GISS students who gathered on the field Monday.

calls blocked, at least 20 reported getting through with their message.

EAGER and Avaaz want leaders "to sign and ratify a fair, ambitious and binding agreement" at the United Nations conference on climate change scheduled this December in Copenhagen. The conference will prepare a new agreement

for 2012 when the current Kyoto Accord expires.

Photographs and video footage of the GISS event were expected to join those of other participating groups from around the world and to be presented by Avaaz to a United Nations meeting in New York, Tuesday. Local participants plan to follow-up

their calls with a letter-writing campaign.

According to its website, avaaz means "voice" in many Asian, Middle Eastern and Eastern European languages. Its mandate is "to close the gap between the world we have, and the world most people everywhere want" through democratic participation.

## BC FERRIES

# Summer ferry ridership swells

FAC chair links increase to lower fares

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee insists that an increase in ferry ridership in July and August is the direct result of lower ferry fares.

"With the great summer weather we had, all traffic might have been expected to come up, but it's clear non-discounted fares are just too high," said Brian Hollingshead last week.

Ridership rose three per cent across BC Ferries' network for July and August compared to the same period last year.

Discounts on the company's major routes between Vancouver Island and the mainland, as well as fuel rebates on several minor routes, can account for the higher numbers, Hollingshead said.

Deborah Marshall, a spokesperson for BC Ferries, said minor routes between Salt Spring to Vancouver Island were no exception to the network-wide trend.

Passenger ridership on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route rose 4.2 per cent.

The Vesuvius Bay-Crofton route saw a 2.85 per cent increase over 2008's summer numbers.

Vehicle traffic was up 3.5 per

cent on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route and 3.8 per cent for the Vesuvius Bay-Crofton run.

Marshall said the company welcomes the increase given assumptions of a downturn in tourism-related traffic earlier this year.

"Fortunately the weather was fabulous and many people were encouraged to have more 'stay-cations,'" she said.

The lower price of fuel compared with 2008 and promotional discounts for weekday travel on major routes may have also contributed to higher ridership, she added.

Statistics for the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route were not available.

# Training ground funding source of debate

## FIRE BUDGET

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\$150,000 in funds to cover costs associated with phase one of the Fulford fire hall training ground.

Between \$205,000 and \$340,000 is needed to construct a 2,000-square-metre platform and drainage network upon which fire training props will eventually be constructed.

Eckberg said he does not see the wisdom of investing such a substantial amount of money in the project given that the province's Agricultural Land Commission will review the fire department's land-use application for the site in less than three years time.

"I'm all in favour of a training ground, but only where we can have use of it for a significant period of time," he said.

As long as the fire protection district has no guarantee the Fulford site can be used as a permanent training ground, he said, the district stands the risk of losing part, if not all, of its investment.

Trustee Tony Kennedy defended the majority view to proceed with development of the training ground.

"What we have now is innocuous and what we are proposing to do is even better," Kennedy said. "The grounds for them taking away [the right to use the site] are hard to imagine. As much as there exists a risk, I would say proceed."

In other fire news, board members unanimously approved a decision to use \$240,000 from the district's accumulated reserves to purchase a new water tanker.

The new vehicle will replace the 23-year-old tanker stationed

at the Central fire hall.

The new vehicle will help show the National Fire Underwriters Survey that the department can deliver significant quantities of water to parts of the island not serviced by fire hydrants.

"If SSIFD successfully completes the FUS test, island homeowners who don't currently live near fire hydrants (and currently pay significantly higher fire insurance rates) could enjoy significant savings," said Schubart.

The contract to purchase the new truck was awarded to Minnesota's Midwest Fire.

"This truck is really designed for us and our needs," said fire captain Jamie Holmes.

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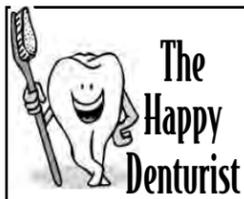
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## NEWSBEAT

### FRESHWATER RESOURCE

# Water awareness: community expresses need to know more

HEHCI survey makes interesting findings

BY PHAEDRA HENLEY  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On two separate occasions, I was approached at my Saturday market information booth by visitors to the island who informed me that they were told "not to drink the water on Salt Spring." Just a nasty rumour? Not according to 34 per cent of Salt Spring Islanders who answered my water issues awareness survey and were in agreement with these cautious travellers.

That a good proportion of locals also do not drink water from their taps is one of the findings of this survey, which I conducted under the Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Community Initiative. The HEHCI, led by Salt Spring scientists David Rapport and Luisa Maffi, is assessing the health of our ecosystems and of our community in order to develop an overall monitoring plan. Critical indicators that are required to assess the health of island ecosystems and their relationship with public health and well-being were identified in Phase 1 of the HEHCI. Currently, the initiative is conducting Phase 2, with an island-wide focus on fresh water.

The survey was designed to gauge Salt Spring Islanders' awareness of critical issues related to their freshwater and activities in the watersheds that impact upon water quality and quantity. Although it was not intended as a scientific survey, the fact that it was completed by 100 concerned islanders — who collectively donated over 100 hours of their time to this project — clearly illustrates the perceived magnitude of the water situation on the island.

In the survey, 14 troubling factors that impact on freshwater conditions were identified: high bacterial counts, minerals, use of fertilizers and pesticides, development, loss of forest cover, algal blooms, changing demographics, soil disturbances, climate change,

natural geology, biodiversity, pharmaceuticals and tourism. Survey participants were asked whether or not they thought their activities affected fresh water quality and quantity. The overwhelming response was that participants were unsure of their role in influencing these conditions. However, participants did cite septic systems (74 per cent), land clearing (60 per cent) and development (72 per cent) as the most common human causes of water problems.

Indeed, islanders state that fresh water issues are of grave importance to them and they are eager to learn more. They ranked clean drinking water (86 per cent), healthy groundwater (78 per cent) and lakes (79 per cent), and the protection of organisms (69 per cent) as the most important water quantity/quality issues. As well, our community wants to learn more about drinking water and health (74 per cent), water conservation (53 per cent), what they can do to help (55 per cent), and environmentally friendly development practices (49 per cent).

The survey asked what action individuals could undertake to improve water quantity and quality. The community came up with some thoughtful and truly Salt Spring-esque solutions including:

- Install rain collection systems for garden;
- Return all outdated prescriptions to the pharmacy;
- Replace toilet and appliances with low flow/energy star versions;
- Let your car get dirty this summer;
- Avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides;
- Become better informed of water issues and pass the word;
- Shower with a friend.

As well, our community would like to see:

- Better public awareness and education;
- Greater monitoring of septic systems;
- Limits to development and size of houses;
- A firm stand against the encroachment of commercial and

industrial land uses;

- The establishment of an upper limit to the number of people allowed to live on the island;
- An end to all chemical pesticide and fertilizer use;
- Thoughtful and responsible development that does not compromise the quality and quantity of island water.

Are local governance bodies doing enough with regards to fresh water issues? Not according to 76 per cent of participants who believe that local governance does not put enough emphasis on water issues, while 8 per cent think it is just right and 16 per cent are not sure or have no opinion.

The results from the survey indicate a major gap in knowledge but also a caring community that wants to learn more. In my second article I will give a summary of my findings on what is known scientifically about fresh water quality and quantity on the island. My full report will be available on the HEHCI website (www.hehci.com), along with the report on Phase 1 of the HEHCI. If you are concerned about freshwater issues and about the health of your community and island, support the Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Community Initiative.

This part of Phase 2 of the HEHCI will provide a scientific basis for understanding the challenges of maintaining the quality and quantity of our water in relation to our activities. With the concerns expressed in the survey and commitment and determination of islanders to understand the issues and take positive actions, Salt Spring has the possibility of restoring its eco-cultural health and, importantly, the health of its aquatic ecosystems and its drinking water. HEHCI will continue to spearhead educational and other activities towards this goal.

*The writer was a intern with HEHCI as co-op student from the University of Western Ontario, where she has now completed a masters degree in environmental sciences.*

### WATER CONSERVATION

## Low-flush toilet rebate gets flowing

Replacing water-guzzlers worth \$100 through program

Starting this month, the Salt Spring Island Water Council is offering \$100 rebates to Salt Spring residents who replace an old water-guzzling toilet with a new low flush toilet.

"Island residents are increasingly becoming aware of the importance of conserving the island's water supply. The Salt Spring Island Water Council sees this initiative as a means to both educate islanders about the benefits of conserving water and to provide a financial stimulus to help people make the decision to trade in their old toilet for a more efficient low flow model," said Murray Reiss of the Salt Spring Water Council.

One hundred dollar rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To apply for the rebate, islanders need to send a completed application form and a copy of

the receipt for their new toilet to City Green Solutions, the Victoria-based non-profit organization administering the rebate program.

Application forms are available at the CRD Building Inspection Office, Mouat's, Slegg Lumber, Windsor Plywood, and online at www.citygreen.ca/community/SSI.aspx.

Interested homeowners are cautioned to check the City Green website to confirm that rebates are still available before buying a new toilet.

Rebates are available only for toilets that have 6.0 litres/flush or less and are CSA, Warnock Hersey or cUPC certified. The new toilet must replace a less efficient older toilet.

Rebates apply to toilets installed in private residences on Salt Spring Island that were constructed before Jan. 1, 2005. New construction or additions are not eligible. Rebates are limited to one toilet per residential property owner.

For those Salt Spring residents interested in additional ways of

greening their home, and more specifically improving the energy efficiency of their home, there is an additional \$65 rebate for low flush toilets and up to \$5,000 in other retrofit grants available through the ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes program.

The program's home energy assessment is not required to receive the Salt Spring toilet rebate.

"Now is an opportune time for homeowners to do home water and energy upgrades," explains Peter Sundberg, executive director of City Green Solutions, "There are government grants and time-limited incentives, including PST exemptions and the Homeowner Tax Credit, that help reduce costs for renovations.

Homeowners can also reduce their home energy bills by 30 per cent or more by following City Green water and energy retrofit suggestions."

For more details on the ecoENERGY grants available see www.citygreen.ca or call them toll-free at 1-866-381-9995.

# NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**STEADY HANDS:** Salt Spring Harbour Authority manager Bob Morrisette, left, is on hand for MP Gary Lunn's Saturday announcement of \$650,000 in federal funding for improvements to Ganges Harbour and to Tsehum Harbour near Sidney.

## ISLAND SAVINGS

# Credit union tackles a 'technology glitch'

Clients urged to scrutinize statements

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Savings' chief operating officer wants clients to know the credit union is doing everything in its power to address a series of technological glitches that plagued point-of-sale and ATM networks earlier this month.

"We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and plan to proactively look to see that members who have had issues have those issues addressed," said Bill Moffatt on Tuesday afternoon.

Salt Spring's Tim O'Connor is one of many credit union customers who noticed debit-card transaction errors on his bank statement.

He said a statement on the Islands Savings website telling customers

about the glitches does not go far enough to address the issue.

"They should be a little more proactive and not leave it up to members to find the problems," he said.

Problems arose between Aug. 31 and the first week of September as the credit union changed network service providers, Moffatt said.

With the transition complete, he added, now comes the task of correcting inaccurate bank statements.

"We certainly intend to communicate with members directly and are mustering every available resource," he said.

Switching over to the new service provider will provide customers with "better ATM functionality" and compliance with soon-to-be-available chip cards.

"The whole notion is to give clients better technology at the end of the day," he said.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

# Community ed registration table welcomes learners Tuesday

People wanting an easy in-person way to sign up for Community Education courses can head down to Country Grocer on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a table will be set up outside the store with staff who can answer questions about courses and accept registration forms and fees.

The fall 2009 program can be perused online at [www.ssicommunityed.org](http://www.ssicommunityed.org), in person at the Driftwood office, Salt Spring library, PARC desk, school board office desk and Salt Spring Books.

Registration forms, envelopes and instructions are also available in those same spots.

Fees for most courses increase by \$10 after Oct. 7, so "early-bird" registration is recommended.

In other Community Ed news:

A course in the Community Education Society fall calendar was incorrectly titled, which might make a difference to who signs up.

Digital Photography for the Absolute Beginner was misnamed The Art of Digital Photography. The course is designed to help "absolute beginners" understand the

basics of operating a digital camera. Step-by-step instruction, followed by lots of hands on practice, will help students become more confident photographers, says instructor Simon Henson. Elements of design will also be included.

Classes run for six Saturdays beginning Sept. 26 and ending on Oct. 31. They take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Portlock Park portable.

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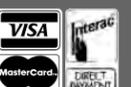
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EDITORIAL

## Grant grief

**H**ow to handle revenue acquired from the controversial pastime of gambling has been a political hot potato since bingo, lottery and casino funds were first disbursed.

It can be argued that gambling addictions cause social strife and hardship, so it only makes sense that government profits from gambling should be used to improve society through distribution of grants to community-minded groups and projects. Except for some specific controversies over the years, it's a system that has worked for all parties.

It was the NDP who first saw the potential for gambling revenues to ease a government's financial pain. Back in the late 1990s the then-provincial government changed the rules so that more gambling and money-raising could occur.

In the 2008/09 fiscal year, the province earned \$1.08 billion from net gaming revenues and disbursed \$156.2 million of that amount.

**THE ISSUE:**

Sudden loss of gaming grants

**WE SAY:**

Most vulnerable still affected

Gambling revenue has again been raided to address the government's budget problems, but in such a dramatic way and without notice to those affected that B.C.'s non-profit world is in an uproar. The worst part of what's happened is the timing: some groups have suddenly had the rug pulled out from under them.

From what we've heard so far, the one-third budget loss to the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre has the most immediate local impact. This bare-bones-staffed crew attends to myriad animal emergencies, covering a huge blank spot in government or non-profit services. Its personnel and volunteers don't have time to hold bake sales.

As cynical thinkers we'd be inclined to believe environmental groups were chopped because their members don't vote Liberal anyway. The decision-making process was probably more complex than that, and the government maintains it has maintained programs for the most vulnerable in society.

Ironically, in the case of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society, both the environment and at-risk individuals employed benefitted from gaming grants. What is the social and monetary cost of dealing with someone whose wages and meaningful activity will be taken from them?

In the meantime, some valued community groups will be asking for more private funds to make up for sudden shortfalls. For those who can afford it, it's the time to say yes.



## Environment funding cuts 'shocking'

The following letter was sent to the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing & Social Development, and filed with this newspaper for publication.

BY JEFF LEDERMAN

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. - Mahatma Gandhi  
 Although much over quoted, never has Gandhi's wisdom rung so true as illustrated by your recent decision to arbitrarily halt B.C. Gaming funds to the environment. This kick to the groin of every individual and organization striving to make this planet a better place to live speaks volumes about the greatness of this nation.

We represent Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facility on Salt Spring Island. We are a lean organization without any superfluous staff that can be let go.

When we lay off staff due to lack of funding, we lay off our core team, without whom we cannot operate. We do not have non-essential programs we can cut. We operate only one program; wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. In fact, Island Wildlife is proud to be one of only two organizations in the entire country permitted by Department of Fisheries and Oceans for the rescue and rehabilitation of marine mammals. After 13 years of sustainability and growth, you have struck us a blow from which we may never recover.

We are not talking about the Langley Lacrosse League not being able to replace their bleachers.

This is not about a local theatre group who must cancel their upcoming performance of West Side Story. We are talking about life; pure and simple. Your decision to halt gaming support for the environment will be directly responsible for great suffering

### VIEWPOINT

**"We are talking about life; pure and simple."**

and the death of countless innocent creatures. For the past 10 years, Island Wildlife has relied on the BC Gaming Commission for about 30 per cent of its annual operating budget.

Having successfully jumped through all of the ever-changing bureaucratic hoops, including two full-blown audits, (which by the way, Island Wildlife passed flawlessly), and having met every gaming criteria we had every reason to believe that we would once again be granted gaming funds.

Our budget was based on these funds. Because our application schedule is in the fall of the funding year and we prepare our budget in the prior winter, we include these funds in our planning.

We checked with the BCGC several times throughout the year just to make sure there were no last-minute issues with Gaming funds. All of our hiring and infrastructure plans are based on the fact that Gaming funding will once again be available.

By September it is too late to find additional funders to make up 30 per cent of our operating budget.

We are shocked that our elected leaders would prioritize the environment alongside adult sports and alumni associations. In fact we are shocked that any educated individual would voice this opinion. Can it be true that our government believes the melting of the polar ice is on a par with the melting of the Coquitlam curling ice?

Granted, without the arts and sports, life would be bleak. But without the environment, there is no life! How is this not our highest priority?

The writer is founder of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

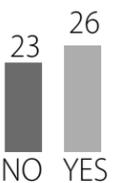
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Has your view of the BC gov't changed since the May election?**



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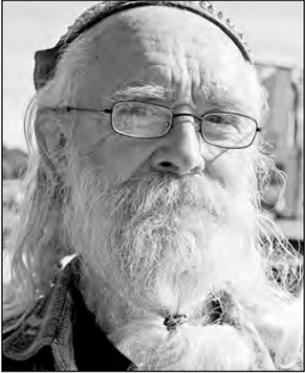


# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**
**"We're the do-gooders. They should slam somebody else."**

JEFF LEDERMAN, ISLAND WILDLIFE NATURAL CARE CENTRE

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: What would you cut if you were the province's finance minister?**

**RUDY SIEGERS**

Many are still struggling and we have a very abundant society. I would look to preserve people's meaningful needs.


**MARJORIE CADE**

Raises and salaries for ministers and other people at the top. Let's share some of that money.


**BUD KERR**

It doesn't really matter what you do, somebody's going to get pissed off. I'd start with Gordon Campbell's wage and let him feel it personally.


**KATY LORIMER**

It's hard to take on the one hand and give on the other. I would make sure funding to health-care, the environment and heritage programs are not cut.


**SHAN MACPHERSON**

I would cut Gordon Campbell's salary.

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to letters online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.

### Apology in order

Regarding the Ganges Gremio fundraising debacle, ("Weekend bash stuns neighbours," Sept. 16 Driftwood) this event should be financially successful in the end. According to the report, last year's version raised enough to cover the soccer team's upcoming fees, uniforms and travel costs.

It also raised the hackles of the neighbourhood, because it was arrogantly, stupidly conceived. You can bet on poop under your feet if no alternative is provided, you can bet on young folk and supposed grown-ups getting pissed as news and behaving like pigs when what's promoted is that very opportunity. You can rely on the neighbours being outraged because there was no prior communication set up to create something workable. The organizers of this party and the raucous misbehavers who attended it crossed over the line of acceptable behaviour.

They now owe the community a collective apology, a movement of money to address the indignity and

a statement from the soccer association, of which the Gremio is a member, that such tomfoolery is unacceptable, reprehensible and just plain old gross.

As to Malcolm Legg's mewling defence that "we can't penalize the whole team because a few guys on the team had a party" — get real, sir. An entire group being called to account to reflect the community's displeasure with its less than thoughtful members has been a useful pressure point through the ages. It forces everyone to reflect, atone, change.

Of course it takes some cajones to apply this pressure. **SCOTT HYLANDS,**  
OLD SCOTT ROAD

### When will a child be killed?

Last year a student from GISS was severely injured by a motorist who failed to stop for a school bus discharging passengers.

On Sept. 16 at Drummond Park in Fulford, I noticed not one but two vehicles that ignored the flashing lights and STOP sign on the bright yellow

school bus. A slate blue sedan coming down Isabella Point Road sailed past the stopped school bus from behind and proceeded to the junction of Fulford-Ganges Road without even slowing down. Thirty seconds later a red pick-up truck coming the other way tried to pass the bus. This one only stopped after the bus driver used his horn — he was already half way past the bus before he stopped.

When will one of our children be killed?

**JEAN BROUARD,**  
ROLAND ROAD

### OCP ignored

Here on Salt Spring we elect people with the idea that they will be able to get us what we want. Why else would we elect them?

Many are skeptical that our elected officials will actually be able to implement what really matters to people, but we nevertheless turn out in great numbers on election days. Clearly there is a widespread belief that our elected officials can make a difference.

The Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan functions to make it clear what the island wants. The OCP was

put together with hundreds of thousands of tax dollars and thousands of volunteer hours inside of a belief that it would actually guide the way the community develops and redirect our inertia toward sustainability.

So, the broad way it's supposed to work is that we develop a plan (the OCP) and then our elected officials ensure that all goes according to this plan. Sadly, it's become abundantly clear that's not the way it's working.

Trustee George Ehring saying, "I don't know how to get there from here" (regarding the Salt Spring Coffee Company application) indicates to me that we don't actually have a plan that's actionable. So what kind of plan do we have?

The upcoming library's selection process for an architect clearly didn't follow the OCP (green design expertise and being local were not given many points). The stip-sum delivery method will ensure that the majority of the building will be done by off-islanders. In rough terms that means \$3 million of the \$6 million will travel straight to Victoria with very little spent in local businesses. Stip-sum means that the mainstream building

materials and methods that are largely responsible for our environmental crisis will be employed.

The library board's pitch to the public makes it clear that it sees the environment as a special interest, something that can be diluted if there is a cash crunch, not the number one priority. Where nationally it's becoming abundantly clear that we can't have a healthy economy without a healthy environment, on Salt Spring we still seem to have the "I'm OK, my end of the boat's not sinking" approach to environmental responsibility. That's not the flavour of the OCP.

If the function of democracy is to represent the will of the people, then my question is "Do we have a democracy here?" If CRD bureaucrats and library board can act in a way that supercedes the OCP, then what use is that document and why did we spend all that time and money on it?

I don't doubt that the islands trustees, CRD director and library board are all doing their very best. What's missing is being effective in executing the OCP, rigorously protecting its intention, and making it actionable with specifics and

measurables. If we can't do that, then we need to rethink our governance so we can get what we want.

**MEROR KRAYENHOFF,**  
SALT SPRING

### Excellent coverage

Many thanks and roses to the Driftwood for its excellent coverage of Pride with articles by Elizabeth Nolan and Sean McIntyre, great photos by Derrick Lundy and even a cartoon!

We have a very special celebration on Salt Spring, I think. It feels like we come together as a community to celebrate difference. The range of ages and diverse people involved, the inclusion of outreach and educational events, the dearth of commercial promotions, and the sheer exuberant fun of the weekend make Salt Spring Pride so special and important.

The Driftwood is such a key part of informing and including the community, and I thank you again for the excellent and intelligent coverage.

**CAFFYN KELLEY,**  
GL0551

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A10

## Hope for men's evolution in women's topless call to arms

If you are one of the millions of men who harbour a borderline pathological preoccupation with the female breast, I have good news. There is a cure.

Every year, around Labour Day Weekend, in the Black Rock Desert, Nevada, thousands of women jump on their bicycles and ride the two-mile perimeter of Burning Man. They do this two-mile ride topless. It is called the Critical Tits Ride.

The women ride with great fanfare, laughing, high fiving each other, cajoling other women on the sidelines to join in. Many do. It may be the one opportunity they will ever have to let it rip, to throw off the etiquette of "acceptable" female behaviour.

Remember when you were a kid, and you got your first bike, and after a few weeks the training wheels came off, and after a little more you dared go down that steep hill or dared to ride down the street 'no hands'? Remember that childlike rush of doing something dangerous, against logic, against best advice? You can see that excitement in the eyes of all these women riding those bikes in this desert.

Burning Man offers up the opportunity to celebrate "female" in a safe, non-threatening

environment. Progesterone trumps testosterone. That is the underlying statement — resistance to the ideal of a perfect female body, to the perfect curve of the neck, the perfect calf, the perfect breast. It is a celebration of woman "as-is," with all the lumps and bumps, scars and sags that human flesh is heir to. It is both a celebration and a call to arms.

Cosmetic surgery in North America continues to be a growth industry. According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, over 10.5 million women underwent some sort of cosmetic procedure in 2006. Close to 25 per cent of those women were between the ages of 19 and 34. The top surgical procedure (as if you couldn't guess) was breast augmentation. Self-esteem is a very fragile mirror indeed. This ride is a call to arms. It's OK to spurn the scalpel.

And what of the men, lining the concourse, cheering on the women? Some of the men were starkers, the full monty. Were they in the buff to show their solidarity, or were they in the buff to show their "solidarity," if


**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

you get my drift. The healthiest example was a guy in the parade (shorts on) riding his beach cruiser, with his topless girlfriend sitting on the handlebars. Now that's solidarity.

Some of the other men, not so much. Not so much cheering and a whole lot of leering. The women organizing the ride call this subspecies "whackers." The riders laugh at them and throw them the finger on the way by, but the whackers aren't fazed. Most are packing cameras and are working them overtime. There are not many of this ilk, possibly because the organizers post their mugs on the internet — kind of a "Whackers Hall of Fame." Nevertheless, it shows how deeply pathetic and twisted sexuality has become.

And so, the dear reader may ask, what was I doing there? Guilty. When I first heard of the Critical Tits Ride, I made certain I was on time. The idea of two or three thousand topless women riding past me was anticipated like an eight-year-old on the night before Christmas. I was armed with a camera.

Within a couple of minutes into the spec-

tacle, I got it. The penny dropped. I realized what this ride was about and frankly I felt a little stupid and embarrassed standing there with a camera, and I quickly stashed it.

Here's the thing. When I was nine, my father caught me smoking one of his cigarettes. He made me smoke the whole pack. Suddenly cigarettes weren't so alluring. When you are standing alongside a dusty road and 3,000 pairs of breasts are cruising by you, they lose their mystery, their seduction. You start to realize that the woman in front of you is more than a collection of body parts. Maybe at the end of the day, that is what the ride is about.

Don't get me wrong. I'm no Mahatma Gandhi. I can still make a fool of myself over a beautiful face. But maybe not as big a fool, and maybe not as often. Is that the Burning Man bump? Is it my "vintage" catching up with me? Or is this all crap, er, poetic licence? If a woman ever has cause to say to me, "My eyes are up here," I'll have my answer.

Until then, ever the optimist, I'm going to assume a small hop forward in personal human development.

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**OPINION**

**Gremio responds to party uproar**

BY RYAN SMITH

I'd like to take some time to address a few of the accusations that were made in last week's paper regarding the Gremio fundraising party. ("Weekend bash stuns neighbours," Sept. 16 Driftwood.)

There were a few glaring omissions in the reporting of the event, most egregious of which was the accusation that we were serving alcohol to minors.

First off, it was no secret that it was an all-ages event.

It was also no secret that there would be a beer garden, as it was printed on the very tickets that some parents purchased for their kids.

Furthermore, if anybody had bothered to look into it before printing wild theories, they would have found that there were measures in place to ensure that minors were not gaining access to alcohol.

There was only one gate in or out of the event, where until beer sales ended at 10 p.m., everybody was IDed and minors were given different coloured bracelets (which couldn't be tampered with without being wrecked). The beer garden itself was completely fenced in, also with only one way in or out, where security was checking bracelets.

If you were not wearing a green bracelet, you did not get in.

Beyond that, the volunteer bartenders also would not serve anybody who did not have a green bracelet.

I submit that the security measures to ensure minors weren't served were equal to or greater than those of this past weekend's fall fair, which also had a beer garden and a lot more minors than there were at Gremio Fest.

If this still doesn't seem good enough, don't forget that the RCMP stopped in to check on us

**IN RESPONSE**

on numerous occasions and to my knowledge did not have any major issues, other than noise, until they received a letter from people who were never actually there to witness the lengths we'd gone to.

If we could, just for a moment, take a realistic view of it: kids are going to find a way to drink.

**At some point the**

**actions of the individual**

**perpetrating the crime,**

**be it criminal or immoral,**

**need to be attributed to**

**said person . . . .**

When they want to they can be quite industrious. Maybe some of you have forgotten that in your youth you probably did some of the same things. So let's not be silly.

Gremio did not put it in their heads to drink before they came and we certainly did not encourage them to defile the neighbourhood when they were done.

Which brings me to the mess. We do accept responsibility for the actions of many of the partygoers and I do not envy those who discovered broken beer bottles, or feces, on their property.

We might be fools, but we are cognizant of the fact that our party brought all those people and problems to the neighbourhood.

For that we truly are sorry. We did actually have people out cleaning the next day, though it was perhaps later than some may have liked, given that many of us opted to get some sleep after staying up all night making sure everybody was safely on their way.

We did provide porta-potties on the grounds, at which there was never an unacceptable lineup, and we didn't serve bottles of any kind.

Free will is a factor here. You'd be hard pressed to find the owners of GM Place guilty of vandalism if broken glass or piles of poo were found a block away the morning after a Canucks game.

At some point the actions of the individual perpetrating the crime, be it criminal or immoral, need to be attributed to said person, instead of laying sole blame with an organization that simply attempted to provide them with a safe place to have a good time.

I say again, the members of Ganges Gremio do accept a healthy measure of responsibility and we apologize to those in the community that were negatively affected.

Our intent was to provide a safe environment for people of all ages to see some live local musicians, dance and make merry, and of course to earn a little money to help with our equipment and rising ferry costs.

We did not intend to ostracize the neighbours and we certainly do not condone the mess left by those who attended.

It was obviously not an event without its problems, but I think anybody who knows better would agree that it was not worthy of the reporting it received.

*The writer is manager of the Ganges Gremio soccer team.*

**MORE LETTERS**

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**Walking for Africa**

Last year I went to South Africa with Meron Moroz of Salt Spring. Everywhere we went we met children who walked two to three hours to school and then home again.

We also met teachers who walked the same distance, committed to the education of their pupils. Some of these teachers gave up a percentage of their salary to help cover school fees for children whose families didn't have the money, so when I saw the forms for the Great Lake Walk I decided to walk to raise money for SOLID and Partners for Others. I knew both of these organizations would put the money to good use.

Of course, I made Meron walk all 56 km with me on Saturday, Sept. 19. Despite the blisters and sore leg muscles it was worth every step.

Meron and I would like to thank our Salt Spring community for their encouragement and generosity. Your donations will help SOLID and Partners for Others continue their work in Africa.

With gratitude . . . .

**SAM BARLOW,  
MERON MOROZ,  
SALT SPRING**

**Pass-It-On Boys do lunch**

The young men of the Pass-It-On Boys project were serving up more than just hotdogs to interested older teen boys at the GISS lunch hour last week. They were also serving up a heaping helping of youth community awareness.

With generous donations from Thrifty Foods, the teens set about raising awareness for the project in preparation for their first retreat, slated for the end of September. The pilot project aims to educate the young men on how to address issues pertinent to the concerns of younger teens and boys in the middle schools, namely friendships, family, self-confidence and substance use.

Funded by the Victoria Foundation, the RCMP Family Violence Prevention Fund, Coast Capital and the Salt Spring Foundation, the project is a counterpart to the Pass-It-On Girls project of last year that was designed by the SWOVA Research and Development Society.

In a similar vein, the Pass-It-On Boys program is a combination of three-tiered mentoring by adult men, older teens and young boys whereby the baton or torch of wisdom is "passed on" to younger males.

The program and retreats include the teaching of facilitation skills to learn about the C.A.R.E. plan, an acronym for Connection, Autonomy, Responsibility and Emotional Awareness.

Most exciting is that, as in the girls' project, the program is partly designed and driven by the youth themselves. They have even had a hand in designing their own posters and promotional materials, making the project truly their own.

For more information, or if you want to get involved or have your son participate in this project, please phone the SWOVA office at 250-537-1336.

**STEVEN CHADWICK,  
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# RANTS and Roses

## Rant

One hundred black roses to the abusive man in the blue truck who when I pulled a bone-headed move in my vehicle decided he had the right to curse and swear at me. Are you aware that treating strangers to a string of obscenities is abusive behavior? What I did may have been careless but what you did tops the cake. You abused me! C. Leischner

## Roses

A neverending bloom of "green" roses to all those who made our wedding such a dream come true! To Candace at Ango Retreat for the perfect venue and all your patience and hard work, to Christine for the great appys, to the staff at Ruckle Park, to John Cameron for wonderful photos, to Quartet from the Salt Spring Singers for making beautiful music, to Melynda and Sam for an incredibly personal ceremony, to Rylan for swell cello playing, to Jana for the "to die for" wedding cupcakes, to Colleen and Steve from The Local, to the staff at the Rock Salt and the Search and Rescue chauffeurs, to Beth for the beautiful flowers, to ArtSpring for all the loaners, and especially to all

of our friends and family who spent most of their Salt Spring vacation working like bees to ensure we got the wedding of our dreams. You will all hold a place in our hearts forever. Thank you. The newlyweds (Meghan and Nathan)

To the kind gentleman who found my paycheque outside of the Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe and turned it in to them. Thank you, thank you, thank you. May you be richly blessed. NW

A bouquet for the people in the CRD office who were courteous and greatly helpful to me in my research of the history and other aspects of Booth Canal.

Sweetly scented roses to Foxglove, The Plant Farm, Rick Andrews, Rob Pringle, Bob Howe, Heather Howard and all the other individuals who have contributed to the courtyard garden at SIMS. Special thanks to the kids who have been involved in the gardening project. We now have a beautiful, quiet space for people to sit and visit or work.

Perfectly composted roses to Gail and Eric of Eco Living Organic Solutions for your generosity and kindness to a pair of

fall fair neophytes.

A dozen harmonious heritage roses to the singers who came to the Salt Spring Bittancourt House museum Saturday to encourage fair goers to tour the museum. Rose petals to all who accepted the invitation and stepped back in time for a walk through Salt Spring's history.

A fragrant long-stemmed rose for each of the 120-plus art lovers who attended the opening celebration of the Salt Spring Artists' Gallery of Fine Art. You helped make our opening event a great success! From the members of the Salt Spring Artists' Gallery of Fine Art cooperative

An eco-wise bouquet of Arctic roses to the owners of the Creekside building. Thank you for the brand new white roof. You are doing your share to help replace dwindling polar ice caps. Studies have confirmed that "White roofs act similar to polar ice caps and clouds which regulate Earth's temperature and reflect sunlight back into space. White roofs reflect sunlight and keep buildings cooler than those with black roofs." Thank you for your pioneering commitment! Arbutus Therapy Centre

## Library location issue closed

The Salt Spring library board has recently become apprised of the following:

"Land Use Bylaw 355, passed 2001, Amendment 386, passed 2003:

9.41 Community Facilities Zoning

9.4.4 Exceptions in particular locations:

Zone variation CF1(b) Notwithstanding section 9.41(1), libraries are a prohibited use."

We have checked with the Island Trust planners, who have confirmed that zone CF1(b) specifically relates to the lot at 256 Rainbow Road, in other words, the parcel of land owned by PARC on Rainbow Road. It would therefore be illegal to locate the library on Rainbow Road.

Furthermore, the Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 434, 2008, states: "B.5.1.2.4 To retain

the traditional function of island villages, the Local Trust Committee should not consider rezoning applications that would result in the following land uses outside the Village Designations: . . . libraries."

This wording is exactly the same as that in the Official Community Plan issued in 1998, on which the library board was relying for its decision to locate in Ganges.

The issue of the location of the new library building is closed.

**TILLY CRAWLEY,**  
CHAIR, SSI PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD

## Work wrecks neighbourhood

I just discovered that the gravel dumped on the streets of Vesuvius is going to stay.

A sweeper truck will go through and then we are left with a very rough-textured road for years to come.

I have lived in Vesuvius for 14 years and raised five kids there. I watched them learn to roller blade, skateboard, ride bikes, play ball hockey, draw and play hopscotch — the list goes on. People come from all over the island to walk here, some with strollers and or toddlers; some bring their kids with bikes with training wheels.

Having smooth streets was one of the big reasons we bought here. Now the streets are dead. Even after the sweeper truck the roads will be no good for the activities mentioned.

The roads were not that bad — a few potholes could have been repaired. It was a waste of tax dollars. Someone made a poor decision.

This type of surfacing may be OK for main traffic areas, but not a small subdivision. Vesuvius just lost part of its neighbourly charm.

**JOHN FOLEY,**  
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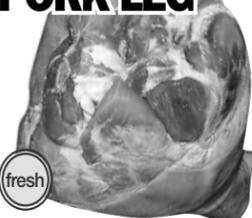
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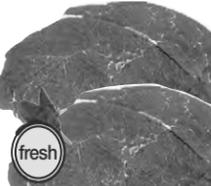
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## OPINION

# Restoring Booth Canal should be a priority

BY BILL AND MAY HENDERSON

Thanks to Tom Varzeliotis for his recent work on Booth Canal that provided both historical fact and science confirming what is only too obvious to long-time residents of Booth Canal (aka Booth Inlet): the canal is dying. ("Who will turn the tide on Booth Canal, asks islander," Aug. 26 Driftwood.)

Varzeliotis, a civil engineer specializing in fluid mechanics, has written a report on the canal that islanders should read. It's available at the Islands Trust office or on his website at [www3.telus.net/gi-public-affairs/index.htm](http://www3.telus.net/gi-public-affairs/index.htm).

In the report he describes how in the mid-1970s the owners of the Booth Bay Resort took what had been a small point at the mouth of the inlet and extended it well out into the middle of the tidal stream with rip rap and back fill.

Fears were expressed that this would cause a choking-off of the normal flushing tidal action and result in the silting up of Booth Canal, but the newly enlarged promontory remained.

For some 30 years the owners of the property have enjoyed the views from their extended point, using it for picnics, barbecues and the like. However during that 30 years the canal has also silted up alarmingly. The effects are plain to see.

Prior to the '70s, clam and oyster beds stretched over a kilometre up the canal and even past the bridge on Booth Canal Road.

The water was deep enough that kids could dive off the bridge. Salmon travelled up the canal and into the creeks to spawn. People caught them right in front of their homes.

But over the years, road building and housing development increased the silty runoff and the artificial point at the mouth of the canal trapped it.

Now the muddy canal provides no good habitat for the salmon that despite enhancement efforts are struggling to survive in the several small Booth Inlet fish-bearing streams. Certainly no one's catching them in the inlet anymore. The oysters are virtually eliminated and the clam beds only extend in from the mouth of the canal for about a hundred yards. The rest is covered with a bed of polluted silt. Even in these last few years the clogging has increased visibly. The life is being choked out of the canal. It's becoming a ditch rather than an ocean inlet. And now, anyone diving off the bridge, even at high tide, would likely break their neck in the shallow water.

The artificial point didn't put the silt and pollution in the canal, but in Varzeliotis' opinion, it stopped the tidal currents that flow through from flushing it all out.

Residents and visitors to the former Booth Bay Resort, which was subdivided about a decade ago and is now known as Booth Bay Shores, have had a nice time with their point and we certainly don't begrudge them those pleasures. But

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that enjoyment comes at a great cost when you consider the lethal burden that's been placed on the life of the inlet. It's time to recognize this.

No doubt they intended no harm with the construction of the point and they do in fact care about the health of the canal, its wildlife and the effect on neighbouring properties. Having had 30 years to observe the degradation, no doubt they too would like to see the canal restored to health. An important step in achieving that would be to remove the rip rap and backfill and restore the point to its original, natural, low-profile shape so that proper flushing can take place. A photo of the original smaller point shows that there would have been a nice view and certainly room for picnics.

Again, to be fair, the silt and pollution in the canal arrived there largely because of increased develop-

## IN RESPONSE

ment in the area and poorly functioning septic fields. So, many, if not most of us,

along the canal bear some of the responsibility for its current state and therefore also share with the owners of Booth Bay Shores some responsibility for its restoration.

The restoration of the canal would of course be a long-term project, but a very do-able one.

Public funding could be sought to support the dismantling of the point, the analysis and upgrading of septic fields along the canal, and the implementation of natural filtering pools and other processes to mitigate the flood of silty brown water that roars down the slopes of Mount Erskine and into the canal every winter.

Certainly there'd be a lot of work involved, negotiations to take place and perhaps some pride to be swallowed. But it's all possible if we can agree to do it. The greater good of the entire area, including wildlife and human populations, would be wonderfully enhanced by it.

Thanks to Tom Varzeliotis for getting this discussion started, and for providing historical fact and a scientific perspective.

We call on our fellow islanders and especially Booth Canal residents to rise to the challenge. It's clear the inlet is dying.

We know what's needed. Let's work together to achieve it. If you would like to be a part of this process or want to indicate support for the idea of restoring the canal, e-mail Varzeliotis at [alcyone@saltspring.com](mailto:alcyone@saltspring.com).

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## Island dancer returns to local stage

Robbyn Scott joins triPOD for Six Mixed show

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A visit to Robbyn Scott's Antler Ridge Studio is a welcoming experience, liable to both begin and end with a hug. A professional-level dance space tucked off a quiet country road on a property blessed with normally rare deer antlers, the room is a fitting complement to its owner: a woman who has cosmopolitan roots and training but who chooses to make her professional life work with a quiet island lifestyle.

Scott's recent work as a dancer has seen her travel to Victoria to train and rehearse with triPOD, a dance collective led by Laurie Hammer. The group of 13 dancers, choreographers and musicians will be here this Saturday to launch ArtSpring's 2009/2010 dance series with the show Six Mixed. The program promises the group's "best work" along with two new pieces created by guest choreographers Peter Bingham and Danny McCusker.

For those people who know Scott mainly in connection with the Salt Spring Coffee Company, she is one of those classic island residents who quietly leads a life peppered with exceptional experiences and activities. Her life as a dancer began studying ballet at age three, in her home town close to San Francisco. By the time she was a teenager Scott was commuting to San Francisco six days a week and



Robbyn Scott in a performance.

held a scholarship with the Royal Academy of Dance, studying under the famed Russian choreographer Anatole Vilzak. She was poised to make a professional career playing character parts when a devastating knee injury put an end to her ballet life at age 18.

Moving to Canada (she first met her future husband, Mickey McLeod, on Texada Island in the 1970s), Scott found healing in nature. She also found that dance wasn't necessarily over for her. Loving the "wild freedom" of hippy dance concerts, Scott said, "I didn't realize I was on the way to discovering new types of movement."

An exploration of modern dance styles led Scott to the American Dance Festival in North Carolina, and then on to a career in Boston and

New York. Living in New York for about five years, she toured Europe and the southern states, where she helped bring dance into the community. Finally she felt she had the knowledge to bring what she was doing back to Canada.

Since moving to Salt Spring in the 1980s, Scott has been a strong component of the local dance community. She started teaching small children right away and later added adult classes. In 1990 she received a Canada Council grant to take 31 women and children dancers on tour around the Gulf Islands, Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

Scott officially retired as a dancer at age 45, when she and McLeod started the Salt Spring Coffee Company and she became a woman of business. But dance

was always a part of her. In the past four or five years, she's returned to workshops and performance.

"I can't help it — it's just in me. I always have to do it," Scott said.

Reconnecting with Anna Haltrecht, the local outreach person for the Made in B.C. dance initiative, Scott set about returning to dance herself and helping to bring it back into the community. With ongoing connections to the serious professional world of modern dance, it's certainly of local benefit that Scott has taken herself out of retirement.

As well as bringing Boston choreographer Danny McCusker to the island for four years running, she's recently received a grant from the B.C. Arts Council to create a dance piece in collaboration with visual artist Stefanie Denz. Denz will make three or four sculptures that deal with the theme of "dwelling" in the human body and Scott will create movements in relation to the sculpture.

With the upcoming triPOD performance, Scott will perform with a group known for its incorporation of improvised movements within choreographed dance. In some cases, like with McCusker's piece, the improvised parts fall within a strictly defined set of movements established in advance by the choreographer. In others, open improvisation allows for more creativity, but does not mean an undefined free-for-all, as Scott explained.

"We play with levels, speed, timing — it's like having fences, but inside those fences you don't know what's going

to happen."

This kind of freedom can be exciting for a more experienced dancer like Scott.

"As you start to get older, you think, 'I want to dance my way,' so I like to work with people that let me interpret my style. Younger dancers exist more as a vessel to express a choreographer's voice."

One tip that Scott has for spectators of modern dance is that there doesn't always have to be meaning in every movement. Instead, it's very much a physical expression of being in the moment.

"Dance is a non-verbal way of communicating and when I stopped dancing and went into business, I realized that it's so important for people to go back into the world and experience it from a physical, non-verbal place."

The Lobby Dancers will return once again for a pre-show performance at ArtSpring this Saturday, while the triPOD collective appears on stage at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at ArtSpring.

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## ART BEAT



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## Image trumps technology

Photo show brims with fascinating offerings

Overheard at the ongoing Photosynthesis show at ArtSpring was the photographer David Borrowman reflecting, "I think the image always trumps the technology."

Out of context though the remark may be, it highlights the fact that for many viewers, what works in a photograph has no relation to knowledge of the techniques used to create it.

Like any art form, the photo relies on composition, line and colour to make its case. And as a method of capturing and interpreting reality,

we also look for what the image seems to say about its subject matter.

Examinations of colour and texture were taken up by many of the 2009 Photosynthesis participants. A notable example is Alane Lalonde's almost abstract studies of simple architecture. In Sky Climbing, the brilliant blue background appears uniform and two-dimensional.

The camera looks up at an acute angle at concrete blocks that rise into the mid-ground, one painted purple and another in natural grey. A blue-painted ladder rests against the grey block, while its shadows bring contrasting lines to scene. Colour and shape, rather than social commentary, are prevalent here.

In a similar meditation that draws on the contrast of between red and white, Shadows depicts a red stucco wall, an outside cement staircase in white and a closed wooden shutter painted red with white trim. In this piece the human element sneakily intrudes on abstraction in the smudges of red paint left behind on the white window frame.

Placed beside Lalonde's collection, Gillean Proctor's Study #4 is an even purer colour field. Divided in two halves with building on left and ocean water on right, the photo contrasts brilliant orange, corrugated metal and rippling blue water.

Christine Heine-man offers four views that explore contrasts of colour and texture in nature; Ancient Stories takes a close view of moss and lichen growing on an upright stone, and galaxies of complex life are revealed.

A companion piece, Back Alley on Salt Spring, frames an otherwise ugly view of graffiti and makes it seem

a floral complement to the ivy also found on the wall. In loops of blue, red and yellow, the spray-paint becomes a bloom for the green vines.



Elizabeth Nolan

ART BEAT ON THE ROCK

Osman Phillips takes an even closer view of nature, revelling in pattern and texture. In a series of large views that appear to marvel at nature's complexities, Between a Rock takes the view of just a section of stone stairs where a weathered root has found its way down. Sheltered beneath is a tiny cluster of yellow flowers, suggesting frailty but with their own potential to crack stone.

Kim Kornbacher takes a gentler view this time around and also focusses on nature's minutia.

A brilliantly different piece is Charlie Bird, a parrot whose iridescent lime-green feathers completely fill the frame. His head twisted around to bite at an itchy spot, his eye stares out from a spiral movement.

Andrea Collins is someone who has taken technology to somehow create a seamless image. Her computer manipulated pieces, Fusion and Tapestry, are kaleidoscopic images in golden brown lace, all created somehow from tree limbs or roots. Like mandalas in form, the images direct the eye through a complex maze.

Bobby Crichton offers stunning images of animal and human form with photos of a Japanese Macaque in the snow and Buddhist Monks in Thailand.

His eye for composi-

tion and detail is very fine, but the images suffer somewhat for being printed on canvas; a very slight fuzziness is suggested where clarity should prevail.

Birgit Bateman manages to bypass this problem with even larger images printed on canvas, especially well in Bowhead Skull. Set upright, the grey jawbones are almost as long as a person's body and are more abstract than representational, impressive in their immensity.

Billie Rocha-Woods captures elegant light and composition in her precise colour prints of northern Scottish landscapes, while Gregg Eligh captures the same qualities in black and white views of the human body. In both silver gelatine and digital ink jet, Eligh explores the amazing attributes of our physical selves.

Light Feet is especially compelling, with toes pointed down and the feet having left the ground, shot from behind.

Seth Berkowitz unites a fascination with nature and society in The Evolution of Beach Walking.

Two horizontal strips in a wide panoramic view repeat the same composite image of shadowy figures walking on a sandy shoreline. Both very small and indistinct, the figures and the misty scene contribute to the sense that the image is made of many days, or even years, through time.

The title also suggests this idea, as well as referencing the pictorial timeline of human evolution, from Australopithecus to Homo Sapiens. Berkowitz reminds us of the multi-layered social meanings that photographs can imply.

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## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

# Juno nominees take kids show to islands

The Kerplunks shine on Salt Spring, Pender and Galiano

Three Gulf Islands get a visit from The Kerplunks as part of the children's entertainers' upcoming tour.

The Gabriola-based group has received various honours, including being the winner of the 2008 Canadian Folk Music Award for Children's Album of the Year, and a 2009 Juno Award nomination. More importantly, the group plays catchy and energetic tunes that are guaranteed to get kids engaged, press material states.

They perform on Salt Spring at Mahon Hall on Friday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m., on Pender Island at the Anglican Hall on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. and at the South Galiano Community Hall on Galiano Island on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

Led by Dinah D and Tina Jones, The Kerplunks have been called "Canada's hippest children's entertainers."

Their music has its roots in the duo's popular preschool program on Gabriola Island, which led to the recording of their multi-award-winning first album. The Kerplunks have lately been busy playing some of Canada's finest music festivals and touring schools.

For the Islands Tour, Dinah



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dinah D and Tina Jones of The Kerplunks with their Canadian Folk Music Awards for Children's Album of the Year.

D and Tina Jones are joined by their friends Phil Wipper and Aaron Cadwaladr, making The Kerplunks a four-piece live band. Between the four musicians, over a dozen instruments are played.

"Dinah plays the upright bass, banjo and really belts it out. She also plays the kazoo like a mad-woman. Tina plays the trumpet, trombone, clarinet, baritone and also sings. Watch out for when she busts a rhyme, yo! Phil plays the drums and sings along. Aaron plays the acoustic guitar, makes great faces and also sings along."

Families who've seen the group have said: "We loved the way that music, movement and musical instruments were introduced to the children . . . remarkable, energetic!"

The Kerplunks are committed to educating kids through musical creativity and pursuing a career in music.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

Salt Spring show tickets are at Fables Cottage Bookstore, Pender tickets are at Talisman Books and Galiano Island Books is handling sales on Galiano.

## VISITING PERFORMERS

# Home Routes Concert Series set to dig roots in Salt Spring living room

Charlie A'Court opens six-musician house concert series

For people who enjoy hearing emerging artists in an intimate venue, a house concert series is just the ticket.

Rob Pingle of Home Game Radio on CFSI 107.9 FM has offered up his living room for the Home Routes Concert Series this fall and winter, with six artists scheduled to play in the cozy confines of Pingle's Cedar Lane house.

The first concert features Charlie A'Court on Friday, Sept. 25.

Born and raised in Nova Scotia, A'Court has always been entranced by the guitar, explains press material.

"His dedication has resulted in a modern blues style mixed with contemporary songwriting that has connected him with audi-

ences across Canada. This past summer he busked for five days in three locations near Halifax to raise over \$4,000 for the Halifax Housing Help, an organization that provides support and trustee services to disadvantaged populations, aiding to prevent eviction and homelessness."

During his two-week house concert tour of B.C., A'Court will play songs from his soon-to-be-released album, which spans the gamut of emotion, dealing with triumph and disaster, loss of loved ones, mental health and chronic physical pain, and being head over heels in love.

A'Court's appearance on Salt Spring will be followed by Kerri Woelke in October, J.D. Edwards and Jessee Havey in November, James Gordon in February, Ken Whiteley in March and ends with Annabelle Chvostek in April.

The Home Routes Concert Series is organized by Mitch

Podolak, founder of the Winnipeg and Vancouver folk festivals, and includes seven other circuits across Canada.

Salt Spring musician Valdy will tour Manitoba in March as part of the Yellow Diamond Circuit.

Pingle is looking forward to getting to know more people in his community without having to leave his house. He is also excited to share a meal and a drink with each of the artists scheduled to play.

"Every musician I've ever met has had great stories to tell besides the songs they sing and I'm happy to share what I have to help them continue telling their tales and singing their songs," he said.

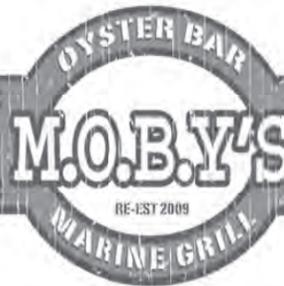
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**SATAY:** a dish consisting of diced or sliced boneless, skinless chicken, beef, pork, fish or tofu. The more authentic version uses skewers from the midrib of the coconut leaf, although bamboo skewers soaked in coconut milk are often used to add the same flavour. These thinly sliced pieces of meat are grilled or put on the BBQ over a wood or charcoal fire, then served with various spicy seasonings. In Indonesia, satay is such a popular dish it can be found throughout the country. It can be obtained from a travelling satay vendor, and everyone has their own family recipe. Though I never had the carefree spirit to try one from the street vendor's when I was in Thailand, my brother-in-law, fearless, said they were better than the ones I would venture to try in the upper-class restaurants.  
 Soak 8 bamboo skewers in ¼ cup coconut milk. Set aside.  
 For the marinade - in a mortar and pestle pound together (food processor or blender also works) 2 cloves of garlic with 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, 1 tablespoon curry paste, 2 tablespoons turmeric, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons sambal olek (optional to add heat). Remove from mortar and pestle. Add mixture to 1 cup coconut milk, 2 tablespoons nut butter of your choice, stir and set aside. Reserve ¼ cup of mixture in a small bowl. Cut 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs (other meats can be used such as pork, beef, prawns) into thin strips - 8 thin strips per cut of meat. Add the strips of meat to the marinade, cover, and let chill for 2 hours in the refrigerator. Remove the meat from the marinade and thread two strips of meat onto each of the soaked skewers in a zig-zag. Grill the satay 5 minutes each side, turning them and basting each one with the marinade until cooked through. Top cooked meat with reserved marinade & serve with cooked rice or pad thai.  
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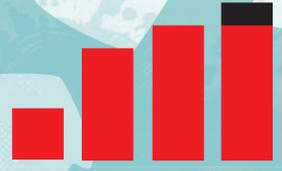
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SKA, REGGAE ROCK

### Time to dance at music fest

SubCity Dwellers meet Great White Shark in Mahon Hall double bill

A top Canadian ska rock band is heading to Salt Spring next weekend.

Winnipeg's own SubCity Dwellers are described as "an energetic, talented full-bore dance explosion."

Featuring a horn section and multiple vocalists, the SubCity Dwellers have opened for and played alongside bands such as the Slackers, The Debonaires and other legendary ska reggae names.

The SubCity Dwellers, who are touring the country in support of their new album called *Where's the Noise?*, play Mahon Hall on Sunday, Oct. 4, beginning at 9 p.m.

Also performing at the gig is Great White Shark, a hard-driving original reggae rock band from Victoria.

Great White Shark, which is touring with the SubCity Dwellers for 14 dates, is described as "an instantly dance floor-filling sensation."

Both bands have music samples on their Myspace sites.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. The first five people get in for free.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**DREAM WEAVER:** Ingrid Boesel helps Marijn Andringa with weaving on a loom as part of ongoing demonstrations at last weekend's fall fair.

### VISITING PERFORMERS

## Underground Railway story brought to life in story, slide and song

First in family-friendly series at ArtSpring this season

ArtSpring's series of concerts suitable for families with school-aged children begins Monday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. with a visit by renowned Canadian blues singer Diana Braithwaite and folk/blues guitarist Chris Whiteley.

The duo presents a program called *Sugar and Gold: The Story of the Underground Railway in Canada*.

"While the emphasis is on the great music these two fine performers bring to young audiences," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos, "there is much more to this event than that."

Braithwaite is the great-great granddaughter of one of the 30,000 American slaves who travelled in secret from the United States to Canada between 1840 and 1860, prior to the final abolition of slavery in 1865.

This great migration toward freedom is an epic story, and its major record is in the songs and music of the time.

Braithwaite and Whiteley's show combines music, personal stories of Diana's great-great grandmother and projected slides to give a lively glimpse into this extraordinary story.

For those who wonder why the musical history of events that happened a long time ago should matter, Braithwaite points out that our enjoyment of freedom and tolerance in our own time has grown out of that history.

"The people who embarked on these dangerous journeys along the Underground Railway were taking the

first steps in a long walk toward equal human rights that continues to this day."

"Today we look back with thanks for how far we have come and look ahead with hope as we travel toward a time of equal opportunity and equal respect for everyone. Together we can build welcoming and inclusive communities filled with safety, respect, choice, fun and belonging for everyone."

The timing of *Sugar and Gold* is appropriate, since it serves as a pre-amble to the celebration of the black history of Salt Spring, which will take place Oct. 16-17. Details of the events planned for that weekend will be forthcoming in the Driftwood.

Tickets for the Sept. 28 performance of *Sugar and Gold* are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102. As with all ArtSpring presented events this season, youth tickets are set at \$5. A special school performance of the show the following morning will allow some elementary and middle-school classes to hear Braithwaite and Whiteley.

"Even on occasions when some school children have the opportunity to attend a show with their class, there is so much to be said for parents also taking them to the public performance," said Sipos.

"The chance to talk with our children about what they have seen and been moved by is one of the joys of parenting. And this is especially true with a program like this that raises so many ideas about freedom, racism, personal courage and tolerance. What a great chance to connect with our children on a topic that matters."

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ISLAND HERITAGE

# Every Goodbye signals new perspective

Island's black history enriched by new photo narrative

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Time always seems to have a way of playing with the facts and the story of Salt Spring's black pioneers proves no exception.

Author Evelyn C. White has tried to set the story straight with the publication of *Every Goodbye Ain't Gone: A Photo Narrative of Black Heritage on Salt Spring Island*.

"There was clearly a void in terms of a book that dealt exclusively with the black heritage on Salt Spring Island," White said in a recent interview ahead of the book's official launch on Sept. 27.

Filling that void led White on a three-year monumental journey to collect the stories and archival documents that make up Salt Spring's black heritage.

The result is a thoroughly researched 100-plus page book that traces Salt Spring's black community from the latter 19th century to the present day.

With the help of photographs shot by her partner Joanne Bealy, the historical record of the island's black settlers has at long last come of age.

The book sets off with an outline of Salt Spring's first black pioneers and why they chose to seek freedom in Canada.

Contrary to popular belief, White said, those early settlers weren't fleeing slavery but, rather, the institutionalized discrimination that permeated so much of life south of the border at the time.

Even in a so-called "free state" like California, legislation existed that left blacks and other non-whites less than full citizens in the eyes of the law.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Joanne Bealy, left, and Evelyn White, with their newly published book.

Members of California's early black community were inspired by stories of a promised land as word of Canada's gold rush spread south.

Migrants landed in Victoria and travelled throughout the province.

*Every Goodbye Ain't Gone* tells the story of the settlers who chose Salt Spring as their home.

The book fittingly starts off with the story of Sylvia Stark, one of the region's first black settlers who was laid to rest at the age of 104 in the cemetery behind Central Hall in 1944.

The lives of those who've lived on the island may not have been as trouble-free as had been hoped, but life on Salt Spring and in Canada offered respite from the United States'

irrevocable historical bond to the slave trade.

"We wanted this to be an accurate history and there is no doubt that Salt Spring is not devoid of racism, but I think you can find solace here," White said.

"Most people on the island are open and acceptance is a way of life."

*Every Goodbye Ain't Gone* has flown off the shelves since it hit local bookstores last month and orders have begun coming in from retailers in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

The public will have a chance to speak with White and Bealy at the book's official launch party and book signing on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Lions Hall between 2 and 4 p.m.

## MUSIC

# Beaver Point hosts Amani Friend event

Interchill Records night for those who love to dance

Electronic music fans have the chance to partake in a sensory excursion unlike any other as part of a Saturday night DJ set at Salt Spring's Beaver Point Hall.

Amani Friend, producer of the successful New Mexico band The Desert Dwellers and founding member of the Moontribe party organization, provides the sonic backdrop to an inspiring visual arts show put on by Vancouver's Trypton Media.

The event is made possible thanks to the efforts of Andrew Ross Collins, label manager for island-based Interchill Records and the host of Tuesday night's Global Chillage on CFSI 101.7.

"The reason why I'm excited about this event is that these guys are a great act and they haven't performed up here at all," he said.

Yoga practitioners who may be familiar with The Desert Dwellers' soothing downtempo tracks can expect something new from Amani Friend's dance-oriented set.

"He's basically going to play a set of dance music," Collins said. "This is an event for people who really like to dance to driving powerful tribal house music that features a lot of percussion."

Trypton media specializes in interactive installations that allow dancers to combine music and dance with on-screen visuals.

"It's pretty cool and hasn't been performed on Salt Spring," Collins added.

Salt Spring's CaféVerde serves up kitchen delights at the event.

Tickets (\$20) for the Saturday, Sept. 26 show are available at the door. The event runs from 9:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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## Wed. Sept. 23

**ACTIVITIES**  
**A Grandmother's Tribe.** Showing of upbeat film about the unsung heroes of the AIDS epidemic, with introductory slide presentation by Elaine Munro, an executive producer of the film. The Fritz. 7 p.m.  
**SS Garden Club.** Victoria garden photographer Allan Mandell is first guest speaker of the year. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild.** Topic is applique quilt project. Meet at SS Baptist Church on Lower Ganges Road. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Body Ball.** Low-impact aerobics class using exercise balls. All Saints. 9-10:15 a.m.  
**Debit Stretch.** North End Fitness. 12:15 p.m.

## Thurs. Sept. 24

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Thursday Night Spotlight.** Acoustic music at Moby's, with special guest Brent Shindell. 8 p.m.  
**Open Mic.** Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes every Thursday at The Local. 8 p.m.  
**Liverpool Pete.** Groovier than vinyl. Tree House Cafe.  
**Fulford Open Mike Night.** With Dale & Dave at the Fulford Inn on Thursdays.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Green Drinks.** Network and talk about environmental and sustainability events. Hosted by I-SEA at the Harbour House Hotel. 5-8 p.m.  
**Greenwoods Eldercare Society AGM.** Lady Minto Hospital meeting room. 10 a.m.  
**Community Services Society AGM.** Community Gospel Chapel, 6 p.m.  
**Expo Evening.** Salt Spring Centre School open house. 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
**Salty Wheels Square Dance Club.** Visitors and spectators welcome every Thursday at Central Hall. 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Badminton Club.** For ages 12 and up on Thursdays at GISS. 8-10 p.m.

## Fri. Sept. 25

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Phil and Kim.** Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.  
**Simone & Mike.** Jazz & blues. Harbour House restaurant. 7:30 to 10 p.m.  
**Dominique Fraissard.** Urban folk singer from Vancouver. Tree House Cafe.  
**Charlie A'Court.** East Coast singer-songwriter performs at house concert. 7 p.m. Tickets/info: Acoustic Planet or 250-538-7262.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Benefit Literary Reading for Child Honouring.** By nine authors, including Raffi. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Salt Spring to Skagway.** Multi-media slide presentation on Jack Rosen's spectacular kayak expedition to Alaska. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.  
**West Coast Work Boat Fall Rendezvous.** Active, retired and renovated work boats gather at Kanaka Dock.  
**Library StoryTime.** Bees, bulls, flowers and a little honey. Join us for stories, rhymes and activities. For children in early grades and preschoolers. 1 p.m.

## Sat. Sept. 26

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**triPOD Dance Cooperative.** Presents Six Mixed at ArtSpring. 8 p.m. Lobby Dancers piece precedes show. (Plus after-show chat at Moby's.)  
**Phil & Kim.** Live music at Raven Street Market Cafe every Saturday. 6:30-9 p.m.  
**Paul Bram.** Soul and blues at the Harbour House. 7:30 to 10 p.m.  
**Planet Music.** Tree House Cafe.  
**Amani Friend.** DJ sets with interactive visual installation from BC's Trypton Media. Interchill Records presentation at Beaver Point Hall. 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**STASH!** SS Tennis Association's silent art auction. Plus cash & carry tables. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Canadian Federation of University Women.** Harbour House Crofton Room. 10 a.m.  
**Healthy Family Weekend.** Free childcare, workshops, playshops and certifications offered throughout the day. GISS. Info: Sunshine at coreinfo@shaw.ca or 250-538-8718.  
**West Coast Work Boat Fall Rendezvous.** Active, retired and renovated work boats gather at Kanaka Dock. Open to public from 1-3:30 p.m.

## Sun. Sept. 27

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Billie Woods.** Tree House Cafe.  
**Los Zococolos.** Moby's. 7-10 p.m.  
**The Barley Brothers.** Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Every Goodbye Ain't Gone Book Launch.** A photo-narrative of black heritage on Salt Spring by author Evelyn C. White and photographer Joanne Bealy. Lions Hall. 2-4 p.m.  
**Nurturing Children's Health.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Saci, 250-653-0068.  
**Self-Care for Cold & Flu Season.** Arbutus Therapy Centre. 2-4 p.m. Registration required: 250-537-4728, ext. 1.  
**Islanders for Self-Government.** AGM at Mahon Hall. 3 p.m.  
**West Coast Work Boat Fall Rendezvous.** Sail past from Kanaka Dock beginning at 11 a.m.  
**PFLAG.** Meeting, support group & film showing of It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School. All Saints. 1-3 p.m. 250-537-7773 (pflagssi@live.com).  
**Salt Spring Badminton Club.** Age 12 and up at GISS gym. 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
**Climbing Wall.** Community Services. 6:30-9 p.m.

## Mon. Sept. 28

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Sugar & Gold.** Through music, slides & stories, blues singers Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley recount the history of slavery and the Underground Railroad ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Issues in Fulford.** Fulford Study Group public meeting at Fulford Hall, OAP Room. 7:30 p.m.  
**Adult Beginner Band Classes.** Monday evenings beginning tonight. Info: Wendy, 250-537-4654 or islandwinds@telus.net.  
**Homeopathy Walk-in Clinic.** Arbutus Therapy Centre. 9 a.m. to noon. Info: 250-537-4728.  
**Kindergym.** Indoor park at Community Gospel for preschoolers aged 0-4 years and their caregivers. 9:30 to 11 a.m. 250-537-2622.  
**Body Ball.** Low-impact aerobics class using exercise balls. All Saints. 9-10:15 a.m. Fulford Hall. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
**Bones for Life.** Cats Pajamas Studio & Antler Ridge Studio. 4 p.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681.  
**Toastmasters.** Meet Mondays at the Harbour House Crofton Room. 7 p.m.

## Tues. Sept. 29

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Gene Grooms.** Blues at the Harbour House. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group.** A chance to get re-acquainted and greet new members. Farmers Institute upstairs meeting room. 1:30 p.m.  
**Market in the Meadow.** Tuesday Farmers' Market. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Community Ed Registration Table.** Sign-up for fall courses at Country Grocer before early registration discount ends. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Taoist Tai Chi.** New beginner class at The Gate House. 9 to 10:30 a.m.  
**Strength Training Class.** Beaver Point Hall 8:30 to 9:30 am. Info: 250-653-4656, trisha@synergyfit.ca  
**Contemporary Dance.** Cats Pajamas Studio & Antler Ridge Studio (call for exact location). 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

- PhotoSynthesis** features work of 24 Salt Spring photographers at ArtSpring daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sunday, Oct. 4.
- Salt Spring Artists' Gallery of Fine Art** is now open at 135 McPhillips Avenue.
- creBivvy:** Three members of original group — **Judith Borbas, Don Hodgins & Margaret Threlfall** — exhibit paintings to Sept. 30 at the open space gallery at ArtSpring.
- Point Gallery: Family Albums,** work by **Ian Thomas,** runs daily to Monday, Oct. 12. Walk in entrance on South Ridge Drive.
- Salt Spring, Real and Imagined,** photographs by **Amy Melious,** is the September show at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe.
- Louis Renaud** shows photographs at **Island Savings Credit Union.**
- 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.
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## PUB MUSIC

### Thursday Night Spotlight debuts

Acoustic night alternates with blues at Moby's

This Thursday, Sept. 24, Moby's begins a new series of acoustic unplugged shows to be held every second Thursday, alternating with Dave Roland's Blues Night.

Thursday Night Spotlight will feature a guest performer, with a warmup set and backup by your hosts KC Kelly and Dave Roland.

All acoustic and in the folk/blues/roots vein, be prepared for an evening of fine music.

Brent Shindell is featured this Thursday. Well known as one of Vancouver's finest musicians and a successful songwriter, he has performed with Doucette, One Horse Blue and Shari Ulrich, and released a CD of original songs.

Two cover versions of his songs cracked the Top 10.

"No stranger to Salt Spring audiences, Shindell has yet to perform his tunes on his Martin guitar, so this will be a first," said show host Kelly.

Oct. 8 features Brian MacDonald (aka Buck), who has lived on Salt Spring for many years and is a founding member of the Barley Brothers.

With the longest running gig on the island, he can still be found every Sunday evening at the Fulford Inn.

Originally a bluegrass trio, Buck and the group performed many festivals in Canada and the USA and released a CD. After some personnel changes, the group has now evolved towards a more folk/roots style, with Buck's songwriting leading the way.

People can expect to hear his hits Ordinary Day and Let It Shine.

Bill Johnson, Victoria's legendary blues guitarist, will be featured on Oct. 22.

According to blues icon Ken Hamm, "He's the very best electric guitarist in the country," but he also packs a mean dobro.

Shows will be recorded for future broadcast on Salt Spring's radio CFSI 107.9 FM, so people are invited to come and be part of the live radio audience.

Music begins at 8 p.m.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**FOLK FUN:** Ron Ateah gives a musical demonstration at the fall fair as he sells tickets for the upcoming Salt Spring Folk Club season.

## FUNDRAISING

# Initiative heartens forgotten prisoners

Justice Jam fundraiser set for Oct. 3

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Heather Luna-Rose stepped nervously into Bangkok's Bangkok Central Prison five years ago, she had no idea she'd end up with a lasting friendship, let alone a string of avid pen pals.

In a letter Luna-Rose received earlier this month, Soepaing, a 38-year-old Burmese inmate, talks about prison life, his dreams, and his health.

He adds that the medicine Luna-Rose sent in March still hasn't arrived.

Luna-Rose shrugs as she reads the passage. She figures prison guards have made off with the \$250 worth of ulcer medication before it got anywhere near its intended recipient.

While in jail, she said, Soepaing has learned to read and write in both Thai and English. His immaculately written letters look as if they were typed up and printed off on a laser printer.

But there are no computers in Bangkok Central. From the sound of things, there's not much of anything except hard times and desperation.

"They are living in medieval-like conditions, suffering with illnesses nobody here would even blink an eye at," she said.

That's precisely why Luna-Rose's letters have come to mean so much to the handful of inmates she corresponds with on a regular basis.

Most of the prison's foreign inmates have been convicted, under questionable legal proceedings, of drug trafficking offences.

Soepaing's Thai employer, for example, demanded he transport meth amphetamine into northern Thailand from Burma, where the drug is legal, cheap and readily available.

Soepaing was relatively lucky; he was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Soepaing's friend wasn't so fortunate and was gunned down on site by Thai border guards.

Luna-Rose's stories stand in striking contrast to the idyllic Thailand many of us imagine. Even for most Thais, she added, what happens

behind Bangkok's walls is out of sight and well out of mind.

The Salt Springer's work over the past few years has done a lot to shed light on the prisoners' plight. Based on the progress she's already made, she's just getting started.

"I'm determined this is just going to get bigger and bigger," she said in a recent interview.

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HEATHER LUNA-ROSE  
Fundraising organizer

Luna-Rose started a website (www.luna-rose.ca) to spread the word and is two months away from obtaining registered non-profit status for her prisoner support group.

She's even got a few other Salt Springers writing letters to Soepaing's fellow inmates.

"People have come up to me asking how they can help," she said. "The response has been really encouraging."

To raise funds for urgently needed antibiotics and other basic necessities, Luna-Rose is organizing the Justice Jam, a fun-filled event at the Harbour House Hotel featuring local bands and performers like the Barley Brothers, Sue Newman, and Simone Lamers.

A silent auction and emcee antics from island funny man Arvid Chalmers will round out the entertainment.

All proceeds from the Sat., Oct. 3 event go towards supplies Luna-Rose will deliver in person in January.

Tickets for the Justice Jam, \$20, are available at the Harbour House Hotel and Salt Spring Books.

For more information, contact Luna-Rose at 250-537-5571 or 250-526-0265.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## CONCERT REVIEW

# Canada-proud National Broadcast Orchestra exceeds all expectations in debut at ArtSpring

Full house treated to exciting program

BY MITCH HOWARD  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On a familiar stage in front of me last Wednesday evening was a small orchestra newly minted as the National Broadcast Orchestra — a cultural phoenix rising from the ashes of a wildly unpopular, myopic, bean counter's decision to kill the legendary CBC Radio Orchestra almost a year ago.

My first impression, besides seeing familiar faces and names from the "old" orchestra, is just how amazingly bold it was for conductor Alain Trudel and the board of this brave new venture to dub themselves with a name that included the word "national." National organizations don't usually hail from the West Coast.

Before a note is played, the excitement in the house is not emanating from audience alone. This is the now independent NBO's inaugural performance and they are visibly eager and excited to be playing for their Salt Spring audience.

After a stirring O Canada, conductor Alain Trudel addressed the audience in both official languages on behalf of the orchestra, thanking the full house for Salt Spring's support throughout their transition from the old to this scary new national identity.

On a typical program, seldom would one see Canadian orchestral compositions sharing equal real estate with Haydn and Prokofiev — never is more likely. Yet here it was! Of the evening's six-work program, fully half of the musical offerings were Canadian!

Michael Oesterle's Overture to The Sparrow's Ledger (a CBC-commissioned world premiere) began the program, an inspiring, short piece definitely reminiscent of quality theatre music.

A scherzo-like series of catchy rhythmic themes was crisply punctuated by dialogues between small groups of instruments, which

served to demonstrate the individual musical strengths of various inner parts.

Appropriately, Haydn's very first symphony followed Oesterle's premiere. Lively and exceptionally clean, the strings in particular shone throughout the symphony, and Trudel did not shy at all from the "Presto" marking of the first and last movements.

A small orchestra carries with it both the blessing and the curse of crystal-clear transparency.

A blessing because with only one to six players in any one section, there is so much potential for delicacy and intimate ensemble work. The curse? There is no comfort in numbers, as a fleet of violinists will often poorly excuse slight pitch variations.

In the first movement, Haydn provided the strings with ample opportunities for either brilliantly delicate or wincingly strained entrances. The NBO's small band of violins were nearly flawless in their exceptional grace and precision, the entire piece characterized by lovingly nuanced phrasing and dynamic contrast.

I don't think anyone was prepared for what happened next. Canadian trumpet soloist Jens Lindemann appeared on stage, seemingly channelling some Doc Severinsen in his fiery red jacket and easy audience banter. Lindemann and I go way back to high school, but this is a hambone side of him I've never seen. I imagine Lindemann acquired some of his "fire up the crowd" schtick from his days in the celebrated Canadian Brass group. Regardless of its origin, Lindemann employed his substantial flair with abandon and had this audience in the palm of his hand.

After a quick costume change (a sparkly blue jacket this time), Lindemann had the audience on their feet once for his encore piece, a Cootie Williams tune called Echoes of Harlem complete with Williams' signature "growling" plunger work. Lindemann demonstrated his equal ease with the idiom, while allowing the orchestra to prove that

they could swing with the best of them. By intermission, the buzz in ArtSpring was already electric.

Sergei Prokofiev is not a "classical composer," yet his Classical symphony (No. 1, Op. 25) embraces the forms and orchestral traditions of the early classical period while utilizing 20th century elements, and employing much greater technical sophistication than possible for Haydn and his contemporaries. The second half of the evening led with another "first."

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## audience.

Once again, the ensemble's technical expertise and transparency won us over. From the delicate lines of the first movement, to a stunningly beautiful Larghetto movement that ended in barely a whisper, and the very playful Gavotte of the third, the orchestra proved itself small but mighty once again.

The dynamic range and breadth of phrase that the NBO displayed through bulk of this work was eclipsed only by their brilliant execution of the final *molto vivace*, a tempo designation taken absolutely literally.

Although the technical excellence of the entire ensemble was brilliant, this final movement belonged to the virtuosity and musicality of the woodwinds. There was intentional and beautiful shape and direction to even the most breakneck of passages, leaving us all in a state of awe.

This symphony could have easily been programmed to end the concert; it has all the required elements of "the Big Finish."

Instead, Trudel programmed two short Canadian works to end this proudly Canadian concert. Fortunately, Rodney Sharman was on hand to give an entertaining and brief explanation of his work *Scarlattiana*, an orchestral interpretation of Scarlatti's F# keyboard sonata.

Sharman characterized his work as a transcription; although the main themes of the sonata were present, especially in the violins and trumpets, the piece seemed more representational. Given Scarlatti's influence on the early classical style, and Sharman's well-crafted portrayal, the piece fit beautifully into the evening's program.

By this time in the concert, I was already wondering how I could adequately describe the evening.

Adding to a truly delightful musical feast, Trudel programmed Robert Lepage's *Costa Brava*, a piece employing Spanish themes and recorded sounds of street music, kids playing and casual street themes to usher in each new movement.

Superlatives aside, and I've used many, the NBO exceeded all expectations as a truly professional, passionate and virtuosic ensemble. More remarkable, however, was the tangible sense of pride in what they had accomplished in the rebirth of a national institution.

Among the many hopes expressed in the mandate of this new orchestra is to showcase the wealth of orchestral talent, both in performance and composition that Canada has to offer, while humbly recognizing the collaboration and hope required of our entire musical community.

Throughout this historic evening, Trudel and the NBO would admirably demonstrate such hope in spades, while never letting us forget that we, Canadians all, proudly own a share in nurturing their dream. O Canada indeed.

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# People & Community



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## ZEN Fall Zen retreat explores meditation

Runs Friday evening through Sunday

BY ROWAN PERCY  
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If you ever wonder whether meditation would help you deal with those pesky life companions — thoughts and emotions — the Zen retreat in early October may be just the thing for you.

Salt Spring Zen Circle is offering its nonresidential fall retreat at the Gatehouse, Oct. 2 to 4. It starts Friday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. and ends on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

If a whole weekend of meditating seems like too much, participants are welcome to attend for the period they can do.

Beginners, seasoned meditators, and people from all religious traditions are welcome to participate. Instruction is provided and those who find it difficult to sit on a cushion will be provided with a chair.

Karen Ferguson, a regular retreat participant, says, "Meditating with others strengthens

my life, and connects me with others in a deep and quiet way, which is very healing."

The weekend offers half-hour meditation periods interspersed with walking meditation, talks and the possibility of interviews with the teacher.

A brief period in which participants work together silently is also traditional to this weekend of Zen practice, called "sesshin," which means to touch the heart-mind.

The retreat is guided by Peter Levitt, who studied for three decades with Jakusho Kwong Roshi, a spiritual heir of his teacher, Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, the well-known and beloved author of *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind*.

Levitt has taught Zen meditation on Salt Spring since 2001. He was inspired to resume Zen teaching after 9/11 as a way of helping people in these challenging times.

"Zen is known for its simplicity and humour. What is sometimes not understood is that at the heart of Zen is the conviction that we

are perfect exactly as we are, we just need a little improvement. This basic compassion and faith in our humanness helps us to accept and embrace our life as it is," says Levitt. "It's just wonderful when eyes and hearts and hands begin to open all at once. Then, we understand our lives in a new way. It's really so moving, so simple and so grand."

The peaceful and regenerating surrounds of Stowel Lake farm support this retreat with their beauty. Nurturing homemade vegetarian meals and snacks are provided.

The cost for the weekend is \$80 and includes all meals. Donations for the teacher are gratefully received, as is traditional in Zen practice, since the basic fee does not include remuneration for the teacher.

Billeting is provided to off-islanders for those who register early.

To register or to find out more about this retreat or to enquire generally about Zen practice on Salt Spring, please call Rowan at 250-537-2831.

## GENDER ISSUES

## PFLAG encourages broad community participation for next Sunday's meeting

Documentary film on agenda

The next local PFLAG chapter meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27 at All Saints includes the showing of a documentary film.

As part of the meeting and support group session that begins at 1 p.m., *It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues In School*, will be shown.

It's described as "an extremely moving portrait of how schools can address these important issues and especially for educators and parents concerned about preventing violence and prejudice."

Meetings of PFLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Queer and Transgender People — are open to everyone and are completely confidential.

"Our usual meeting times are on the last Sunday of each month and consist of either a film showing or a guest speaker, a facilitated discussion and support group," explains press material.

"Participating in the sharing process is voluntary. Whether you are a parent, sibling or family member; gay, lesbian, queer, transgender or questioning yourself; an ally or supporter; an educator or concerned about addressing issues of prejudice, discrimination and fear of difference; or interested in getting information and support of any kind — you are welcome to attend."

Future meetings are planned for Oct. 25 and Nov. 29 and will include guest speakers.

Additional members are now being sought to support the group in outreach activities and in making sure that islanders are aware of the organization.

"We also especially welcome more involvement from parents, as PFLAG chapters have always been parent-driven."

For more information, phone 250-537-7773; email: pflagssi@live.com (local) or www.pflagcanada.ca (national).

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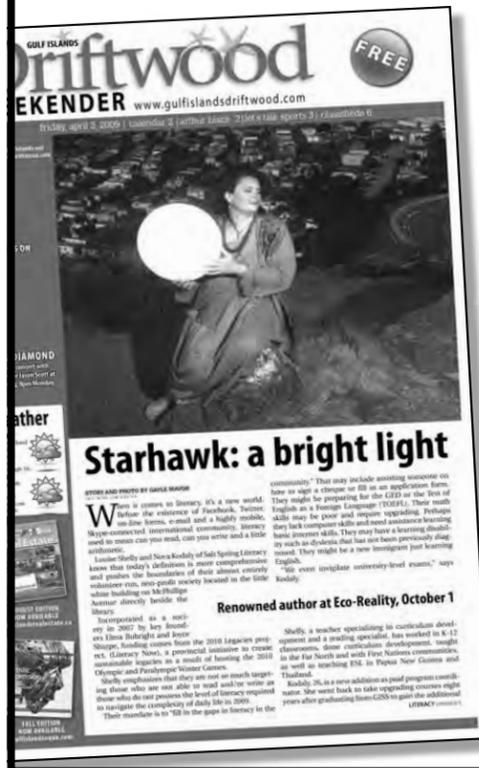


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## PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

### FAMILIES

# Healthy Family Weekend grows

Resource-rich event at GISS

Since "healthy" is a word that should ideally represent all families, organizers of Salt Spring's first Healthy Family Weekend have created an event they hope will promote the following ideas and resources:

**H- Happy** — allowing joy to come forth in our community families.

**E- Environmentally Responsible** — creating ease in caring for our Earth and resources.

**A- Awareness:** developing a one-stop database of local products and services for families.

**L- Loving** — nurturing this feeling and capabil-

ity so that it becomes the "decision filter."

**T-Truth** — fostering child and parent communication so that all truths are heard.

**H- Honesty** — calling forth whatever is present in family dynamics and creating openness.

**Y- Yes** — to solutions and creating ease of access to community family resources.

Community parents are invited to join the events being held at Gulf Islands Secondary School for the Healthy Family Weekend during Sept. 26-27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more details or questions, contact Sunshine at coreinfo@shaw.ca or 250-538-8718.



**QUARTER-CENTURY HONOURS:** Ken Marr, Windsor Plywood co-owner, accepts an award from staff and co-managers for his 25 years with the company on Salt Spring.

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### ACTIVISM EVENTS

## Starhawk enlightens way to Earth-friendly future

Relocalization part of making transition

Islanders can see acclaimed Earth activist Starhawk as she presents Making the Transition at Fulford Hall on Thursday, Oct. 1.

In the talk that begins at 7:30 p.m., Starhawk looks at the tremendous challenges that are about to impact humanity through climate change and peak energy, and how societies can transition to a less energy-intensive future.

"Our energy systems, our

food growing systems, our patterns of work, socializing and play — all need to change now, not sometime in the vague future," says Starhawk.

"One of the most powerful responses to this challenge has been the movement toward relocalization: taking root again in community."

An award-winning author, Starhawk is perhaps best known for her ecotopian novel The Fifth Sacred Thing, and is author or co-author of 11 books. Her writings are widely anthologized, quoted and included in college curricula,

and have been translated into 11 languages.

A pioneer in the revival of Earth-based spirituality, Starhawk is co-founder of Reclaiming, an activist branch of modern Paganism.

"We need a shift in consciousness as well as technology," Starhawk states. "We are a part of nature, part of a living being who is the Earth; all life is interconnected and inter-related."

As a global justice activist and organizer, her work and writings have inspired many others to action. She was one

of the first to report police abuse at the recent American Republican political convention, and is active in non-violent justice action for Palestinians.

Admission for Making the Transition is \$25 in advance with tickets at Salt Spring Books or EcoReality Sustainable Land Use and Education Cooperative, or \$30 at the door. A book signing will follow the talk.

The event is co-sponsored by Salt Spring Books and EcoReality, an ecovillage in the Fulford Valley.

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### ISLAND EVENTS

## Work boats ease into harbour

Fall Rendezvous lures nautical buffs

Organizers of the fifth-annual work boat gathering in Ganges Harbour anticipate this weekend's event will be the best one yet.

Coastal history enthusiasts will get a chance to step aboard some vintage West Coast work boats, chat with vessel owners, and maybe pick up some inspiration of their own when vessels open their hatches to the public at a Saturday event between 1 and 3:30 p.m.

A sailpast and departure ceremony will be visible from the shoreline Sunday at 11 a.m.

Onlookers can get a peek at the outside of the vessels during regular dock hours from Sept. 25 to 27.

Martin Milner, Salt Spring-based coordinator of the rendezvous and owner of his own classic vessel, expects 55 boats to arrive at the Kanaka Dock for

this year's event.

Boats from the Gulf Islands will be joined by others from northern Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and Washington State.

Milner said the popularity of work-boats, be they active, retired or renovated, has risen steadily over the past several years.

"Living on the coast, it's something that's natural," Milner said.

Most of the vessels are former fishing vessels that have been converted into comfortable living spaces.

Others are works in progress.

Milner said many ship owners stop by Salt Spring Island on their way home after a sailing season that's seen them travel up the coast.

The fall rendezvous is hosted by the West Coast Work Boat Association and the Salt Spring Island Harbour Authority.

Admission to the event is free of charge.

### FESTIVALS

## Annual apple fest blossoms Oct. 4

At last year's Salt Spring Apple Festival, more than 1,500 people fell in love with apples.

Organizer Harry Burton hopes at least that many will do the same in 2009 at the 11th annual version of the Sunday, Oct. 4 event.

People can pick up a self-guided tour map at Fulford Hall, which also houses an amazing display and some fun special events, or outside the Ganges Visitor Information Centre. Farms are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students,

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## MEN'S SOCCER



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Old Boys' head coach and player Richard Steel leaps into action in the goal box.

## Old Boys open season with a win over Zgoda

Victory gets team off to strong start

The Salt Spring Old Boys over-35 soccer club is now in second place in their division after the team won its season opener against Zgoda 2.

"It's our first win in a long long time so we're pretty ecstatic about it," said player Doug Pearson.

The Old Boys fended off Zgoda's late surge and held on for a 3-2 victory at Portlock Park on Sunday morning.

John MacDonald scored two goals and Mike McCormick netted a single

goal for the Old Boys.

Pearson said the team's strong start came from the rigorous training regime implemented by new head coach Richard Steel.

"He's got us running and doing actual drills now," Pearson said.

Players are confident their newfound motivation and fitness will translate into an exciting 2009-10 soccer season, Pearson added.

The Old Boys' next home game is against Vantreights on Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

The team plays in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division.

## TENNIS FUNDRAISER

# Silent auction lets patrons 'stash' goodies

Junior-senior tennis tourney also on tap

Special events are planned to mark the 30th anniversary of the Salt Spring Tennis Association on Saturday, Sept. 26.

From 8 a.m. until noon, Portlock Park will be the site of the SSTA's first junior/senior tennis tournament. It will be a "mixed-up" doubles format and promises lots of entertainment, prizes and refreshments.

This year the tournament is dedicated to the memory of much-loved association member Jack Barclay, who spent lots of time coaching junior players. Sharon Bond, Barclay's widow, will present the prizes. Everyone is invited to come and be part of the party.

The other public event will be the STASH — Salt Spring Tennis Association's "shhhh" — Silent Auction at Mahon Hall. This one-day-only, silent "art and more" auction will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is the latest in a series of SSTA fundraising activities this year, all proposed, planned and carried out by various SSTA members. Again, the whole community is invited to what will be a treasure-hunter's field day.

Money raised will go towards building a community indoor tennis facility. This will be used by the whole community, including schools, junior tennis, tennis leagues and people who have been unable to keep up their regular fitness regime during the cold months since the tennis bubble at Portlock Park finally wore out.

Auction items include a Limoges vase, Japanese woodcut prints, pieces by notable artists such as Nick Bantock and Jerry Davidson, an unofficial and one-of-a-kind Salt Spring tartan shaw woven for this event, a tea service set no tennis player should be without, woodwork, fabric art, paintings, photography and pottery, gift certificates from local businesses and artists, antiques and collectibles, and contributions of crafts and produce from many Saturday market vendors.

Successful bidders can take their items between 5 and 6 p.m. Saturday, so market visitors can catch a ferry home that day. Buyers may also return on Sunday morning between 9 and 11 a.m. to pay and pick up if they choose.

There will also be cash and carry tables with both the artistic and the functional: from Nepalese handmade paper cards to vacuum cleaners.

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Div. 2 FC ties Vantreights in 1-1 match

FC Alumni to host division champs

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC snagged a single point from its game against Vantreights on Saturday afternoon.

The draw improves FC's record to 1-0-1, enough to give the team sole possession of third place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's (VISL) second division.

Salt Spring FC took the lead 20 minutes into Saturday's game on a goal by Christopher Jason.

No other scoring opportunities presented themselves until midway through the second half when Vantreights' Kevin Brazier snuck one past fill-in keeper Ryan Smith, a regular with Gan-

ges Gremio. Morrison said many Gremio players took to the field to help FC field a full complement of players for the game.

"They're a good bunch of guys," said FC's Jordon Morrison.

Morrison said FC will be prepared to field a full roster this weekend against the Prospect Lake Lakers (1-1-0) in Victoria.

In other local Vancouver Island Soccer League news:

Players with Salt Spring Alumni FC hope to continue their strong start as the team prepares to host the very best their division has to offer.

FC Alumni led an offensive blockbuster of a match in Sooke on Sunday, defeating Sooke United 7-4.

Jude Shugar (2), Sean Norgard

(2), Mike Brown, Richard Lee and Dave McColl provided enough scoring to outpace Sooke's strong showing.

Sunday's victory gives FC Alumni a 2-0 record and a three-way tie for first spot in the VISL's Masters-A division.

FC Alumni hosts UVic Alumni on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Portlock Park.

The UVic squad, a perennial favorite to dominate the division, features many one-time provincial and national team players.

Ganges Gremio's weekend match against Sooke was cancelled.

The team's next confirmed home game is against Pacific FC at Portlock Park on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 2:15 p.m.

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would like to thank Tim & John at TJ Beans for donating the Andrew Krizan Sportsperson trophy for Bocce player of the year; and for again hosting a terrific party for us. The pizzas from Pomodoro were super! Many thanks to Robert Elsea and Diana Stocks for their great support and encouragement as we grew as a team!! Also, thanks to Pharmasave for supplying us with hand cleaner. It was a great year.  
**You guys all rock !**

#### COMING EVENTS

#### BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY 2

Rev. Karen Fraser-Gitlitz will lead this exciting course starting Monday, Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m. at the SS Seniors' Centre. It will run every 2 weeks until Dec. 14. No prerequisite, open to all faiths. A deepening understanding of your own faith path, and of others'. \$10 fee for materials. Call 250-537-8327.

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#### SSTA Silent Auction

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more info  
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**BEGINNER'S SWING** dance, no partner req. 6 nights starting mid-Oct. Morley 537-4898 or mgallery@telus.net

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#### UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

Guest speaker Diane Lehmann will talk to us and show slides of her trip to Ecuador 11am, Sunday 27 Sept, at S.S. Seniors' Centre. www.saltspringunitarian.com

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#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 7pm. Jack Rosen's multi media presentation of his Kayak Adventure to Alaska. Community Gospel Hall. Proceeds to SSI Conservancy. Cost \$5.

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#### LAYARD, Captain Donald deCaumont August 6th 1928 - September 15th 2009



**Don** was born at Deep Cove, near Victoria BC, to Mary and Arthur (Molly and Toge) Layard, the youngest of four siblings (Paul, Louise, & Vivien). The majority of Don's early life was spent at the family homestead at Booth Bay, Salt Spring Island; he had a very adventurous childhood in what was a different era on Salt Spring. The family business was Rainbow Beach Resort, where Don helped with most aspects of the daily operations, as well as enjoying the "good stuff" - sailing, fishing, hunting, soccer, and tennis. It was not unusual for Don and his siblings to row from Booth Bay, around the north end of Salt Spring, to Ganges to play tennis at the old Harbour House, and then row home again. Don went to school at North Shore College in North Vancouver, and then, after the age of 14, on Salt Spring, graduating from the local school. He began work on Salt Spring in the logging industry.

During the war years, Don's older brother enlisted for active duty, and he too attempted to enlist, but his older sister Vivienne caught wind of this, and revealed his true age to the enlisting officers at Patricia Bay. Consequently, he remained on Salt Spring and signed up for the Coastal Rangers instead, but was disappointed by the fact that the war never arrived on this coastline.

After the war, Don became a member of the BC Provincial Police. He was mainly assigned to Vancouver, although he did have a few stories to tell of adventures elsewhere in BC. He then went land surveying with his brother-in-law Adrian Wolfe-Milner and spent quite a bit of time roughing it in the bush, helping map out various corners of the province and the area around Great Slave Lake.

But Don's true calling was the sea, and soon he began working on tugboats for various companies up and down the coast of BC. It was during this time that he began dating his future wife, Olive Kitchener, even going so far as to travel to Auckland, New Zealand to court her after she moved there. Don and Olive married in Vancouver in 1956. In 1958, after Michele was born, they moved back to Salt Spring and built their home on Booth Canal, where Alan joined them in 1962.

In 1959, Don moved from working on the tugs to the Gulf Islands Ferry Company, owned and operated by the Mouat family on Salt Spring, and was working on the Cy Peck when the BC Ferry & Toll Authority took the company over in the early sixties. He remained with BC Ferries for the next thirty years, working his way through the ranks, becoming Senior Master for the Long Harbour route in the early eighties. In 1986 Don brought the "Queen of Nanaimo" on its inaugural run into Long Harbour, and he remained a well-loved skipper on that ship until his retirement in 1992.

After retirement from the ferries Don continued working on boats, first with the Oak Bay Marine group, travelling to the Queen Charlotte Islands and Hakai Pass, and later with Gulf Islands Water Taxi.

Throughout his retirement years, Don remained busy; camping, fishing, and boating, as well as enjoying a very active social life with his many friends and acquaintances. He was also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Salmon Enhancement.

Don loved boats and he had lots of them in his lifetime! Over the years, he sailed many times in the Round Salt Spring Island race, and once in the Little Swiftsure. He had a vast amount of knowledge about the islands, and the BC coast in general. He loved reading, especially history, enjoyed political discussions and telling bad jokes.

Predeceased by his brother and sisters, and his wife Olive, Don is survived and greatly missed by his daughter Michele (John), son Alan (Pam), granddaughter Becky (Dane), grandson Tyler, as well as two nieces and six nephews and their families, and many friends.

There will be a **Celebration of Don's life** on **Saturday October 3rd 2009, at Meaden Hall (Royal Canadian Legion) from noon to 3pm**, followed by a private family gathering at the original homestead at Rainbow Beach.

*"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."*

Donations in Memory of Don Layard are gratefully accepted by Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement, Island Savings Credit Union, Salt Spring branch, account# 738104 for stream restoration projects on Booth Canal.

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11 - 12:30am **Stretch Tone in Motion** {Rani Dunkley} start Oct 5  
5 - 6:30pm **Vijnana Yoga Level 1** {Cathy Valentine} start Sept 21  
7 - 8:30pm **Yoga** {Celeste Mallett} start Sept 21

### TUESDAY

9 - 10:30am **Beginners Taoist Tai Chi** {Wendy Webb} start Sept 22  
5:15 - 6:45pm **Yoga** {Gay Meagley} start Sept 29  
7 - 8:30pm **Mixed Level Hatha Flow** {Dorothy Price} start Sept 8

### WEDNESDAY

9 - 10:30am **Mixed Level Hatha Flow** {Dorothy Price} start Sept 9  
5:45 - 7:15pm **Mindful Yoga** {Patricia Galaczy} start Sept 9  
7:30 - 9pm **Meditation** {Heather Martin} on-going

### THURSDAY

9 - 11am **Vijnana Yoga Level 2** {Cathy Valentine} start Sept 24  
5 - 6pm **EDGU** {Wendy Judith Cutler} start Oct 1  
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**Sunday Sept. 27th 2-4pm**  
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The Fulford Study Group has a continuing mandate to assist with planning Fulford's future by studying local needs and bringing recommendations to the Islands Trust and other agencies.

Please bring your issues, ideas and energy to a **PUBLIC MEETING**  
ON: Monday, September 28, 2009  
AT: 7:30PM  
PLACE: OAP Room, Fulford Hall

All are welcome – here's a chance to become more involved in the future of the Fulford area!  
For more information, please contact Larry Woods @ 250-653-9892.

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The deadline for the current applications is **Wed. Sept. 30/09** Application forms are available on our website [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) or at the PARC office. Call 250-537-4448 or email [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com)



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Any person having a claim against the Estate of the Late **Diana Marion Elliott**, formerly of 123 Fir St. Brinkworthy is asked to forward the claim before October 16 2009, to the **Executor, Ian G. Elliott, 3711 Bosun Way Pender Island, BC V0N 2M2**. Any claim received after this date will not be considered.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the **Estate of Valerie Rose Melville**, Deceased, formerly of 145 Sandpiper Place, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, who died on June 29, 2009, are hereby required to send them to the Executors, **Linda Lou Moore and John Ross Fox, c/o MacMinn and Company at 846 Broughton Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1E4**, before October 29, 2009, after which date the Executors will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the Executors then have notice.

Linda Lou Moore and John Ross Fox, Executors, by their Solicitor, Deborah A. Todd, MacMinn and Company

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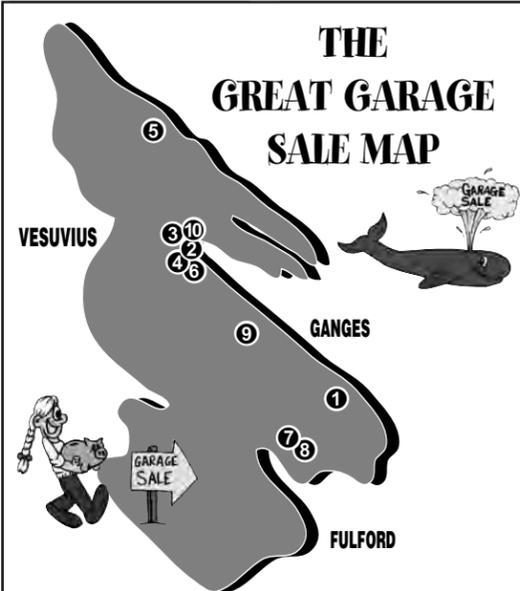
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## WOMEN'S SOCCER



Salt Spring United plays to a 0-0 draw against Gordon Head in women's soccer action last weekend.

# Div. 2 United earns a draw

Hosts division's best this weekend

Salt Spring United earned its first point of the season by tying Gordon Head at the lower high school field on Sunday afternoon.

Player Sue-Anne Donaldson credited the team's solid defensive play and a great effort from "super keeper" Joanne O'Connor for the tie.

"We all played a really good game," she said. "We're really coming together and sort of finding our feet."

Players hope to build on lessons learned over the past two weeks when they host the undefeated and division-leading Bays United (2-0-0) squad.

"I think we need to work on finishing off and getting the ball in the back of the net," Donaldson said.

Div. 2 Salt Spring United takes to the lower high school field on Saturday afternoon at 12:30.

PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Season opener launched with enthusiasm

Defeat provides basis for what to work on

A brand new women's team in the Over-30 division learned how the group is shaping up with their first game of the season last Sunday.

The enthusiastic group, comprised of former Dragons players and women new to island soccer, met the Cowichan Leon Signs for a match that ended in a 2-0 defeat for the local

women, but afforded valuable lessons for the team, said spokesperson Louise Doucet.

"We played very well together, but haven't gelled yet as a team, particularly in the mid-field," Doucet said.

With several beginners to the sport fielded during the game, the Over-30s managed to keep the ball away from the net until the end of the first half, when Cowichan broke through their defence.

The second goal for the Leon

Signs came at the end of the second half, in what Doucet called "mainly an issue of fitness in terms of keeping them out."

Despite the two goals against them, the Over 30s managed to keep the opposing team from scoring more, with outstanding leadership by team captain and Dragon alumnus, Meghan Gutierrez.

"Meghan played an excellent game directing people in defence and in midfield," said

Doucet.

The star of the game, however, was goalie Kim Bellavance, who "kept out numerous attacks on net and had some beautiful saves."

For their second match as a team, Salt Spring United Over 30s will play a home game against Vic West Scottish.

Doucet said for this week's training, the team will be "working on improving on mid-field, being first to the ball and sending it into space."

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

# Bocce finals cap Special Olympics season



PHOTO BY SEAN MACINTYRE

Chris Joynson (left) takes his turn at the annual bocce tournament at Centennial Park as competitor Carlos Manzano watches on.

Fortin earns Krizan memorial trophy

The Salt Spring Island Special Olympics society's 2009 summer bocce season culminated with good times and smiling faces under clear blue skies at Centennial Park last week.

Ten participants took part in four bocce-related games aimed at honing hand-eye coordination, timing and accuracy.

Amy Fortin earned the day's Andrew Krizan Memorial trophy, presented in a special ceremony over pizza at TJ Beans following the event.

"She really lit up when we announced her name," said Merv Anderson, the Special Olympics local coordinator.

"She was incredibly happy and proud of what she had accomplished."

The Salt Spring Special Olympics group runs two programs each year, bowling and bocce. Bocce is in its third year of existence and the season runs from the third week of June to the third week of September.

Anderson became involved in the coordination of local Special Olympics events nearly four years ago when he decided to help out in memory of his friends' challenged daughter.

He thanked Salt Spring's Tim O'Connor and John Dolman for their continued support of the Special Olympics group.

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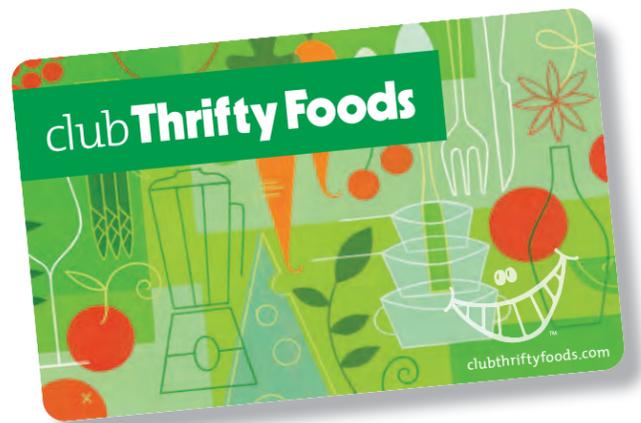
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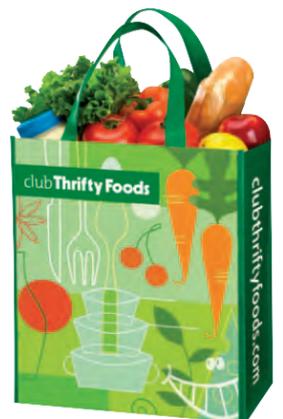


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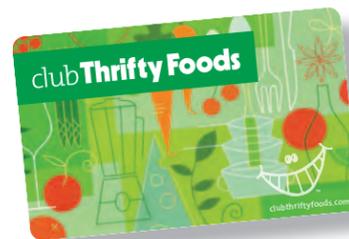
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