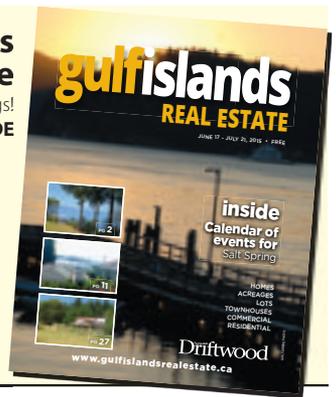


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**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

## Fires prompt increased vigilance

Crews douse two Friday blazes

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Lawnhill Drive homeowner credits Salt Spring firefighters with saving her home and averting a major forest fire after a spark from her chimney landed on her cedar shake roof Friday morning.

"Everyone was really great," said Penny Berton. "Anybody who sees [the house] can't believe it."

Berton and her neighbours rapidly deployed a garden hose to water down the home's mossy roof and nearby trees until fire crews arrived. She said her biggest worry was whether the fire would spread to neighbouring trees in the densely forested area.

Neighbour John Cameron reported seeing flames shoot two metres (six feet) above the roof when he arrived on the scene shortly after he smelled smoke down the road.

Cameron said he was impressed and grateful for the fast-acting emergency responders.

"They were hustling, and it was good to see; it was very controlled but very fast," he said.

Firefighters, RCMP and ambulance personnel were called to the scene just before noon and spent approximately three hours at the site.

Although the home suffered significant roof and interior damage, Berton said she expects to have repairs — which will include a new metal roof — completed within three months.

Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief AJ George said the fire is an important reminder to avoid burning of any kind at this time of year.

"A cedar roof is essentially the same material that's used for kindling," he said.

SSIFR has implemented a burning ban for all fires except campfires. Local fire hazard on the island was rated "high" as of Tuesday afternoon, but George said a shift to "extreme" is imminent.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue personnel get water on a burning Lawnhill Drive home roof on Friday.

**SSIFR**

## Trustees order standby duty change

Fire department management to share overnight shifts

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's fire chief and deputy fire chief will start sharing responsibility for overnight duty officer shifts with union personnel as a cost-saving measure passed by the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board of trustees on Monday night.

Speaking on Tuesday morning, Fire Chief Tom Bremner said he was not yet sure how the scheduling would be arranged, but that it would likely start in July since the June roster has already been set.

"We will work with our management team and our process and see where we go from there," Bremner said.

Trustee Norbert Schlenker introduced the motion, asking the management team to reduce stand-by duty officer shift assignment to union employees as much as possible for the remainder of 2015. A follow-up motion requires the chief to report to the trustees on the breakdown of the number of times that management, union staff and paid-on-call volunteers take the shift each month.

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EDUCATION

# Survey data set to enhance local aboriginal education

SD64 strives to improve supports and outcomes

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District has new information that will potentially aid its continuing goal to improve aboriginal education in island schools, both to ensure aboriginal students find success and to increase knowledge of First Nations history and culture for all students.

Aboriginal education coordinator Shannon Johnston, and data specialist and former teacher Martin Blakesley were at the district's June 10 board meeting to present findings of a survey they conducted this spring with students, parents and teachers.

The information gathered is intended to improve the baseline data against which the district assesses its progress in relation to the goals of its aboriginal education program. Data will be used in conjunction with a longitudinal study of grades 4 to 12 using multiple report card results, FSA data and other means.

Coming on the heels of the recently released report of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Johnston and Blakesley's presentation provided a timely reminder of education's central role in society. The TRC report shows that in the past, it was used as a tool of colonization and oppression. Today's educators face the challenge of repairing the multi-generational damage caused by this approach and creating an environment that welcomes aboriginal learners, knowledge and traditional teaching methods.

"Instead of moving towards reconciliation, there have been divisive conflicts over aboriginal education, child welfare, and justice . . . Too many Canadians know little or nothing about the deep historical roots of these conflicts," the TRC report states. "This lack of historical knowledge has serious consequences for First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and for Canada as a whole. In government circles, it makes for poor public policy decisions. In the public realm, it reinforces racist attitudes and fuels civic distrust between aboriginal peoples and other Canadians."

As Blakesley concluded at the end

of the presentation, one of the final statements in the TRC report is "The way we educate our children and ourselves must change."

SD64's most recent Aboriginal Education Agreement, which was ratified in 2013, contains three goals toward changing education that centre on the individual, the community and learning in the district. Instead of erasing aboriginal cultural identity as the residential school system sought to do, the agreement places self-identity as a cornerstone for encouraging leadership activities and successful transition between grades and school levels. Goal Three states "from the time Aboriginal learners enter a school community they will experience a culture that encompasses equality, awareness and engagement in learning."

One of the key sources the district uses for information is the "self-declaring" mechanism, in which parents or children identify as having aboriginal ancestry. Such identification is necessary for getting ministry resources and funding; although the percentage has increased over the past few years, Johnston and Blakesley noted one-third of children surveyed in the district were unsure

whether they had aboriginal heritage or not. Some of this is attributed to general unawareness of ethnic background, but mistrust in the school system is another possible factor.

**"Too many Canadians know little or nothing about the deep historical roots of these conflicts."**

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION REPORT

Survey participants were also asked about the importance of learning about aboriginal peoples and cultures, the frequency and quality of such opportunities in the district and the program's strengths and challenges.

While most students surveyed agreed that the knowledge was important or very important, not everyone was aware of when it was taking place. Many seemed to be aware of year-end special events at the embedded teachings that take place in the classroom.

Strategies for improvement include a proposal to bring First Nations artist and educator Quentin Harris into district schools two days each week in 2015-16. Nature-based programs and outdoor learning opportunities in the district also align well with First Nations knowledge and teaching methods, Johnston noted.

Johnston said she and the advisory council will be considering whether the year-end event is the best way to spend district resources, or whether to try a different approach like sending small teams into schools. Other plans include making teaching resources more accessible, perhaps with travelling bins that contain a complete teaching unit and can be sent from school to school.

Other suggestions stemming from survey information include involving elders in course development, creating stronger connections with aboriginal families, enrolling older aboriginal students as ambassador/role models, focusing on local history and events (such as the Grace Islet situation) and more professional development for staff around teaching aboriginal content.

## Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the **Gulf Islands Driftwood office** will be closed on **Wednesday July 1 - Canada Day** and will reopen for usual business hours on Thursday, July 2.

**The July 1st Gulf Islands Driftwood will be delivered on Tuesday, June 30.**

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## North-end field fire quickly controlled

### FIRES

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"The province has said this could be one of the worst fire seasons in recent history," he said.

### Grass fire sparks rapid response

Within moments of clearing out of the Lawnhill site, crews received a report of a grass fire near the end of Suffolk Road, east of St. Mary Lake.

Smoke from the fire quickly spread across North End Road to the lake's shoreline, nearly 1.5 kilometres (.9 miles) away.

Although the cause of the fire is undetermined, George said he suspects the dry grass was ignited as workers gathered hay in the



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Four pieces of SSIFR apparatus and personnel attend a grass fire on Suffolk Road on Friday.

field soon after 2:30 p.m.

The fire spread quickly, charring approximately 3,600 square metres (38,000 square feet) of farmland — an area roughly equivalent to half the size of a FIFA soccer field.

George said the fire was

swiftly brought under control by 24 firefighters.

Neither incident resulted in any injuries.

The fires were among seven calls received by the fire department on Friday. Crews also responded to a car fire, smoke sightings

and several medical calls.

Video footage from both fires is available at gulfislandsdriftwood.com and the Driftwood's Facebook site. More information about burning bans and fire hazard ratings is available at saltspringfire.com.

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## GRACE ISLET

# Panel considers lessons from Grace Islet campaign

Direct action campaign is first of many steps

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The successful 2014 campaign to protect Grace Islet represents the kind of collaborative action needed to achieve true reconciliation between indigenous and non-First Nations peoples in Canada, according to speakers at an emotional panel discussion held on the Tsartlip First Nation in Saanich earlier this month.

"I think tonight is another great step toward reconciliation," said Chief Don Tom of the Tsartlip First Nation. "Tonight is an excellent example of how we can reconcile the relationship with our neighbours."

About 120 people gathered in the Lau Welnew Tribal School on June 8 to speak about the lessons learned from Grace Islet and how to move forward from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's chilling indictment of Canada's federally supported residential school system.

Many speakers at the event shared moving stories from the residential school years; stories that speak to cultural genocide, alienation and many of the social and economic issues faced by modern First Nations communities.

Chief Vern Jacks of Tseycum First Nation took heart in the efforts of Salt Spring residents who acted to

prevent the further desecration of Grace Islet.

"We must be cousins, because you have the same beliefs that we do," he said.

One year ago this Saturday, in conjunction with National Aboriginal Day, defenders of Grace Islet launched the first volley of what became a six-month direct-action campaign to prevent construction of a home above a First Nations cemetery in Ganges Harbour.

**"We must be cousins, because you have the same beliefs that**

**we do."**

CHIEF VERN JACKS  
Tseycum First Nation

First Nations chiefs from across southern Vancouver Island gathered with many who were on the front lines of the protest for a potluck dinner and discussion about ways to maintain and build on the momentum of Grace Islet's success.

"We're not going to leave and you're not going to leave, so we're going to have to get along," said Chief Jacks.

"We are tired of crying now, and now we have to work together," he added.

About 20 Salt Spring residents attended last week's event, which

was emceed by Joe Akerman and presented with assistance from the Victoria-based Indigenous Solidarity Working Group and the Social Environmental Alliance.

Akerman played an instrumental role in the fight to preserve Grace Islet, leading regular paddles around the property throughout the summer and acting to mobilize broader support among Salt Spring residents. He said the Grace Islet experience represents the kind of community empowerment that can be accomplished if people are willing to take action and stand by their beliefs.

"I think that we can't be innocent bystanders any more," he told the crowd. "The time for ignorance has passed. It's time to rise up and use our voices in solidarity."

The provincial government finalized a deal to buy Grace Islet in a December 2014 decision that followed years of discussion about the site and the province's Heritage Conservation Act.

Opposition to the plans of former owner Barry Slawsky to build a home on the property escalated throughout the summer and fall of 2014 as construction on the home progressed. The campaign drew growing media attention from across the country and moved elected officials at the local, regional and provincial level to speak in favour of the islet's protection. A deal to buy the .78-acre islet for \$5.45 million was confirmed by the province in February.

Gary Holman, NDP MLA for Saa-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Speakers at the Lessons from Grace Islet event in North Saanich, from left, are Tsawout elder Belinda Claxton, Tseycum First Nation Chief Vern Jacks, Tsartlip First Nations Chief Don Tom, NDP MLA Gary Holman and BC Green Party interim leader Adam Olsen.

nich North and the Islands, told last week's gathering the NDP is at work on a private members' bill to review and amend the Heritage Conservation Act. Those who fought to preserve Grace Islet say the dispute highlighted the current act's inadequacy and obvious inability to protect known heritage sites. Holman told the crowd any effort to amend the act will rely heavily on consultation with First Nations.

"I just want to make it clear to

everybody here that I don't represent government, I represent you, and whatever I can do to play my role in reconciliation and whatever form that takes, I will do that," he told the crowd. "I think Grace Islet was a small example of that, and there will be other examples."

The Grace Islet Community Facebook page continues to offer updates about happenings on Grace Islet as well as broader reconciliation efforts on Salt Spring and beyond.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Bike to Work numbers in

A total of 14 teams comprising 108 cyclists prevented more than a metric tonne of green house gases from entering the atmosphere during Bike to Work Week on Salt Spring.

Coordinators have calculated participants collectively burned 141,933 calories and

rode 4,731 kilometers (roughly the distance between Victoria and Montreal). They joined 31,000 cyclists across the province to achieve 1.35 million kilometres in total.

More than 40 per cent of the Salt Spring participants were new to Bike to Work Week this year, while the total kilometres cycled was up 25 per cent from last year's 3,750-km mark. On average every cyclist rode about 22 km dur-

ing the week.

Organizers say the really big news this year was the unseating of the venerable SD64 Springers team. After three years of sitting on top of the "most kilometres" heap, the Springers were overcome by Team Telecommute and its 24-member horde. After the last spin was counted, Team Telecommute logged 2,253 km to the 1,188 km racked up by SD64.

### Buy-back program tackles fridges

BC Hydro is currently collecting and recycling secondary fridges for free in an attempt to reduce the nearly 500,000 spare fridges in homes across the province, which that cost British Columbians up to \$42 million

a year in electricity costs to operate.

"Refrigerators are one of the most energy-consuming appliances in a home - they run 24 hours a day," said Pat Mathot, Power Smart residential marketing manager for BC Hydro. "The good news is that newer models of Energy Star refrigerators use a fraction of the electricity that old fridges use. However, some of these old fridges are still plugged

in, in basements and garages throughout B.C. where they continue to guzzle power."

BC Hydro will collect spare appliances from its residential customers and give them \$30 for each item through its Refrigerator Buy-Back program. Since 2007, BC Hydro has collected and recycled more than 250,000 fridges.

For more information about the program, visit [powersmart.ca/fridge](http://powersmart.ca/fridge).

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

# Dry conditions prompt interface fire safety workshop

Free event on next Thursday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue and the CRD's Emergency Response Program on Salt Spring are teaming up to offer a free workshop focusing on fire prevention and emergency evacuation.

Taking place at Gospel Community Chapel on Thursday, June 25 starting at 6:30 p.m., the free workshop will offer two components: Myths of FireSmart with SSIFR Lt. Mitchell Sherrin and Evacuation 101 with Salt Spring's emergency coordinator Elizabeth Zook.

Zook said the idea for the workshop came from warnings from BC Wildfire and Environment Canada, both of which suggest an increased risk of fire this summer.

Having seen a drier than usual winter, the B.C. coast experienced higher than normal temperatures and less precipitation than usual this spring, with a dry hot summer expected to follow.

"Everything is at an extreme at the moment, and we're moving into hotter weather," Zook

noted. "We should be aware of it and know what to do."

The wildfire risk is currently set as moderate to high for most of the province, with some areas rated as extreme in the coastal region. Watering restrictions have been implemented in Nanaimo, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, while the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations urged residents of the Gulf Islands, Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island to conserve water in a news bulletin released last week.

According to BC Wildfire, around 2,000 wildfires on average occur every year. The breakdown over the past decade saw 38.5 per cent of those fires caused by humans and 61.5 per cent caused by lightning. Though lightning storms are rare on the coast, they do occur. A lightning storm that occurred in August 2012, for example, ignited two separate brush fires in the Channel Ridge area.

"The thing about extreme lightning storms is the meteorologists can only give from five to 30 minutes warning," Zook said.

Adding to the danger locally is the Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem with its plentiful firs and

cedars — conifers being the most flammable of trees — not to mention the prodigious amount of Scotch broom, both standing and cut.

"As people might be aware, we live in an interface community where people's homes and the forest are intermingled," Sherrin said.

**"The risk of fire spreading from the brush to homes is very high here, but there are things people can do to reduce the risk."**

LT. MITCHELL SHERRIN  
SSI Fire-Rescue

"The risk of fire spreading from the brush to homes is very high here, but there are things people can do to reduce the risk."

BC Wildfire's 12-page FireSmart manual gives homeowners important tips for keeping their houses safe in the event of wildfire, but some

might find the sheer amount of information overwhelming. One of the myths Sherrin will debunk is just how simple being fire smart can actually be. A weekend's worth of yard chores can significantly reduce fire risk, he said. Most critical is the first 10 metres (30 feet) of space around the home. It is recommended that all shrubs, trees, deadfall and woodpiles be removed from this area and that grass is mowed and watered.

Zook's part of the workshop will focus on two types of emergency evacuation, especially as related to fire. BC Wildfire notes that interface fires can be unpredictable in how they spread, and can move astonishingly quickly.

"Crowning forest fires often spread at up to 5.5 kilometres per hour, with spotting as far as two kilometres ahead. Wind-blown grass fires can spread at speeds up to 8.5 kilometres per hour."

Zook will offer information on what to have prepared in advance, how to get out safely with little notice and what happens afterward.

Registration is free and limited to 150 participants. To register contact ssidepc@crd.bc.ca or phone 250-537-1220.

Capital Regional District

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## Notice of Application to Volunteer as a Scrutineer & Advance Voter Registration Ganges Wastewater Assent Voting

Public notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to Bylaw No. 4007, "Ganges Sewerage System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2015".

Qualified electors of the Ganges Sewerage Local Service Area located on Salt Spring Island within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, July 25, 2015**:

*Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4007, "Ganges Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2015" authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount up to but not to exceed THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,900,000) for the purpose of administering, planning, designing, acquiring and constructing the capital renewal and upgrade of the Ganges Wastewater System.*

YES or NO?

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Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against Bylaw No. 4007 shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from Wednesday, June 17, 2015 until Friday, June 26, 2015. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3642 or 250.360.3642 or at the address noted above.

### List of Registered Electors

Beginning Wednesday, June 10, 2015 until Friday, June 26, 2015 a copy of the List of Registered Electors for Salt Spring Island will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed below, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays. You may also call CRD Legislative and Information Services, telephone toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3642 or 250.360.3642 to enquire whether your name is on the list.

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### Notice of Advance Voter Registration for Non-Resident Electors Only

Advance Voter Registration closes on Friday, June 26, 2015 for the List of Registered Non-Resident Property Electors for Salt Spring Island. Please note that the CRD will be using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors in the CRD.

Voter qualifications are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications: You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector or Non-Resident Property Elector if you: are 18 years or older on voting day (July 25, 2015), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, and either:

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Dated this 8th day of June, 2015

Thomas F. Moore  
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## Public input wanted

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Trustees Michele Severn and Mike Garside voted against the motion. Severn noted the idea was only introduced that night and said she would prefer time to study all the implications. Garside also thought the particulars of the union contract should be ensured first instead of risking a potentially costly legal process afterward.

Schlenker and board chair Linda Lee supported the motion by noting community concerns about fire department spending. They also concluded the collective agreement governing the union firefighters does not prevent the chief or deputy chief from taking the shift.

Under questions from the board, Bremner said he was not aware of anything in his contract that prevented the arrangement, although he noted the potential burnout for two employees required to work 24 hours a day when six people currently share responsibility for the shift.

Lee responded that coast guard employees are on call 24 hours a day for two weeks at a time, and trustee Derek Hill added that he had been on call for 35 years.

At present, SSIFR employees are paid around \$400 for each overnight standby duty shift.

In other fire board business, trustees confirmed their appointment to committees and opened the application process to members of the public.

Application forms will be available at [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) under the SSIFPD Trustees Section and will be accepted until the end of the day on Friday, July 3.

### Crofton rejects mutual aid idea

In a report on mutual aid agreements, Bremner said he had spoken to a number of fire chiefs at a recent convention and all seemed receptive to exploring the idea. Hill reported the Crofton Fire Department had rejected the proposal, however, since the agency has more beneficial agreements with other Vancouver Island communities and helping Salt Spring would be "a one-sided affair."

"Crofton was I think the best bet for us, so if that's a closed door that's unfortunate," Lee observed.

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LINDA LEE  
SSI Fire Protection District  
board chair

The draft Open-Burning Bylaw received first reading. Schlenker, who chairs the committee overseeing the bylaw, said more public comments had been made since the June 8 committee meeting. Another town hall session is expected to take place before the final draft is voted on.

Staff requests for roof repairs at the Ganges Fire Hall and purchase of a new compressor to fill breathing apparatus were referred to the Facilities and Physical Plant Committee.

Fire board meetings have moved to Salt Spring United Church's lower hall for the summer. The next regular meeting is set for Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

ISLANDS TRUST

# Mid Isle Marine moves northward

Trustees grant requested three-year permit

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owners of Mid Isle Marine & Equipment can prepare to move into some new up-island digs following the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's Thursday decision to approve a three-year temporary use permit for the business.

"I support the application . . . because I think it helps keep young people at home," said trustee Peter Grove as LTC members prepared to vote on the matter.

Grove noted the neighbourhood that surrounds the business' new site at 248 Upper Ganges Rd. was identified in a 2014 LTC-commissioned report as a potential target for more commercial and industrial zoning.

"In terms of the long-term Salt Spring Island plan, it really fits into what the [Industrial Advisory Planning Commission] has recommended . . . and long term is the way we need to think," Grove said. "My understanding is that, should that kind of rezoning happen, the actual value of the properties would actually go up, so it's an upzoning rather than downzoning."

Business owners Nicholas Williams, and Eric and Kim Beamish, told trustees they want the TUP to relocate their business from 1429 Fulford-Ganges Rd. to a more convenient location. The new property is zoned residential, although it has

hosted nonresidential uses under previous ownership.

According to the application, boat storage will continue at the Fulford-Ganges Road property. Maintenance and repairs of marine equipment and small engines will be shifted to the Upper Ganges Road site.

**"In terms of the long-term Salt Spring Island plan, it really fits into what the [Industrial Advisory Planning Commission] has recommended."**

PETER GROVE  
Salt Spring Island trustee

Issuance of the TUP is subject to applicants' completion of a satisfactory drainage report and landscaping plan. The LTC's unanimous decision to back the TUP decision gives the property owners three years to prove their plan can work in the neighbourhood.

"It certainly is a challenge," said Peter Luckham, chair of Salt Spring's LTC. "This is a trial. If there are complaints with your operating, that is going to make it challenging for us

to renew it and make it difficult for you to rezone the property.

"It's going to depend on the acceptance of the neighbourhood."

The LTCs decision contradicts a recommendation outlined in a staff report presented at Thursday's meeting. The report advises against issuance of the permit on grounds the application conflicts with TUP guidelines and "does not substantially or sufficiently address neighbourhood concerns."

Speaking at Thursday's town hall session, neighbourhood resident Chris Taylor reiterated his fear that TUP approval and potential rezoning will bring noise, traffic and lower property values to the area.

"I'm very upset about it," he said. "I've had my property appraised and I know other residents have had their properties appraised. We're all actually thinking about leaving because we don't want to live next to industrial property."

"I just never planned on it being this way."

Trustees George Grams acknowledged the twin predicaments of boat builders who are stuck at a property far from the water and property owners who do not wish to see their neighbourhood become "creeping industrial."

Trustees voted unanimously to approve the TUP for a three-year period. Any decision to rezone the property must undergo a formal rezoning process that includes notification of neighbours, a community information meeting and an official public hearing.

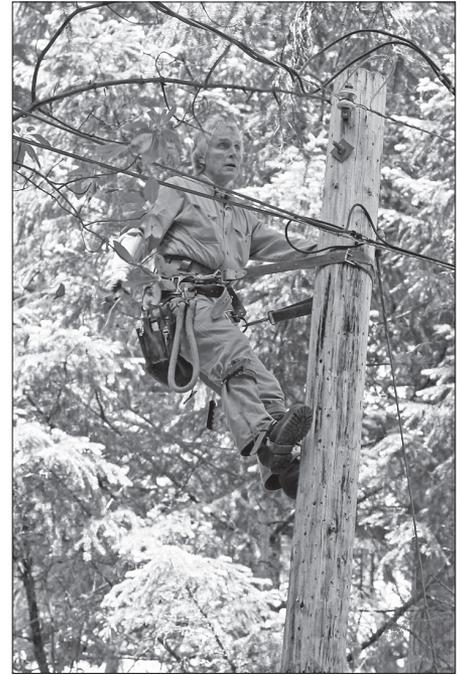


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**ESSENTIAL DUTY:** BC Hydro lineman Don Fisher disconnects electricity to a Lawnhill Drive home on fire on Friday afternoon.

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FERRIES

# Islands Trust seeks fare drop

Projected cost to province is \$11-14 million annually

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Islands Trust Council has launched a campaign asking the provincial government to invest the funds necessary to reduce fares on all BC Ferries minor routes by 25 per cent during the next performance term.

Aiming the request's timing to influence negotiations for BC Ferries' Coastal Ferry Services contract from 2016 to 2020, the proposal calls on the province invest an additional \$11 to \$14 million annually for those four years.

According to an Islands Trust Council press release, the local government body hired public policy consulting firm Perrin Thorau & Associates to calculate the cost of lowering fares on all minor ferry routes. The consultants built a model using recent BC Ferries operating results and fare information, and predicted how ridership would rebound in response to lower fares.

"Ferry-dependent communities are struggling under the weight of ferry fares that have increased at a pace well above the rate of inflation," Islands Trust Council chair Peter Luckham said in the press release. "We have a constructive proposal . . . Affordable fares would attract more customers into the ferry system, bolster B.C.'s economy and result in increased provincial tax revenues—a win-win

for everyone."

Islands Trust Council points out that fare increases on some minor routes have increased four to five times higher than inflation in the time since the Coastal Ferries Act was enacted in 2003. While BC Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee's proposal is to limit additional fare increases in the next performance term to 1.9 per cent annually, it is argued the increase is still more than coastal residents and visitors can support.

"For years, we've heard clearly from our communities that ferry fare increases have been too steep and are causing hardship for coastal families and businesses. I appreciate the work that has been done to keep future fare increases lower than in the past but remain concerned that present fares are unaffordable for our communities," said Luckham.

"Current negotiations for a renewed Coastal Ferry Services Contract are a perfect opportunity for the government to invest in coastal communities. Our funding estimates give the province credible information to make a sound investment decision. We believe a well-advertised drop in fares on the minor routes would help our communities bounce back and give us all time to work on longer-term solutions with the province."

BC Ferries CEO Mike Corrigan will attend the Islands Trust Council's upcoming quarterly meeting, which will be held at Lions Hall on Burrill Road on Galiano Island from June 23 to 25. Corrigan will give an update and answer questions on Tuesday, June 23 at 12:35 p.m.

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## GOVERNANCE

# Four government reps absorb community interests

Ten groups get crack at elected officials

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A governance “first” occurred on Saturday when reps from four levels of government converged at the middle school gym for a public meeting.

Trustee Peter Grove, electoral area director Wayne McIntyre, MLA Gary Holman and MP Elizabeth May met with about 80 audience members and representatives of 10 community groups with varying interests.

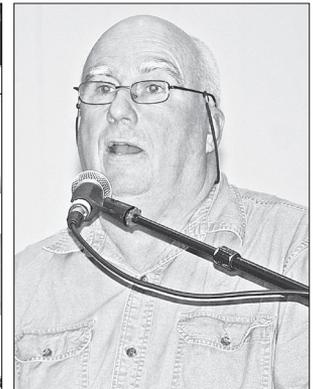
“I think this is the first ever local provincial federal forum that we have ever had on Salt Spring Island and I have to say it is the only one I’ve attended in any of the communities within Saanich-Gulf Islands,” observed May in her opening remarks.

She praised the multi-level government approach to issues, adding that she hoped to soon explore the notion of a “council of governments,” where elected reps from different levels meet regularly. This model exists in Australia, she said, and although the body has no legislative power, it does create political consensus and gives more weight to municipal government concerns at a higher level.

The four politicians attending Saturday’s event were given five minutes for both opening and closing comments, and listened to five-minute



From left, MP Elizabeth May, MLA Gary Holman, CRD director Wayne McIntyre and islands trustee Peter Grove get set for their turn to speak at a multi-level political forum spearheaded by citizen Bob MacKie, speaking at right.



PHOTOS BY GAIL SJUBERG

presentations from representatives of the participating groups, giving them a more clear idea of the groups’ passions and current projects.

Participants were Ron Crawford of the Salt Spring Arts Council, Kjell Liem of the Community Energy Group, Curt Firestone of the Physician Recruitment Committee, Jacque Stevlak of Volunteer and Community Resources, Jean Elder of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society, Jim Standen of the Electric Vehicle group of Transition Salt Spring, Janet Halliwell of Shared Space Salt Spring, Janet Clouston of the Salt Spring

Chamber of Commerce, Brian Webster of the Agricultural Alliance and Brenda Guiled of Island Pathways.

As an example of topics discussed, the latter group wants political help to complete the Salt Spring Island portion of the informally named Salish Sea Trail Network, a cycling route proposed by the CRD 10 years ago. It would connect Victoria, Salt Spring and the Cowichan Valley. “We’re the last part of the main loop that remains to be done,” said Guiled.

Island Pathways also wants to see the route officially named the Salish Sea Trail Network.

One difficulty with the project is that the route goes through five federal and nine provincial ridings and three regional districts, which poses an obvious jurisdictional challenge.

Achieving community goals through collaboration was a theme raised by various people, including the Chamber of Commerce’s Clouston, who stressed the effectiveness of groups working co-operatively in order to get things done on the island.

“When we work together we’re better,” she said.

The 10 participating groups had submitted questions to the politi-

cians last month. The politicians dutifully answered in writing, although their answers weren’t widely distributed and weren’t consistently referenced at the meeting.

People wanting to read the questions and answers can do so through <http://tinyurl.com/SSLocalProvincialFederalForum>.

Forum organizer Bob MacKie noted that he had no funding for the event, and was grateful to MP May for allowing him to piggyback onto her town hall meeting, which occurred that evening in the gym.

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## EDUCATION

## Phoenix parents make plea for input

Board also considers motion that would impact beer gardens

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A conflict stemming from provincial cutbacks to education, the school board’s response and parent wishes have come to a head in the Gulf Islands School District.

Phoenix Elementary School parents attending the June 10 school board meeting protested a lack of consultation about staffing decisions made after the cuts.

As part of a reconfiguration of the district, current Phoenix principal Sue McKenzie will become a vice principal at Gulf Islands Secondary School, where she will oversee the Phoenix Place high school program as well as secondary learning centres across the southern Gulf Islands.

The change will take place at the same time as a change of staff for the Phoenix elementary intermediate class, which will mean a two-thirds changeover for the small school. As a result, the Phoenix Parent Advisory Council has asked the school board to pilot longer-term contracts, to inform PAC of impending staff openings before they are filled and to involve parents in the hiring process, among other requests.

“I believe that it’s counterproductive for a school to experience 50 to 75 per cent staff change in one year,”

parent Veronika McKee explained at the meeting. “It’s flat-out detrimental. It is bad for our kids. Kids need consistency. As a parent I strive for consistency and I expect the school district to do the same.”

For several years Phoenix has had to keep a multi-year waiting list for new students hoping to enroll, and calls for either “another Phoenix” or more alternative programs helped pave the way for new multi-age nature-based classrooms starting at Fernwood and Fulford schools this fall.

McKee and other parents speaking at the board meeting said they were not sure what they had actually signed their children up for next year, however, and although every new administrator and teacher has come with great ideas, many of these have been completely different from each other.

Wednesday’s delegation followed two meetings with district superintendent Lisa Halstead. The first took place after the initial staffing changes were announced in May. A second change was announced to PAC on June 4, with news that incoming principal Judy Smith was seconded to the Ministry of Education as the MyEducationBC—School District Liaison for the 2015-2016 school year.

Halstead said she had wanted to include parents earlier but the information about the probable update was not hers to share.

“I truly want us to work together and build something great,” Halstead

said at the board meeting.

Chair May McKenzie said parent input is extremely welcome, especially when it comes to school leadership, but claimed this year’s funding cuts had created an “anomaly” that required the board to work with the mosaic of personnel available to best meet the needs of the entire district. With an incoming team that is excited to work at Phoenix, she said the hoped-for consistency could be achieved, although things could always change.

“We think you’re going to have a really good year next year. Can I guarantee that’s going to last for three years? No,” McKenzie said.

In other board news, Rob Pingle, chair of the policy and procedures committee, introduced a notice of motion that will be potentially voted on at the September board meeting.

While Policy 575 stated simply that “liquor not be served at school-sponsored activities,” the new Policy 975 states alcohol will not be consumed on school board property at any time, or at any field trips or functions where students are present.

Pingle noted the change will affect the annual May long weekend soccer tournament hosted by Salt Spring United, an event that includes a beer garden located alongside the high school playing fields.

Trustee John Wakefield requested the soccer club be informed directly of the proposed motion. The group will have time to make a delegation if it chooses to do so in September.

**WATER RESOURCES**

# Province pleads for public cooperation over drought

PARC facilities feeling pinch of dry weather

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The provincial government calls upon islanders to reduce water consumption and expect more dry weather ahead.

Staff at the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations anticipate the Gulf Islands will experience "significant water supply shortages" this summer unless the islands receive substantial rainfall within the next two weeks.

The Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island are currently in Level-3 drought conditions, according to the ministry. The province has begun to

encourage residents to try to reduce water consumption by 20 per cent.

Meghan McKee, a water quality specialist at the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, said the island faces Level-4 conditions if precipitation doesn't arrive soon.

"We are monitoring our water supplies carefully and have taken a number of steps to promote conservation, but we really need the whole community on board," she said.

The NSSWD's board of directors released a statement last week informing ratepayers that all requests for service by current ratepayers who receive water from Maxwell or St. Mary lakes will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Board members said the district is not accepting requests for additional service from existing cus-

tomers and will not accept any new customers into the district. The news extends the district's ongoing moratorium on new water connections.

An NSSWD water conservation bylaw currently limits watering of yards and gardens to every other day. Conditions outlined in Water Conservation Level 3 prohibit watering of sports fields, open spaces and public parks.

Level-4 drought is the province's highest rating. The classification is determined by regional stream flows, water storage capacity, ecological concerns, weather forecasts and impacts on water users. Should conditions reach Level 4, provincial water managers may exercise their authority to temporarily suspend short-term water permits or

industrial water licences in affected watersheds.

Home owners are being asked to limit outdoor watering, avoid watering during the day, consider drought-tolerant vegetation, take shorter showers and install water-efficient shower heads and toilets.

**PARC calls for reprieve**

Parks and Recreation Commissioners are seeking an easing of water conservation restrictions due to a serious threat to PARC's public facilities.

Failure to irrigate areas like Portlock and Centennial parks could result in long-term damage to the facilities, commissioners heard at their Monday evening meeting.

"It's very important that we don't lose this infrastructure," said com-

missioner Tom James. "If our fields and young trees turn to dust, we're looking at a lot of work to begin from scratch."

PARC wants to keep watering the baseball pitch at Portlock Park until the end of July, reduce watering of Centennial Park by 50 per cent and lower watering at Rotary Park by 66 per cent.

"While we recognize the need for water conservation, we are hopeful that a major reduction in our watering will help to meet this goal, thereby minimizing the impact to the recreation users and parks and recreation amenities."

According to the proposal, PARC plans to reduce water usage at Centennial, Rotary and Portlock parks from nearly 60,000 gallons per week to about 10,000 gallons per week.

**GOVERNANCE**

# Island incorporation committee gets down to work

Mark Aston named ISC chair

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ten Salt Spring residents selected to sit on the island's Incorporation Study Committee sat down with provin-

cial government and Capital Regional District staff Monday for their first public meeting.

"The process you are starting pretty much represents the pinnacle of what our program does," said Marika Glickman, a senior policy advisor with the Ministry of

Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

The ISC members are Mark Aston, Greg Clayton, Jean Elwell, Elizabeth FitzZaland, Kelly Hyslop, Stanley Shapiro, Drew Stotesbury, Uli Temmel, Ruth Waldick and Karen Wright.

LTC members George

Grams and Peter Grove and Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre sit on the committee as non-voting members.

The June 15 orientation meeting was designed to give commissioners an overview of the study process, background on local governance in Brit-

ish Columbia and an examination of the group's terms of reference.

Committee members selected Mark Aston to chair the committee.

The ISC is tasked to hire a consultant and oversee work on a study to examine municipal incorporation on

Salt Spring. The final report is anticipated by March 2016.

More information about the group, including terms of reference and upcoming meeting dates, will be available at the incorporation study committee's community website, [ssgovernance.wordpress.com](http://ssgovernance.wordpress.com).

**ENVIRONMENT**

# Hair clippings aid fuel spill site



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Green Circle Salons hair booms ready for deployment in fuel spill clean-up efforts.

Donna Saffel joins Green Circle effort

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who had their locks trimmed at the Salt Spring Island Hair Studio recently may be contributing to the environ-

mental remediation of Vancouver's False Creek, where hair booms are being used to help a fuel spill clean-up.

An estimated 5,000 litres of diesel fuel stemming from a small fishing boat entered False Creek around 2 a.m. on Monday. Contracted

agency Western Canada Marine Response Corporation has since laid out 300 metres of booms to contain the spill. These include booms made for Green Circle Salons using hair donated by salons that participate in a certified recycling program.

"I think it's a pretty special thing to be a part of this. My salon is only one of about 200 salons in B.C. participating so far," Salt Spring Island Hair Studio owner Donna Saffel said Tuesday morning.

According to CTV, the hair booms are made by female inmates in Maple Ridge and then stored at Green Circle Salons' Burnaby warehouse until needed. The organization distributes them for free, with costs embedded in participating salons' service prices.

Monday's spill response was coordinated by the Canadian Coast Guard and included a temporary closure of the seawall between Granville Island and the Burrard Street Bridge. The incident follows a bunker fuel spill that hit English Bay on April 8.

# OPINION



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## EDITORIAL

# Moving forward

One year ago this Saturday, Salt Springers gathered in Centennial Park on National Aboriginal Day.

They were there to promote awareness about plans to construct a home on a sacred First Nations burial islet in Ganges Harbour.

A movement that began with a handful of protesters slowly attracted greater attention and drew bigger numbers as the summer progressed. Paddlers inspired headlines, and headlines inspired political action on various levels. Through persistence, passion and tenacity, defenders of Grace Islet persuaded the province to acquire the property for \$5.4 million.

The battle for Grace Islet stirred the passions from start to finish. If the shocking price tag — nearly 10 times the property's assessed value — wasn't enough to fuel debate, many Salt Springers might have

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Truth and Reconciliation

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Change begins at home

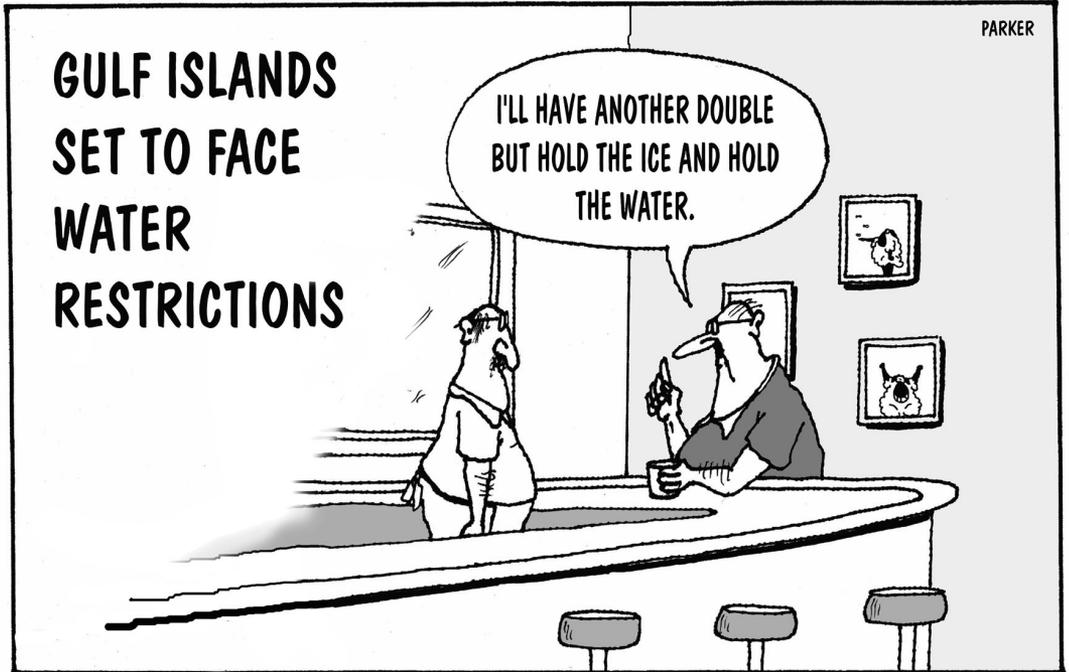
already found themselves split between camps that backed First Nations heritage above all else and those who stood behind a respect for private property and due process as outlined in the province's Heritage Conservation Act.

Whatever your perspective, the Grace Islet saga made clear that Salt Spring is not immune to the complex divide between First Nations and non-indigenous people in Canada. The release of findings compiled by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission earlier this month represents the conclusion of six years spent gathering stories from residential school survivors.

Some of those stories were shared by participants at a June 8 event held to mark efforts to preserve Grace Islet. Seeing the tears and hearing stories about sexual and mental abuse as well as cultural genocide bring home the power of those stories in a way not quite possible in a 6,000-page government document.

While we have grown accustomed to news of modern-day and past atrocities from around the globe, the report's findings illustrate some seldom spoken about aspects of our nation's checkered past.

Many who spoke talked of the need for change to begin at home, be it on Salt Spring or anywhere else in the country. With a greater understanding of the truth, let's hope all Canadians can move forward to reconcile the divide in a manner that will help residents of all backgrounds learn from our past and prosper in the future.



VIEWPOINT by Mary Polak

# Province addresses drought impacts

When it comes into force next year, British Columbia's new Water Sustainability Act will ensure our water is properly regulated, protected and conserved for future generations.

It will do this by, among other things, regulating groundwater use for the first time, improving our understanding of water use and availability, and ensuring our streams and waterways remain healthy. And in times of drought, the new law allows government to step in to ensure water is first used to protect public health and safety.

Many provisions have been built into the new WSA that enable us to deal with drought better, including critical environmental flow thresholds and the requirement for users to measure and report their water use.

The WSA also protects access to water for essential household needs, followed in priority by critical environmental flows. Other rights and water use would be subsequent in priority based on their priority date.

Various new tools will ensure a sustainable water source such as better protection for fish and aquatic environments, enhancing regulatory tools to respond to drought and scarcity and bringing in area based regulations to address local needs if required.

Additional tools can also be applied to specific areas to respond to local pressures on water resources.

Throughout the development of the WSA, we've reviewed how other jurisdictions manage their water, including dealing with drought. We are closely monitoring the situation in California to see if there are lessons to be learned for implementation of the WSA. That said, it is important to note that water supply conditions and

water management systems in Western U.S. states are dramatically different to ours in B.C.

To address this year's low-flow conditions, government will rely on existing regulatory tools and policies under the current Water Act and Fish Protection Act, and the Provincial Drought Response Plan. These existing tools provide a good foundation for managing water and include precedence of rights (first in time, first in right) and fish population protection orders. These tools will be maintained when the WSA comes into effect with enhancements.

We are also in the process of updating our Drought Response Plan for this year. This plan, implemented by a multi-agency committee, offers a range of regulatory and non-regulatory tools to respond to droughts.

Many communities in B.C. are prepared to deal with water supply shortages and low streamflow conditions with drought management plans and water conservation programs that are already in place. As well, staff from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on Vancouver Island and in the southern Interior are currently working with other agencies on regional drought response plans in anticipation of deteriorating conditions.

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. The new Water Sustainability Act provides British Columbia with new, effective ways to manage drought.

The writer is B.C.'s Minister of Environment.

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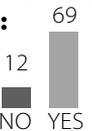
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## Have you implemented water conservation tactics?



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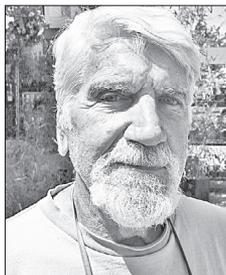
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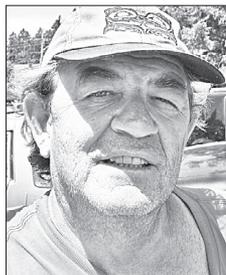
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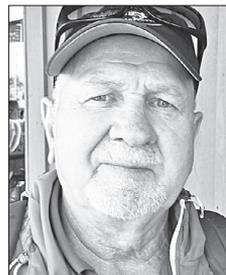
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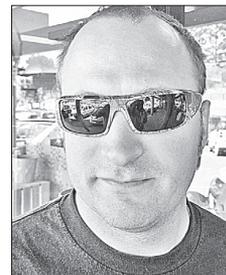
**ELMAR HAAS**  
*My ideal Father's Day is a long walk with the grandkids.*



**PATRICK KENNEDY**  
*A hike up Mount Maxwell with my daughter, followed by a nice lunch or dinner in town.*



**JOHN HNATIUK**  
*I don't celebrate holidays, but it's nice that the kids always call.*



**ANDREW LEYDEN**  
*Talking to my dad.*



**LASZLO BEDOCS**  
*Having fun with my kids and grandkids by enjoying a beautiful summer day on Salt Spring.*

## Letters to the editor

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### ALR removal condemned

All of us concerned about the flooding of the rich farmland along the Peace River if the Site-C dam goes ahead can relax. There is no longer any farmland in this area.

In April, the B.C. government removed all this farmland from the Agricultural Land Reserve. The government used its cabinet powers to carry out the removal without bringing it into the legislature for discussion or

debate. They did not even consult with the Agricultural Land Commission.

Peace River regional directors of the ALR unanimously condemned the removal, calling it "totally inappropriate."

**ROGER BRUNT, BRINKWORTHY**

### Jagged is better

It seems that the proprietor of Salt Spring Metal Recycling was pressured into cutting the tops of the cedar board screen down to a consistent height. I object on two counts:

1. There is now less screening, which paradoxically runs contrary to the previous distemper about not enough screening.

2. On the artistic front, I thought the up-and-down profile (before it was insensitively chopped down) was a perfect artistic representation of the long-running socio-political conflict over metal recycling on Salt Spring Island, and particularly the view expressed by a significant number of hypocrites that Salt Spring is not a place

for metal recycling (let someone else recycle Salt Spring's redundant metal in their backyard instead of ours). It spoke perfectly to the issue and should have been left as an artistic edifice for the better education of our children, and tangible page in the history of Salt Spring.

I urge Mr. Quesnel to replace the sawn-off fencing with the original, and to continue the unfinished part in the same manner.

**ROSS KING, BEDDIS ROAD**

### Dishpan plan

We have another idea for water conservation (Ron Hawkins' June 10 "Save water while in shower" letter).

These last few summers (and this is the earliest) I have collected most of the water that would otherwise go down the kitchen drain in a dishpan. This is used to water pots and plants around the house.

I think people would be very surprised how much water is used and can be saved.

**FIONA WOLFE-MILNER, SALT SPRING**

### Shower less

Congratulations to letter-writer Ron Hawkins for his efforts to collect his daily shower water for his plants.

However, if water conservation is the issue, why doesn't he simply abandon his North American ritual of daily showering for perhaps two to three times a week? This would also encourage his plants to like-wise adapt to less frequent watering.

**P. ROWELL, SOUTH BANK DRIVE**

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 11

# Let's avoid a Salt Spring medical services crisis

**BY CURT FIRESTONE**

The Canadian Charter of Rights gives everyone equal benefits of the law without discrimination for mental or physical disabilities. The 1984 Canada Health Act states that everyone will have reasonable access to physician services. Therefore, the question is: are the Charter of Rights and/or the Canada Health Act being violated when all Canadians do not have equal access to a family physician?

The B.C. government is currently advertising to fill 317 family physician vacancies. This means that 380,000 people residing in B.C. do not have a family physician. This is equal to the entire population of the Capital Regional District. Can you imagine the entire population from Sooke through the Gulf Islands without a family doctor?

The Salt Spring family practice physicians have said that 18 to 35 per cent of all Salt Spring residents do not have a doctor. That means there are anywhere from 1,900 to 3,700 of our fellow islanders who do not have a doctor. In health language, they are "orphan patients."

If you look at the worst case scenario, the local doctors are telling us that over one third of Salt Spring Islanders may be orphan patients. Typically these neighbours rely on the Lady Minto emergency room to provide urgent care medical services. This is routine health care utilizing crisis management.

The B.C. Ministry of Health has acknowledged that its \$132-million General Practitioner (GP) for Me program has failed to meet the government's goal that every B.C. resident would have a family doctor by 2015. And the failure is miserable. We now have more orphan patients than we did when the project started. We are not even keeping up with population growth.

Salt Spring's Community Economic Development Commission in its 2015 action plan stated that: "Over the current decade (2011-21), Salt Spring's overall population is expected to increase, but the number of children will continue to fall and the working age population will decline below the level of 2001. Meanwhile, the population 65 and over will increase to almost twice the level of 2001." In 2011 seniors comprised 25 per cent of our local population and within six short years, seniors will comprise 36 per cent of the Salt Springers. We are a retirement community with twice the number of seniors as the average B.C. town or city. We know that seniors need more medical services than any other age group. Most seniors use more health services in the last few years of their lives than they did in the whole rest of their life. Are we prepared? No.

What can we do? Well, if we have the will as a community, we can do several things. Here is a list of possibilities:

1. We can demand that the federal and provincial governments immediately require and fund medical schools to train a much larger number of family doctors. Medical education in Canada is increasing but is still failing to meet the demand. As a condition of a reduced-cost medical education we can require that new UBC doctors practise medicine in British Columbia for a pre-determined number of years after graduation.

2. Canada now accepts accredited doctors from only the United States, Australia, Ireland and the United Kingdom. We must determine if there are other countries which meet Canada's accreditation standards. We also need to examine our immigration laws to see if we can recruit and admit more foreign-trained doctors.

3. We can legislate a two-tiered system

based on medical need criteria. This would require the family physician to first serve those under the age of 12, those with one or more diagnosed acute or chronic health conditions and those over 65 years old. Since most healthy people between the age of 13 and 65 rarely need a doctor, they would be required to use urgent care centres. Of course, even as an interim solution this continues to violate the intent of the Canada Health Act.

4. Nurse practitioners are a well-respected profession. They are qualified to perform up to 80 per cent of the activities of a family doctor, including diagnoses, treatment, ordering lab tests, prescribing medication and admitting patients to hospitals, if necessary — all that on an income of about \$100,000 a year. When nurse practitioners and physicians work together, the physicians can focus on more complex diagnosis and treatment of diseases. It is long overdue for the B.C. government to authorize nurse practitioners as eligible for fee for services rendered just like medical doctors. This will allow doctors to spend more time using their medical training while the nurse practitioner handles the more routine and preventative care. Better utilization of manpower resources will also mean reduced expenses.

5. Most of our Salt Spring family doctors are providing medical services without the assistance of a registered nurse or medical assistant. An office nurse frees up the doctor to practise medicine by preparing the patient for medical examination, administering medications and vaccines, dressing wounds or incisions and assisting with minor surgery. Should we not require that all medical clinics with two or more physicians have an office nurse? Should we not have doctors performing medical services and

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have nurses do such routine things as weighing a patient before a medical exam, checking the blood pressure and pulse, and administering annual flu vaccines?

6. There has been talk of creating an outpatient health clinic on Salt Spring. If this clinic is staffed by nurse practitioners, medical assistants and care managers, it could go a long way towards resolving the current medical services shortage.

We, the residents of Salt Spring Island, deserve to know that we have medical services available to us for prevention, and acute and chronic health conditions. It is long overdue that changes be made to our system of delivery of family practice medicine. While we have excellent dedicated doctors, we have strangled them with time burdens that are untenable. We have made it difficult for doctors to balance private lives with professional lives because we have way over-burdened them with the provision of non-medical care. We must provide them with additional resources and/or require them to hire the resources.

We need to meet the medical needs of the present and the future. We must make some changes and we must do it now. Residents should not have to endure waits of weeks to see their family doctor for a 10-minute visit. Residents should not have to go to an emergency room for lack of a doctor or a nurse practitioner. These are quality-of-life issues and if Canadians want a high quality of life we need to reform our medical services delivery system.

*The writer has served on the Salt Spring's Health Advancement Coalition and Physician Recruitment Committee. The above formed the basis for a presentation to a June 13 forum of political representatives.*

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**BOUNTY OF BUBBLES:** Head pirate Jack Rosen blows some bubbles in Centennial Park as part of Sea Capers festivities on the weekend. Sunny skies and non-stop activities brought out the crowds.

## RANTS and Roses

### Roses

The Langdon family would like to send huge bundles of roses to Dr. Ron Reznick, his office staff and the wonderful caring team at Lady Minto Hospital for helping us through the last six months and in particular Jack's last days. We truly have an exceptional hospital with amazing staff that managed to care for all of us as a family as well as Jack. Also, huge bouquets to the many people that reached out to us with cards, flowers, food and encouragement to keep us going in the last couple of weeks. To all the ladies that stepped in to help in the kitchen at the Legion, we could not have managed without all of you. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and sense of community. Many thanks from the Langdon family.

I would like to send a huge bouquet of my garden roses to my good neighbours Roz and Mark for their help in keeping my yard trimmed so nicely. Neighbours like you are to be greatly appreciated.

Birthday wish dreamcatcher roses to the many people who made Elizabeth May's birthday party a delight: Elizabeth (yes!), Bill Henderson, Valdy, Wesley, Kenn, Keith, Bruce and Chris who gave us great listening, dancing and something to sing about: Heaving Steve, democratic dedication—a healthy way to channel our desire for a better world. Also to the "keen Greens" and all the guests who organized, brought delicious food, provided security, good wishes and a party fit for the hardest-working MP.

A Mazda load of bright red roses to Mr. Caron, who became a good shepherd after my collision with the deer and who stayed with me all the way to Irwin Collision. With great gratitude to both. Nancy James

A fragrant bouquet of red and white roses as big and beautiful as all outdoors to Jennifer and David of Fernwood Road Cafe, Country Grocer and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 from the Stone Soup Sing-

ers for all you did to help make our This is Canada! award presentation such a wonderful event.

A marvellous bouquet to each of the home care nurses who dressed my wound so competently every three days: Carolyn, Caitlin, Karen, Leanne and especially Maureen, who explained it all and boosted my confidence. It is almost worth having a wound to experience their excellent care. They are the queens of wound dressing! Andrea Rankin

A lovely bunch of professionally photographed roses to Devin Milner for having his astounding photo of the Seahorse tug in the morning mist in Ganges Harbour picked as one of the best Global B.C. Weather Window photos of 2014. Amazing photo and an amazing feat against the best of B.C.'s photographers.

A fire engine full of red roses to Greg Bellavance for providing a delicious breakfast to the firefighters battling the structure fire on Wright Road. Thanks!

Country Grocer and Salt Spring Coffee, you deserve buckets of roses for your support of the 2015 Grad Tea. Thank you very, very much for your donations. I would also like to thank all the parents who helped make the tea such a success. They are Kim, Kathy, Lisa, Nia, Sandy, Colleen, Inga, Anna, Don, Ken, Kevin, Kassy, Paige, Kasea, Jordan, Richard, Whitney, Mylene, Mari.

Salty Sea Caper roses to Genevieve Price for all her behind-the-scenes hard work to make Sea Capers a huge success once again. You helped bring a lot of pleasure to a lot of people. For that we are very grateful! Thank you.

The parents and grad class of 2015 are overwhelmed by the support of our amazing community. It was with your generosity that we were able to make this year's safe grad a huge success and one the graduates will talk about for years to come. In addition to the many businesses listed in last

week's Roses section of the paper, we send special thanks to: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, SS Lions Club, Saturna Island Lions Club, SS Firefighters' Association, Saturna Island Fire Department, Upper Ganges Liquor Store, B.C. Liquor Store, Moby's Pub, Farmers' Institute, GISS, ArtSpring, Mid Island Co-op, Return-It Depot, Harbour House, Mouat's Home Hardware, Mike's Auto Repair, Rad Home Improvement, Billie Woods Photography, Ramona Lam Photography, Arjuna George Photography, Chorus Frog Farm, Bamboo Ranch, Stowel Lake Farm, Ganges Street Food, Rock Salt Restaurant, SeaChange Seafood, TJ Beans, Harlan's, SS Coffee, Golden Island Restaurant, Arigato Sushi, SS Soapworks, Code 3 Casino, Hair@60, Solace Organic Spa, Dave Henshall, David Karr (Guayaki Yerba Matte, Juli Paul, Shannon Johnston, brood with Stefan and Terry, Dr. Richard Hayden, Pon Tiki, Banana Joe and Wendy, Dan and Dava Caldwell, PARC, Therin Gower, Wendy Massey, Irina Floerke, Ian Mott, Linda Dares, Barry Dunster, Gulf Islands Driftwood, John Malcolm of Malcolm Design, and Pender Island Tru-Value.

Vases of multi-coloured roses to the incredibly kind staff at Greenwoods, Darcy, Darleen, Lori, Natasha, Heather, Diana, Melanie, Adria, Georgina, Barbra and countless others who made Nancy Post's life comfortable and the end of her life peaceful for her family. Also, thank you to Dr. Ron Reznick and Dr. John Morse for their caring support.

Roses of tenderness to the volunteers from Salt Spring Hospice: Tina, Linda, Monica, Sandy and others we may have missed, thank you for being there for Nancy Post's last days.

A rose to the Redpath family and especially Terry and Dick Taylor, who gave themselves to us during this difficult time.

*Editor's note: For Sea Capers roses, see page 24 of this paper.*

# Food security centre project deserves strong support

The following was an address made to elected officials at the June 13 political forum held at the Salt Spring Island Middle School gymnasium.

BY BRIAN WEBSTER

I'm a member of the Salt Spring Farm Centre for Food Security Steering Committee.

Four years ago, Peri Lavender and I began developing Salt Spring Apple Company, a certified organic apple orchard here on Salt Spring. Today, we have 3,000 trees in the ground, of more than 320 different heritage and connoisseur apple varieties.

Through doing this, we've made a long-term commitment to agriculture here on Salt Spring.

And that's why we're involved with the Farm Centre for Food Security, because it's a project that's all about a long-term commitment to agriculture.

It was clear when we started planning our farm — and it's even clearer today — that agriculture must be a big part of Salt Spring's future. This is because climate change will force us to depend less on what today are cheap foods imported from California and beyond.

It's also because, even if there was no climate change, more and more people are tired of being alienated from the food they eat. They want food from close to home, grown responsibly by people they trust.

And it's because this is a place where agriculture should be happening. We're a rural community, we have good farmland and there's a strong farming history here; it's part of what this place is.

It seems that pretty much everyone agrees we need to grow more food here on Salt Spring, we need to get that food into the daily diets

of folks on this island and the surrounding region, and we need to make it possible for creative new people to get involved in growing and processing it.

Thankfully, there are passionate and skilled people who have been working on this issue. The Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society and the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance have taken the lead.

## What we need now is for governments to step up in a meaningful way.

In addition to producing valuable documents such as the 2005 Local Produce Study and the 2008 Area Farm Plan, they have also made tangible progress on the ground. Burgoyne Valley Community Farm and Salt

Spring Abattoir are examples.

There's been progress, but much remains to be done.

The vast majority of what most of us eat every day is still coming from off the island, much of it from thousands of kilometres away. And too much good agricultural land here on Salt Spring is sitting unused.

We need a catalyst for change. We need a hub where produce grown across the island can be congregated and prepared for sale. We need a facility where farmers, chefs and local entrepreneurs can innovate and transform the produce we're growing into value-added food products that feed our people and strengthen our economy. And we need a focal point for developing a more resilient and sustainable local food system here on Salt Spring.

That catalyst, that hub,

that facility, that focal point is the Farm Centre for Food Security.

As a result of Agricultural Land Commission and Islands Trust land-use decisions, a .6-hectare (1.5-acre) property on Beddis Road is now in place, owned by the Farmland Trust.

Following extensive planning and consultation with the community, we now have a clear vision and plan. We have a design for the property and the building we intend to construct. And a portion of the funding is in place.

In fact, including the value of the land and the other funding already received or committed, we are 40 per cent of the way to our goal. In short, we are "shovel ready."

What we need now is for governments to step up in a meaningful way: to translate the almost universal positive reaction we've received to this project into funding

to allow us to start construction.

My request to you today, on behalf of the Salt Spring Farm Centre for Food Security Steering Committee, is to take the next step with us, to help us gain commitments for the remaining 60 per cent of funding, and to work with us to secure capital funding from the federal and provincial governments.

This project is an extension of the good work already accomplished, of the very solid agricultural and food security infrastructure Salt Spring residents have been successfully building since the 2008 Area Farm Plan.

It's a model for the region and for the province.

We're ready to go with this project. Please work with us to make it happen.

The writer serves on the Salt Spring Farm Centre for Food Security Steering Committee and co-owns Salt Spring Apple Company.

## Contradictions in medical marijuana policies

Let me just puzzle this out . . . Marijuana is an illegal drug, according to the Criminal Code of Canada and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

It is used to get stoned and has been for centuries. It is not medicine. Medicine is a substance prescribed by recognized and accredited medical doctors and distributed by licensed pharmacists to treat an illness.

Those people who are genuinely sick have access to a whole range of real medicines. If they want to get stoned, let them go to someone like one of the drug dealers who hang around Centennial Park.

People who sell the drug are drug dealers and considered criminals.

People who get together to make money out of drug dealing by threat-

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ening to close them down are gangsters, like some members of organized crime.

Charging drug dealers huge amounts of money to ply their trade is extortion.

People who engage in extortion in an organized way are guilty of operating a criminal enterprise, that is, racketeering.

We've spent millions of dollars to try to stop members of a notorious motorcycle gang from doing just this and put many of them in jail.

If Mayor Gregor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council members have decided to profit from, and not call the cops to close down the pot shops, why are they not in handcuffs?

Oh, I know, the marijuana proponents, the stoners and the people who make huge profits off the stoners say

it treats everything from heartburn to haemorrhoids, and I am sure it makes people with illnesses feel less badly — dope does that. Does that really mean it should be peddled out of barely disguised storefront drug dens to every Tom, Dick and Harriet who gets some quack to sign a form?

We are trying to stop people from wearing any perfumes and antiperspirants at all and yet we are creating a society full of stinking, half-brain-dead dope-heads.

I don't understand why police don't raid all the dispensaries, seize everything, padlock them and take them all to court.

And if they lose in court, maybe we should just toss out all the laws concerning at least marijuana and let Revenue Canada go after the drug dealers, all of them, right up to and including Vancouver City Council if they choose to profit from the sale of drugs.

REG MIDDLETON,  
SALT SPRING

## More healing to do

A few weeks ago on Sunday, May 31, members of the Salt Spring United Church, other island churches and the broader community gathered to commemorate the drawing to a close of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Ottawa.

The commission has been gathering data and listening to the testimonials of residential school survivors and their families for six years.

As we sat in our little circle around a candle flame of hope we shared some of our own stories. None present were themselves survivors but perhaps had adopted family members who were. They spoke of the wounding to psyche, to self-esteem and confidence the schools had caused and the difficulty in leading a normal life with the trauma of that experience haunting them.

Following the sharing circle we had a short grounding meditation and then approximately 30 people rang hand bells outside at noon to coincide with similar events occurring all across the country.

Part of the ceremonies in Ottawa was the planting of peace and healing gardens (see photo on page 18 of this paper).

There are signs of change and healing, of bridges being built and continuing to grow from mutu-

al cooperation in the past. Local organizations, beginning at the time of the First Nations referendum, formed concerned citizens groups to respond to issues such as fish farming at Walker's Hook, pipelines and climate change, Grace Island, treaty negotiations and land claims, and long-house replacement efforts.

David Kos, in his excellent Viewpoint article last week, outlined the most pressing responses to be implemented after the commission's findings. These will all take time, but we can't take too long.

All of us must walk the healing path together as the non-native culture of Canada is also wounded until this rift is closed. The challenges of the future require that we work together or face the consequences of inaction. No one is leaving.

As another step on the healing and awakening journey, this Sunday, June 21 — National Aboriginal Day — we are pleased to announce that Joe Akerman will be our guest speaker. Joe is well known as a local activist and a man of strong conviction.

The sermon begins at 10 a.m. There will be a short discussion circle after the service and coffee.

All are welcome.  
TOM MITCHELL, FOR  
SSI UNITED CHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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## ART REVIEW

# ArtCraft openers promote dialogue



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 A packed Mahon Hall for the opening event of ArtCraft and its first Showcase exhibit on Friday night.



**Two Lads and a Lady:**  
 Photographic Images from Here and There

Curt Firestone, Tom Gilligan, and Margaret Ann Argiro team up to premier high quality photo art inspired by places and people from Mexico to India, from the Gulf Islands to the Pacific Ocean. The two Lads rely heavily on composition and texture in their colorful, artistic expressions of abstracts and landscapes, as well as emotions to bring meaningful definition to faces and spaces. The Lady evokes a sense of atmosphere and empathy by capturing simple, unassuming portraits, juxtaposed with visually tactile presentations of Vedic Temple Yoginis.

Lad Curt and Lady Margaret Ann are avid travelers, yet reside on Salt Spring Island. Lad Tom, formerly of SSI, brings his work from Gabriola. All three artists have received prior acclaim for their artistic photographs in the Driftwood and have participated in exhibitions on SSI, Gabriola Island, The Port Theater, Nanaimo, Victoria, Puerto Vallarta, San Sebastian and the Sidney Fine Art Show.

**The exhibit is open daily at ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave., Salt Spring Island, June 24, noon - 4pm, June 25 - 30, 10am to 4pm. Special Reception with coffee and pastries, Sunday, June 28, 10am.**

Abstract works and art furniture in showcase

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Aura, ArtCraft's inaugural showcase exhibition of the season at Mahon Hall, fulfills one of art's major functions of promoting debate and discussion among its viewers.

There is much to discuss when it comes to Nicola Morgan's abstract paintings. Unlike with representational art, the everyday viewer is forced to look beyond whether the paintings depict something he or she is sympathetic to, firstly, and in a successful or personally pleasing manner, secondly.

As Morgan's works in oil and cold wax tend toward the least representational type of abstract work, the viewer looks instead at palette and brush strokes,



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN  
 Nicola Morgan's Geisha, right, and other works in the Aura show.

the colours used and the way they are arranged on the canvas, and the cohesion of assembled elements. In Morgan's case, as seen during the Easter Art Tour showcase, there is a strong sense of her underlying knowledge of composition and form — essential for any painting to succeed.

The three panels of the Grace Triptych, for example, contain repeated colour motifs but no identical applications, with smooth sections of sky blue and mint green made dramatic by more expressive applications of white, black and burnished ochre. The combination, along with the title, suggests moments of serenity captured between more turbulent emotions.

The use of title is itself fodder for dialogue, a conundrum Morgan appears to refer to in her series of 6X6-inch works, each called Another Small Story. With the human thirst for narrative connection, adding a title influences what is seen and how it is interpreted. The small stories are thickly textured, brightly coloured and dynamic in application — but it's up to the viewer to decide what adventures are referenced within.

In contrast, Morgan's painting Pillow Talk could suggest a certain direction: do those large white expanses reference cool sheets? Are the warm reds and pinks the intimate conversation of lovers?

Visitors will have much to admire and discuss.

Sculptural furniture by Ian Cobane is also bound to promote interesting discussion. Pieces like a unique sloped bench with felted cushion, with one post as backrest and a surface in which the wood's natural grain is emphasized to become small ridges, force questions about motivation and purpose. Is the work primarily sculptural? Is it meant to be used or just admired? Where is the line between art and function drawn?

Barry Chattel's furniture pieces are less prone to debate, but like Cobane's, reveal strong craftsmanship. Woven standing screens of finely planed white oak would provide a beautiful addition to any room. His title gives his Spider Tables a humorous sentience. Three end tables with warm zebra wood tops over tapering dark legs could conceivably go on the move to perform their own reorganization of space after the lights go out.

Aura continues on Mahon Hall's stage daily through July 8.



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# Alex Cuba shares results of throwing off artistic shackles

Acclaimed performer visits

Salt Spring is lucky to be on the summer tour circuit for renowned performer Alex Cuba, who is hitting Canadian stages promoting his brand new album called Healer.

The album has already gone to number five on the CMJ New World chart and number one on the Earshot international chart.

The Grammy nominee and three-time Latin Grammy winner will perform with his band at Fulford Hall on Friday, June 26 beginning at 8 p.m.

Cuba describes his new album as “part love

songs, part love for the world” and feels it combines the finest characteristics of his previous works: the soul and intimacy of Agua del Pozo, the hooky pop songwriting of Ruido en el Sistema, and the nuanced blends of Cuban and American music of his self-titled third album — “with even more goodness that Alex had, until now, been holding back: romance, introspection, spirituality and an almost metaphysical message about reclaiming what’s really important in life.

“After more than a decade of re-imagining the music of his homeland, by cutting back on the showmanship and dialing up the soul,

Cuba threw off even more artistic shackles in the making of Healer, letting go of long-held beliefs about what Canadian audiences expected from him, such as the belief, based on early-career conversations with Canadian industry people, that Canadians weren’t romantic.”

Joining Cuba is a touring band of musicians from his adopted home town of Smithers, B.C., who have been playing with Cuba locally since they were teenagers — drummer Jake Jenne and bassist Ian Olmstead.

Tickets for the show are on sale at Salt Spring Sound and Salt Spring Books.



Alex Cuba in performance. He appears with his band at Fulford Hall on June 26.




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PERFORMING ARTS

# Imaginelle's creative transformation hits third season

Community theatre and dance at ArtSpring  
June 25-28

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The community-created extravaganza of dance, music and live theatre known as Imaginelle returns to ArtSpring this month with an alchemy theme inspiring all-new original material.

Naomi Jason once again leads a team of core creators who include Tyler Carpenter, Suzanne Gay, Robbyn Scott, Ananda Sinclair, Lesley Smith, Tali Wendt and Deanna Ziraldo for 2015. Taking in a cast of 60 islanders who range from seven to 75 years old, the show promises to highlight local talent in an outstanding program offered over four dates at ArtSpring starting on June 25.

Previous Imaginelle shows took the caterpillar's metamorphosis to butterfly as a metaphor for society's potential for positive transformation, both as a starting point for creating and a narrative device linking the original dance and music compositions. Imaginelle: Alchemy focuses another past component with the elements, but specifically on water and fire.

"We're thinking about alchemy as that subtle point between



PHOTO CAROL ADAM

Members of Imaginelle's core creative team of visionary artists, clockwise from top left: Deanna Ziraldo, Suzanne Gay, Naomi Jason, Lesley Smith and Ananda Sinclair. Also creating this year but not pictured are Robbyn Scott, Tali Wendt and Tyler Carpenter.

extremes that bridges them together," Jason explained.

"A deeper theme for me this year was learning how to work together through huge differences and bridge the extremes between contrasts like fire and water, light and dark, or feminine and masculine."

Jason and the Imaginelle team captured the community's enthusiastic support over their first two seasons, leading to a suc-

cessful Kickstarter campaign this spring during which over \$8,000 was donated to help defray this year's production costs. Jason also applied for and received a small Canada Council grant.

While the butterfly's metamorphosis has evolved over millennia to ensure a perfect transformation, Imaginelle's process is only three years old. Still, that has allowed the core creators to move closer to their original vision, with

more cohesion in the process and the show's overarching structure than ever before. Using live original music throughout the show has helped that goal.

"Ninety-five per cent of the music is original music composed by Ananda Sinclair and our music director Suzanne Gay," Jason said. "We're finally at what was envisioned at the start."

"It's way more woven together than ever. We went from starting out with almost a variety show to something that's really quite seamless."

The story and key music themes came from an apocalyptic dream that Gay had about the Earth burning and its very last river, and being asked to sing the "saddest song that ever was." Those concepts have been woven into the greater story, while the key elements of fire and water have informed many of the dance pieces.

Adding to the sense of cohesion in this year's show is a greater number of pieces involving the entire cast. Jason said there is also a stronger male presence, which includes a men's dance piece based on traditional stick games.

Jason's personal world has also enjoyed a type of alchemy through the collision of her professional performance side of dance and the unchoreographed, joyful

improvisation explored through Dance Temple sessions. Some of the show's pieces and participants this year have migrated from the Dance Temple floor.

Other help came from Alisoun Payne, a mentor from Vancouver who came to the island several times to teach the group some martial arts and qigong forms. Jason has also passed on her own qigong knowledge to help centre the cast.

**"We went from starting out with almost a variety show to something that's really quite seamless."**

NAOMI JASON  
*Imaginelle co-creator*

"The show is a process. It's not just this production at the end. All the people involved are going through it, not just the core creators," she noted.

Imaginelle: Alchemy runs at ArtSpring starting at 7:30 p.m. from Thursday, June 25 to Saturday, June 27 plus a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, June 28.

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IDEAS

# Gulf Islanders embrace Mayne Island Reads project

Readers contribute to National Aboriginal Day

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Important conversations around Canada's relationship with First Nations peoples have been taking place all around the southern Gulf Islands for the past six months thanks to the first Mayne Islands Reads event, which challenged residents to read and comment on Thomas King's book *The Inconvenient Indian*.

The challenge that began on January 1 and wraps up on National Aboriginal Day on June 21 started with an idea by Mayne Island resident and First Nations artist John Aitken. The project was gladly taken up by the Mayne Island Library and Miners Bay Books, with the goal of having as many islanders as possible read *The Inconvenient Indian* and then record their thoughts in accompanying journals. The response has surpassed all expectations.

"We'd hoped to have 100 readers and it looks like we'll have 125 to 130," said Judi Walker, co-chair of the Mayne Island Library Association board.

"The whole purpose was to get people talking about the Truth and Reconciliation issues, and this has absolutely happened on the island," she added.

"We're absolutely delighted . . . It was a book we were ready to read and a conversation we were ready to start."

The Mayne Island Library and Miners Bay Books each sponsored five of the 10 books and journals that were passed between readers. The library also kept a journal in-house so that people who borrowed the library copy or purchased their own books could enter comments. Others emailed Walker directly with their thoughts.

Between 70 and 75 readers took up the challenge on Mayne. They were joined by a total of 57 people from Pender, Galiano and Saturna islands. Walker said additional



readers joined from Piers Island, which hosts a tiny library in its fire hall, but their numbers are not yet in.

Aitken also hosted two talking circles over the challenge period for people who wanted to explore the issues more deeply and find

an outlet for the strong emotions the book can arouse. A final talking circle is expected to take place this summer.

"We learned lots, and we came away with things to think about. And John's a very quiet, thoughtful teacher. He's quite a lovely man," Walker said.

The official wrap-up of the challenge will coincide with Mayne Island's first National Aboriginal Day celebration, with a full schedule of events taking place at the community school from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including musical performances, films, talks, food and children's storytelling. Selections from the comments readers have made will be on display along with the books.

While the library board and Miners Bay Books took the lead on the reading challenge, the June 21 celebration has had leadership from the Mayne Island school community and a men's book club, among others.

"Part of what we'd hoped to do

is really involve the community, and that has happened," Walker observed.

Mayne Island Reads has been so successful, the planning committee is already thinking about what to do next year, but Walker said the theme will continue to relate to the Truth and Reconciliation issues.

"We want to carry on this conversation that we've started," she said.

Since *The Inconvenient Indian* was a difficult book for many to read and even more so to write about, Walker's personal inclination is to choose a novel next year.

The group will also try to find time to transcribe all the readers' comments, send them along to King, and perhaps even find a way to bring the author to Mayne.

"He's been very sweet and said he's not planning a trip to the Gulf Islands, but we haven't given up on the idea of having him come," Walker said.

EXHIBITIONS

# Community project yields art show results at library

Photo works and paintings also presented

People spending time on Salt Spring during June will still have until the end of the month to catch a few ongoing exhibitions, including a special community art show at the Salt Spring Library's program room.

Collage works by Writers of the Square Table were created by the Connecting Generations writer's group as the culmination

of Let's Get Experimental, a B.C. Arts Council project that aims to strengthen youth social and emotional health through inter-generational workshops in creative writing and multimedia storytelling.

Students from Gulf Islands Secondary School and adult volunteers from the Salt Spring community have met weekly over the past year to share their passion for writing and creating. The artist-facilitators invited students to start from a prompt, whether a quote, poem, story or word of

the day to get their creative juices flowing.

"Over this year, we have gathered together, written and collaged about our inner warrior, explored what we are most proud of, released thoughts that we no longer need and welcomed new visions into our lives," the facilitators state.

The exhibition is open during library hours when other meetings or programs are not in session.

Also worth checking out before the month ends are new works by photographer Maureen Milburn

and photomontage artist Sam Lightman at the Harbour House Hotel. The couple recently condensed two trips to Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii into 20 works on paper for a show called Hawaii Series.

Long-time residents of Salt Spring, Milburn and Lightman have been involved in photography for most of their adult lives. Art historian and cultural anthropologist Milburn used photography extensively in the courses she delivered at Emily Carr University and UBC. Lightman, for many

years a freelance writer and graphic designer, has been involved in one way or another with photography for over 50 years. More of Lightman's work can be seen on his website at <http://samlightman.com>.

Peter Eyles exhibits his most recent oil paintings for the month of June in the ArtSpring lobby. These are small "plein air" and on-site works done in the spring and summer of last year, a few portraits and some larger studio pieces. The subjects are primarily the local land and sea-

scape, done in a painterly style, with a diversion to vintage automobiles returning to the soil.

And photo lovers will have just one week to enjoy new work by Curt Firestone, Tom Gilligan, and Margaret Ann Argiro with their *Two Lads & a Lady* show on at the ArtSpring Gallery from June 24 to June 30. The show opens at noon on June 24 and continues daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a special reception with coffee and pastries set for Sunday, June 28 at 10 a.m.

OPEN STAGE

# Beatles music served up at festival

Father's Day treat at Tree House in Ganges

All things Beatles will be celebrated for the sixth year in a row at the Tree House Café this Sunday, June 21.

From 6 to 10 p.m. the cafe will feature a who's who of island

entertainers playing their interpretations of Beatles songs. Performers include the Gringo Czars (featuring Darren Linnell and Brian Box); Macdavesmark, featuring Malcolm Shoobraid, Dave Campbell, David Jacques and Mark Vanderwerf; Connor Jergenson and Jet Simon; Vaughn Fulford; David Eveno;

Ross Duncan; Dan Smith and Friends; Robert Johnson and more.

The evening is hosted by the inimitable Sir Richard Jean-Paul McLenninny, AKA David Jacques.

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# What's on this week



## Wed. June 17    Thur. June 18    Fri. June 19    Sat. June 20    Sun. June 21    Mon. June 22    Wed. June 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Billie Woods.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**GISS Drama: Play On Words.** The Gulf Islands Secondary School theatre students' final production is an absurdist theatre piece that incorporates classical and contemporary inspiration with live music, slam poetry and rap. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island.** Today's the day to shoot photographs of your island and islanders to submit to the Driftwood's annual Day in the Life of SSI publication. Take photos between 5 a.m. on June 17 through 5 a.m. on June 18 and send them to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com.  
**Heart and Stroke Big Bike.** Teams of 29 enthusiastic riders fundraise in support of heart disease and stroke research. Big Bike headquarters will be set up at Centennial Park. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Dying With Dignity Meeting.** Topic is Physician Assisted Dying: How Will It Work? At the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
**End-of-Year Minor Baseball Wind-up Party.** Watch the final Mosquito baseball game of the year, and enjoy a family BBQ. Portlock Park. 5:30 p.m.  
**Poker Night at the Local.** Hosted by Albert every Wednesday at The Local. Sign up by 6:30 p.m., start 7 p.m.  
**Classic Rock BingoJam.** Last one of the season. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Gene Grooms.** Live music at The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Duck Creek.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Open Mic with Ross and Dave.** Everyone welcome. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tour des Iles.** Free water taxis and special events linking the Southern Gulf Islands, with Salt Spring link from Fernwood Dock to Retreat Bay on Galiano. See full schedule at gulfislands.org.  
**Mineral Springs Resort Open House.** Special event in conjunction with Tour des Iles. Activities include mini spa treatments, music, lamb burgers (12:30 to 2:30 p.m.), local wine and cheese tasting (1 to 3 p.m.), and more. Mineral Springs Resort (formerly Salt Springs Spa Resort). 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Fundamentals of The New Self-knowledge.** A presentation on a new approach to self-knowledge using web-based tools. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.

## Fri. June 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Pinkertons.** Live music, plus free appies made by Dagwood's Diner. The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Synergy.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Friday Night Jazz Cafe.** Classic jazz every Friday with Lloyd and Myles English and special guests. Fernwood Road Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Keiffer McLean Concert.** House concert with an up-and-coming young artist from Regina at 266 Don Ore Rd. Doors open at 6 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m.  
**WIL.** Folk/rock recording artist Wil Mimnaugh plays Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tour des Iles.** See Thursday's listing.  
**Mineral Springs Resort Open House.** See Thursday's listing.  
**StoryTime.** Stories with songs, interactive activities for children 3 to 6 years of age. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.  
**Conjuring Club.** Join magician Shaun Luttin for a 90-minute lesson in conjuring and sleight-of-hand. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary. Register by emailing shaun@bigfont.ca. Salt Spring Public Library. Every Friday at 3:30 p.m.  
**Games Night.** At the Salt Spring Library beginning at 6 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Forum presents Louise Fréchette.** Former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations joins the Salt Spring Forum for a frank conversation about the future of international cooperation. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Barley Brothers.** Live music every Saturday. The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Barley Brothers.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Cahalen Morrison & Country Hammer.** Concert at the Southend Grooveyard with optional early outdoor BBQ dinner at 6 p.m., doors at 7 p.m. and music at 7:30 p.m. Check for ticket availability at southendgrooveyard@gmail.com.  
**Greg Drummond Album Release.** CBC Searchlight Top 10 artist performs new songs. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tour des Iles.** See Thursday's listing, plus Saturday-only trip from Ganges Harbour to Port Washington at 9 a.m., returning from Pender 3:35 p.m.  
**Mineral Springs Resort Open House.** See Thursday's listing, except that a Zumba class is also offered from 1 to 2 p.m.  
**Saturday Market.** Famous market event with all items made, baked or grown by Salt Spring residents. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Gift Book Sale Donation Drop-off Day.** Bring good-quality donations for SSI Literacy's November book sale fundraiser to Fulford Hall between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please no moldy books, magazines, DVDs & videos, older computer books, textbooks, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest or National Geographic publications.  
**Toddler Time.** Stories, rhymes and more for kids three and under and their families. Salt Spring Library. 10:30 a.m.  
**Free Introductory Talk on the Ishayas' Ascension.** Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Let it Beate VI.** Local musicians play homage to The Beatles, hosted by David Jacquest. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tour des Iles.** See Thursday's listing.  
**Mineral Springs Resort Open House.** See Thursday's listing, except that a Zumba class is also offered from 1 to 2 p.m.  
**National Aboriginal Day Service.** Joe Akerman is guest speaker at the Salt Spring United Church service. 10 a.m.  
**Unitarian Fellowship.** Last singing service for the season with Barb Slater. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 10:30 a.m.  
**Father's Day Triathlon.** Fifth annual swim, bike and run event beginning from Rainbow Road Pool. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with races starting at 10:30 a.m. Kids' heats start at 11 a.m. or 12 noon.  
**Salt Spring Vineyards Solstice Celebration.** Annual season kick-off celebration with special tastings of new releases, live music with the Jose Sanchez Cuban Party Band and fresh empanadas. Salt Spring Vineyards. Noon to 5 p.m.  
**Rainbow Road Pool Birthday Party.** Come celebrate Rainbow Road Indoor Pool's 7th birthday with snacks served from 12:30 p.m. and cake at 1 p.m. Free swimming from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Official Opening of the Bittancourt House Museum Extension.** At the Farmers' Institute grounds. 2 to 4 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Brothers.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.** Regular meeting. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 4 to 6 p.m.

## Tues. June 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage with David Jacquest.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday Farmers' Market.** Every Tuesday through October at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Daryl Chonka and Dan Howlett.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**What in the Stars is Happening on Earth.** Visual presentation with Michael O'Connor of Sunstar Astrology. Lions Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Lilies - Summer Splendour.** Salt Spring Garden Club's guest speaker is Colin Tamboine. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Literacy Society AGM.** At the SSI Library Program Room. 2 p.m.  
**Poker Night at the Local.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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- Far From the Madding Crowd** — Carey Mulligan stars as the independent and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene, who considers three very different suitors in the adaptation of Thomas Hardy's famous fourth novel.
- National Theatre Live: The Audience** — starring Helen Mirren as The Queen, back by popular demand. Recorded in London's West End in 2013, with 2015 Tony Award winner Helen Mirren, and a new Q and A session with Mirren. For 60 years, the Queen met weekly with her Prime Ministers. We see the woman behind the crown, and moments that shaped a monarch. Thursday, June 25 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. only. Advance tickets at SSI Books and The Fritz Cinema when open.

### EXHIBITIONS

- Eclectic Visions,** the sixth annual show of work by Salt Spring Photography Club members, runs in the upper gallery area of Gallery 8 daily through June 24.
- ArtCraft** — the 48th-annual SSI Arts Council show and sale — runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The current Showcase exhibit is called Aura, featuring painter Nicola Morgan and furniture makers Barry Chattell and Ian Cobane.
- Charcoal and Silica,** work by LeeAnn Norgard and Kristin Boettger, shows at Salt Spring Gallery through June 25.
- Denise Okan** shows photographic composites and hand-painted works in an exhibit titled Summer Within at Fernwood Road Cafe daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 11.

- Duthie Gallery** presents Semblances: new sculpture in bronze, silver and steel by David Robinson until June 29. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays.
- Two Lads and a Lady** - Photographic Images from Here and There by Curt Firestone, Tom Gilligan and Margaret Ann Argiro opens at ArtSpring on Wednesday, June 24 from noon to 4 p.m., and continues daily through June 30. Special reception on Sunday, June 28 at 10 a.m.
- Pegasus Gallery** presents historic Sampson-Matthews prints and gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason's related book called Art for War and Peace.
- The Harbour House Hotel** displays new work by photographer Maureen Milburn and photomontage artist Sam Lightman throughout June. The couple recently condensed two trips to Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii into 20 works on paper for a show called the Hawaii Series.
- Kizmit Galeria and Café** shows Nicola Wheston's paintings of Forest Scapes through June.
- Peter Eyles** exhibits his most recent oil paintings for the month of June in the ArtSpring lobby. The subjects are primarily the local land and seascape, done in a painterly style, with a diversion to vintage automobiles returning to the soil.
- The intergenerational group **Writers of the Square Table** shows artworks related to its Connecting Generations project in the Library program room through June.
- The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Road shows two distinct bodies of work in black and white. Prints by George Wallace, titled Relation, and CRUDE by Gillian McConnell. Open by appointment most days. 250-653-0089.

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## AGILITY RACING

# Two Salt Spring dogs off to national championships

Great runs at B.C. finals

Three teams from Salty Dogs Agility Club had excellent results at the BC/Yukon Dog Agility Regional Championships held June 5-7 at Thunderbird Park in Langley.

Salty Dogs trainer Diane Alton-Kaighin and Elfie placed first, second, third, fourth (twice) and fifth in their six runs, placing first overall in their division and easily qualifying for nationals. Elfie, who was a rescue dog, is a champion agility dog with many titles and at 12 years of age runs as a veteran.

Lesley Colgan and Crumpet placed fourth and sixth in two of their runs and were seventh overall in their division, which also qualified them for a spot at nationals.

The third team was Rod Scotvold and Victoria.

"They had a great weekend, with five great runs," notes a press release. "Unfortunately, Victoria made up her own course in one run, so they missed qualifying by only eight points."

Regional championships are held throughout Canada each year, so that dog and handler teams can qualify to compete



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Crumpet, above, participates in a run at regional dog agility championships in Langley on the June 5-7 weekend.

in the Canadian national championships.

All teams participate in a total of six runs over the weekend, each one earning points. Each run is different, with different agility equipment. Top points go for perfect runs

with no faults and for the fastest time. Dogs compete in different divisions based on their height.

This year's national competition is in Burnaby in August.



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Diane Alton-Kaighin and Elfie accept their first-place prizes.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

# Silver-light card players look ahead to Buck Moon

Lunar lessons part of bridge fare

## BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

By the light of the Strawberry Moon did you want to spoon or croon love's tune? Didn't think so.

On June 1 you probably just wanted to get home

safely after a good evening of duplicate bridge, noticing bright Saturn near that almost-full silvery orb. It was indeed called the strawberry one long ago by the Algonquins who enjoyed harvesting that fruit, in spite of the fact

that the Europeans called it the Rose Moon for good reason too.

There were only four full tables that moonstruck night and Al Wilke with Nadene McCoy rose to the highest point, followed by Nick Beringer and Patricia Sutherland. Liz and Oleh Mycyk beamed down from the third height.

By June 8 that moon had

waned but the number of players had ballooned to six and a half tables, resulting in a return to the Mitchell movement with North-South staying put and East-West moving around. In the N-S group, Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor made the best of bad cards, with Paul Retailack and George Laundry in second place and Don

Elder with Oleh Mycyk coming third.

As for the E-W group, it was Catherine Gardiner and Ted Baldwinson who earned first place, and there was a tie for the second spot when the Beringer-Sutherland pair matched the Wilke-McCoy partnership. Third place went to Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette.

Stay tuned for the July full moon, which will arrive on Canada Day and is known as the Buck Moon because that's when the buck deer antlers shed the velvet.

Meanwhile, if you need info for the remaining June games or others, please contact George Laundry at 250-931-9095 or pastorate@shaw.ca.

## GARDEN CLUB

# Lily love set to bloom

Colin Tamboline is guest speaker

On Wednesday, June 24 the Salt Spring Island Garden Club welcomes speaker Colin Tamboline, whose talk is titled Lilies - Summer Splendour.

Tamboline is an experienced, knowledgeable grower of lilies who has been growing them for over 30 years.

"I am still in awe of their incredible vigour, spectacular flowers and wonderful scents," said Tamboline.

He grows all types of lilies, and hybridizes and grows from seed as well. He has a special

interest in the Orient and trumpet varieties and the West Coast hybrids.

Tamboline is a member of the Victoria Lily Society and the North American Lily Society. He is also very involved in the lily bed at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific at Glendale Gardens.

Tamboline plans to bring a limited number of some of his favourite lilies for sale.

This will be the last club meeting until Sept. 23.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall. New members are always welcome.

For further information, visit www.ssigardenclub.com.

# Spirit of Salt Spring



Fulford Elementary School students present a cheque to Sean Hogan, Salt Spring BCSPCA branch manager, representing proceeds from the school's Change for Community program that sees coins collected at whole school meetings for a charitable cause.

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**PLANTING HOPE:** From left, Diane Lugsdin of the Salt Spring Island United Church Social Justice Committee and local activist Jean Wilkinson plant native plants in the Memorial Garden of the church at a recent event to mark Truth and Reconciliation events. This Sunday the theme continues with Joe Akerman as guest speaker at the United Church service.

COMMENTARY

# At the world's highest garbage dump

*"Having people pay \$65,000 to be led up a mountain by a couple of guides isn't really mountaineering at all"*  
 — Sir Edmund Hillary



Arthur Black

## WIT & WHIMSY

The Chinese name for it is Chomolungma. Nepalis call it Sagarmatha. To the rest of the world it's Mount Everest, named after an otherwise forgotten British surveyor during the days of the British Raj. (Nepalis and Chinese didn't get a vote.)

Its summit is as barren as Mars, wind-whipped, blizzard-lashed and highly toxic, being almost devoid of oxygen. It is taller than 20 Empire State Buildings, standing nearly six miles above sea level. As the highest piece of real estate on the planet, Mount Everest is a mighty metaphor for human challenge and a magnet for adventurers. No one managed to make it to the top and live to talk about it until a Sherpa named Tensing Norgay led a Kiwi mountaineer named Edmund Hillary to the peak in 1953.

In 2012, 234 climbers

made it to the summit in a single day.

Since Tensing and Norgay made the ascent more than 4,000 people have climbed Everest.

But not quite the way Tensing and Norgay did. The pioneers subsisted on tinned sardines and dried dates. When today's climbers reach Base Camp they can purchase sushi, wine, beer — even take a yoga class.

Hillary and Norgay made the climb with nothing more than what they could carry on their backs. Today's "mountaineers" find camp facilities, climbing ropes — even ladders — already in place as they ascend. They've been installed by Sherpas weeks before the two-month climbing season.

The truth is, the "sum-

miters" aren't mountaineers at all — they're tourists.

Very rich tourists, it must be said. Each of them will have ponied up anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 US for the experience.

They are also slobs. The mountain that challenged Norgay and Hillary was pristine and unsullied. Today, it is the world's highest garbage dump. Experts estimate that climbers have left behind more than 50 tons of garbage over the years — everything from empty oxygen bottles to dirty socks.

Oh yes — and poop. There are no Porta-Potties on the slopes of Everest. All those climbers have to squat behind rocks and scoop ice or snow over their deposits. Those deposits leak into streams and rivers fed by the melting glaciers.

And that crisp and biting mountain air that is the very essence of mountain climbing?

Not on these slopes. Mount Everest stinks.

Authorities are conflicted

over the problem. True, clean-up teams have hauled out nearly 17 tons of trash and climbers who fail to return with at least eight kilos of trash will lose their \$4,000 deposits, but that's a drop in the non-existent bucket. Nobody really knows how much crap is still up there.

And the government of Nepal does make more than \$3 million a year from issuing climbing permits.

Precious little of that money trickles down to the Sherpas who risk their lives as guides. Last year, 16 of them were killed in one avalanche. The Nepali government offered the victims' families \$400 each.

But the Nepali people have a splendid sense of irony. In 2012 a group of Nepali artists got together to sculpt several works of art that now greet visitors to their country. The sculptures are crafted from nearly two tons of trash taken from the slopes of Everest — an ever-so-polite reminder that visitors to the world's highest mountain should leave behind only their footprints.

ISLAND HISTORY

# Museum open house marks expansion

This Sunday afternoon at Farmers' Institute grounds

The Bittancourt House Museum extension is now complete and everyone is invited to celebrate this Sunday afternoon.

Over the last couple of years, the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute, with the assistance of a group of dedicated

volunteers and generous donations from the Salt Spring Foundation and the Capital Regional District, has been working to provide additional space at the museum for an ever-growing range of artifacts celebrating and commemorating the rich history of Salt Spring Island and its agricultural roots.

Among many items in the new area is a feature on the murals of Alfred Temmel and the Paul Bion exhibit. Captain Bion was a decorated war hero

and island farmer.

The June 21 event on the Farmers' Institute grounds on Rainbow Road runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

John Fulker, president of the Salt Spring Farmers' Heritage Foundation, said the open house will provide a good opportunity to talk about "old times," become informed about island history and discuss the potential of the museum to be an educational tool for youth.

FUNDRAISING

# Galiano woman needs surgery funds

Jemma Lee using crowdfunding route to access brain surgery in U.S.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An art and antique dealer on Galiano Island has turned to social media to raise nearly \$100,000 she needs for potentially life-saving surgery.

Two years ago, Jemma Lee learned she had a cyst beside her pineal gland, near the centre of her brain. She says the growth has begun to affect her vision and mobility, and causes unbearable headaches that occur with increasing frequency.

"Six months ago, I was hiking, walking, dancing, doing yoga and gardening with no problems. I now walk with a walking stick and have to use a mobility scooter to get about," she said. "My vision is also worsening quickly and these symptoms are impacting every area of my life and making it very hard to manage my business."



Galiano resident Jemma Lee

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

"It's frustrating and scary," she said. "I've had a lot of health problems that haven't been explained."

She worries things will only get worse if she fails to act soon.

Lee said she's been forced to fundraise because doctors in B.C. say the procedure to have the cyst removed is far too invasive and dangerous to justify the risk. Whereas doctors in Canada refuse to consider her case, Lee said, she's discovered an American neurosurgeon who's developed a technique that focuses on her specific problem.

Dr. Dong Kim treats people from around the world at Houston's Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Centre, including as many as 15 Canadians per year. Lee said she's spoken with a Comox Valley woman who underwent the procedure in early May. One month following her surgery, the

woman is reported to be symptom free.

A story published last summer in the Houston Chronicle describes Kim's procedure as "simple and elegant."

"A lot of neurosurgery is getting to the place where the problem is," Kim told the Chronicle. "You do the least possible, but you have to get there."

Lee is scheduled to meet Kim in Houston in September. If all goes according to plan, she hopes to have the surgery performed before the end of the year.

The internet is rife with stories about Canadians forced to raise money to pay for costly surgery south of the border. In some cases, patients have been forced to mortgage their homes or take on lengthy disputes with insurance companies and provincial health ministries.

Since she launched her fundraising campaign earlier this month, Lee has raised nearly \$4,000. The money will help cover costs for the procedure, transportation and accommodation.

"It's been amazing. I couldn't imagine going through this anywhere else," she said of the public's response to her campaign. "This is the most supportive community I've lived in ever. It's an island thing. As islanders we all kind of stick together and take care of each other. I've been overwhelmed by the generosity of my friends and neighbours."

Further details about Lee's medical condition and her fundraising campaign are available by searching for "Jemma Lee" at youcaring.com.

A spokesperson from Doctors of BC declined to comment on the story, and a representative from the University of British Columbia's Department of Neurology could not be reached for an interview.

"I couldn't imagine going through this anywhere else."

JEMMA LEE  
Galiano Island resident

Pineal cysts are often found in children and young adults who do not exhibit any negative effects. Lee said her symptoms are likely the result of the enlarged cyst's proximity to adjacent parts of her brain, specifically nerve centres that control her speech, vision and mobility.

READING

# Fondness for travel books rewarded

Library treasures take readers far away

BY MAGGIE WARBEY  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Summer is not far off now, so it's time to start looking for beach and deck chair reading. The New Shelves are the places to start for timely, thought-provoking and entertaining books that will give you hours of satisfaction.

At the Salt Spring Public Library, we have a special fondness for travel books of all types and about all places. Be sure to look over our collection before you plan your next trip, inside or outside of B.C. **The Eyewitness Travel Japan** on the New Shelf offers a wonderful collection of information and lore about contemporary and historical Japan. Maps, photos and diagrams all add to the usefulness of this volume. The authors include proposed itineraries, floor plans for all major

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sites, and a wide-ranging selection of hotels, restaurants, tours and places to visit, as well as historical sketches and social information, all to ensure that the visitor misses nothing.

**Dissent over Descent** by Steve Fuller presents the argument for intelligent design not as a counter to Darwinism and natural selection but as a possible alternative explanation for some of the many unexplained questions of science. Calling on religion, scientific examination, pragmatics and experience, the author asks readers to consider how theology and science have complemented each other throughout history. He also asks just how responsible is the scientist for the results of his

ideas.

If you loved Love in the Time of Cholera, you'll want to get right into **Gabriel Garcia Marquez, A Life** by Gerald Martin. This biography chronicles the life and times of the monumental story teller. Along with several pages of photographs that show Garcia Marquez and his family through time, the author includes countless episodes, reminiscences and events that shaped and enriched the mind and imagination of the man who would become the Cervantes of South America.

Trina Robbins' **Pretty in Ink, North American Women Cartoonists 1896-2013** is a beautifully illustrated and fully documented history of women cartoonists. Included in the text are pages from the original manuscripts and documents that these women designed and drew. The book presents a surprising

cross-section of political, social and entertaining cartoons, drawn with amazingly fine detail and skill. Whether for advertising, humour or to tell a story, the art of the women highlighted in this volume has all added to the wealth of cartooning history.

On the New Fiction Shelf, Rose Tremain's **The American Lover** is a recent collection of short stories by this award-winning novelist. Covering the usual topics and themes: young love, old love, family, friends, disappointment and excitement, these stories bring to life the breadth and depth of the human condition. Each tale is a compelling, well-executed gem of polished writing, giving readers the backstory that informs and completes the characters' choices and predicaments. This book is an enjoyable afternoon, or an evening or two, of entertainment.

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## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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### TIP OF THE WEEK:

Happy Solstice! The official turn of the season occurs on June 21st at 9:38 am PDT. Here in the Northern Hemisphere summer begins coinciding with the somewhat ironic fact that from this day onward until December 21st, the hours of daylight begin to be less and less. This play on light, due to the fact that the Earth has a tilt of approximately 23.5 degrees from the plane of the ecliptic, otherwise understood as the apparent path of the Sun, has a subtle yet pervasive psychological and spiritual effect. From the perspective of the season as a whole the chart cast for the exact moment of solstice, or the exact moment when the Sun is at 0 Cancer in the Tropical Zodiac, offers hints at what can be expected for the next 3 months. The chart reveals an exciting yet also rather dramatic theme. The Sun and Mars are closely aligned which already reveals a highly charged and energized tempo. Yet it is the Moon in Leo at 29 degrees forming an exact square aspect to Saturn Retrograde in Scorpio also at 29 degrees that tells the deeper story. The square or 90 degree angle between planets is among the two most dynamic yet challenging aspects in astrology. It refers to energies that tend to be at cross purposes. At best it is about change, at worst making the change requires full concentration and a lot of effort (the word change does not always sound fun but imagine the world without it). The 29th degree itself is considered 'critical' in astrology and refers to issues of overcoming. Since both planets are in 'Fixed Signs' (Taurus, Leo and Scorpio), which indicates themes that can be described as having more weight and gravity, this altogether sets a rather serious tone. Invariably everyone will feel or experience or at least witness the repercussions. How it will affect your own life can be best revealed by getting a personal Astrology Reading.

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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)** The past few weeks have likely been active, energizing and fun. There is reason to say romance could be blooming as well. All the while, a steady and measurable flow of change and transformation continues. The emphasis this week will turn towards home and family. Deciphering what you truly need to feel secure is a core theme.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)** An extra busy and creative cycle continues. Bringing love, light and beauty to your world is a main focus. Although summer has officially arrived, cleaning and clearing the clutter will likely prove liberating. The end goal is a shift of atmosphere and thereby of perspective towards new levels of confidence and fresh flowers of inspiration.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** You have recently entered new territory, probably both literally and figuratively. Waves of creative inspiration are flowing in and you are excited about the possibilities. Focusing may be more challenging than usual, however. Making key moves to feel more secure is featured. As usual, money and health are main areas of focus.

**Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)** A period of reflection and retreat is now yielding to a more dynamic cycle. You will still feel pulled to do some inner work and soul searching but your focus will be divided. Opportunity has been knocking and if you were not before you will feel ready to answer now. Important exchanges with others will require that you keep it confidential.

**Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)** You remain in an expansive time overall. Yet, a period of retreat or at least a state that will support a change of perspective is likely. Sometimes such a change has a re-energizing effect. As well, the urge for creative self-expression is extra strong. Meanwhile, a process of breaking with the past continues. Keeping an open mind about literally everything is a key to this phase of destiny.

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)** Getting the attention and respect you feel you want, need and deserve has been keeping you busy. This trend will continue and includes a rather dynamic learning curve. Gaining new knowledge and training and perhaps sharing the same with others remain central. You can also anticipate the gypsy in you stepping out to go on a little adventure or two.

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**Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)** An exciting period mixed with travel, adventure, cultural exchange and quality time shared with friends new and old is featured in the planetary line-up for you. Now the focus is shifting to your public and professional sphere. Generally, the more you are able to work from your own secured space the more confident you will feel. Get clear then push for what you want and need.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)** An ambitious period continues to rise. You may still be unsure of your direction in some respects. A process of deciphering your priorities is implied. Opportunities and options are available yet you are not so inclined to take cavalier risks. Many imaginative ideas are flowing through your mind. Choosing the path of love over fear means the result does not produce guilt or casualty.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)** You are about to enter a rather deep, soul searching period. By now this may sound quite familiar. Yet, this one is important because the other side of it stands to open your world in new and exciting ways. There may yet remain some important ironing out of details. Key communications to preserve a lasting peace are also featured. Be willing to follow through on realizing a healthy new lifestyle for best results.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)** An extra busy time complete with many details and communications continues. Yet the scale is now tilting towards family, fun, relationships and quality time shared. This presents a window during which taking time to enjoy the simpler pleasures of life will prove restorative. Be open to receive more and focus on the lighter side of things. Escaping it all has its place especially when the timing is right.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)** Amidst a playful cycle some added excitement will tilt towards health. As well, there could be some fresh starts at work and/or in your daily routine in general. Meanwhile, your social horizons continue to steadily expand. As a consequence you feel happier, your light is shining brighter and others are noticing. If you have been wanting and waiting for love you are in a good position to succeed soon.

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)** A good deal of sifting and sorting close to home and within your own heart and mind continues. Yet now it is opening into a more fun and creative period. It may feel a little harder to feel happy and at peace these days, but this window which will last a few weeks anyway could prove quite uplifting. Make the most of it and fill your tanks with inspiration.

## TOUR DES ILES

# Organizers gear up for weekend

Additional sailings and events added

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Coordinators and participants from across the southern Gulf Islands hope this weekend's Tour des Iles will foster stronger island communities, stimulate local economies and encourage people to meet their fellow islanders.

The Capital Regional District, working in conjunction with groups on Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands, is offering free inter-island shuttle service from June 18 to 21.

The free passenger-only boats will leave from CRD docks throughout the islands approximately every two hours beginning as early as 8 a.m. on June 18. The crossing times on the routes will be between 10 and 25 minutes. People should note that some sailings have already filled up, with waiting lists being taken.

Ferries from Salt Spring will depart from Fernwood Dock en route to

Retreat Cove on Galiano Island. Shuttle buses have been arranged to serve water taxi ports. The shuttles will connect islanders with recreation, arts and social opportunities at events scheduled throughout the islands.

**"We hope this tour will showcase the islands."**

DAVID HOWE  
CRD director,  
Southern Gulf Islands

Two roundtrip shuttles between Port Washington on Pender Island and Ganges are available on Saturday, June 20.

"The Tour des Iles is an innovative initiative to restore the social and economic fabric of the southern Gulf Islands that was once interconnected but has suffered over the years due to service cuts and fare increases," said David Howe, CRD director for the Southern Gulf

Islands, in a press release about the event. "We hope this tour will showcase the islands and spark people's imaginations about how this region could use innovative, lowcarbon transportation options to get visitors and locals to and between these magnificent islands that make British Columbia the envy of the world."

John Wellingham, who has helped coordinate events on Salt Spring, said he's been pleasantly surprised by the number of island groups who have stepped up to participate in the project.

Costs associated with the tour have been raised from local chambers of commerce, Lions Club, service clubs, individuals and local governments. Wellingham thanked CRD director Wayne McIntyre for stepping up to assist with a \$2,500 grant.

The online waiting list and events calendar is available at gulfislands.org. Anyone who plans to participate in the tour is asked to confirm that space on a return water taxi trip is available before they set out.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

# Reading club keeps kids learning

Free library program offered on Fridays

The Salt Spring Public Library invites kids aged 12 and under to join the 2015 B.C. Summer Reading Club.

This year's theme is Build It! Registration is free and starts at the library on Thursday, June 18.

Kids receive a special reading record to keep track of their reading, and for every seven

days that they read for at least 20 minutes, they'll be awarded a special Summer Reading Club sticker and prize.

"Summer Reading Club motivates kids to read (or be read to) regularly, so it helps to maintain or improve reading skills while school is out," explains a press release. "It makes reading fun by inviting kids to read whatever they want. The expert staff and volunteers at the library

can help kids find just what they like, whether it's a print book, audiobook, e-book or magazine."

Ninety-minute Summer Reading Club programs will be held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the Library Program Room starting on July 3.

Program activities include Lego, castle building and a scavenger hunt, and all will start with a story-time session.

Summer Reading Club is sponsored by

the British Columbia Library Association, Canada Summer Jobs and Youth Canada Works with financial support from the Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education, and the RBC Foundation.

For more information, and to learn about other free library programs, contests and activities for kids, call the library at 250-537-4666, email info@saltspringlibrary.com or visit saltspring.bc.libraries.coop.

## MINDFULNESS

# Ascension meditation explained

Saturday at Still Point Yoga Studio

A free introductory talk about meditation and its role in expanding consciousness comes to Still Point Yoga Studio on Saturday, June 20.

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Surya Ishaya, a qualified teacher of Ascension affiliated with The Ishaya Foundation, will lead the session.

According to press material, "Ishaya is part of a network of teachers that have dedicated their lives

to expanding consciousness in themselves and in the world. They are continually refining their own personal practice and receive yearly reviews and guidance by qualified instructors.

"The Ishayas' Ascension is a series of techniques based on praise, gratitude and love that automatically re-connect us to that source in the present moment. The Ishayas' Ascension bears testimony to the fact that meditation can actually be very easy and effortless and still extremely effective."



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**DEATHS**



**Elizabeth (Betty) Mary McGinnes**  
1927 - 2015

Betty died peacefully in Greenwoods on June 7, 2015 on Salt Spring Island, BC at the age of 88.  
Elizabeth was born on March 27, 1927 in Vancouver, BC.  
A funeral is scheduled for June 18, 2015 @ 2:00 PM at Salt Spring United Church, with a reception to follow. Rev. Clark Saunders will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Elizabeth's life.  
Flowers and condolences may be sent to: SSI United Church, 111 Hereford Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T3.



**Nancy Post**  
1948 - 2015

Nancy Post, born July 9th, 1948, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on June 15th 2015. She is survived by her daughters, Laura Redpath (Tyler Littlejohn), Jenny Redpath (Charles Gosset) and her grand daughters Elliotte and Addison Gosset.  
Nancy lived a life of simple happiness and enjoyed her friends and family till the end of her life.  
We will be having a celebration to say goodbye and remember her on June 21st from 12pm- 3pm with memories beginning at 1pm. 170 Simson Rd Salt Spring Island, please call 250-537-4415 for any questions.



**ROBERT IAN LACY**  
JULY 19, 1959 - JUNE 11, 2015

Ian passed away suddenly on June 11th at the age of 55. You will be sadly missed by all of us in your family, as well as the many friends you had.

Family and friends of Ian Lacy are invited to a Celebration of Life on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 2pm - 6pm at the Lions Club on Bonnet Road.



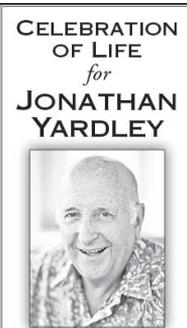
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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District has been scheduled to be held on 29 June 2015.

The purpose of the meeting will be to authorize the signing of a consulting contract for the "Administrative Function Review".

For more information visit our website [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) Board of Trustees

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**ROWING**

## Rowers plan Salt Spring regatta



PHOTO COURTESY SALT SPRING ISLAND ROWING CLUB

Members of the masters' division at practice.

Race on the Rock is an island first

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Rowers from Salt Spring and across Vancouver Island will hit the waters of Long Harbour next week to compete in an event organizers hope will be the first of many more to come.

As of Sunday's registration dead-

line, 43 participants had signed up for the inaugural Race on the Rock Regatta. Coordinator Judy Smith said she anticipates a few more teams may sneak in before the event gets underway on Saturday, June 27.

Smith said she never imagined Salt Spring would host an event of this kind. As interest in the sport has grown among youth and adults, the club has expanded and begun to leave an impression with neighbour-

ing teams and at major regattas.

The club has since found a permanent training area at St. Mary Lake and established itself among a dedicated crew of high school students.

Smith said the upcoming regatta has received strong support from Rowing BC and nearby clubs. The Long Harbour race will feature single, double and quad boats from Nanaimo, Brentwood Bay and Maple Bay. Junior and masters-level rowers will compete in a five-kilometre head race and subsequent 500-metre sprint events.

Smith anticipates the Race on the Rock will provide a chance for rowers of all calibres and experience levels to taste regatta racing in a scenic seaside setting.

A public viewing area will be available near the water at Maracaibo. Smith said spectators may find the afternoon sprint events, which begin around 1 p.m., most entertaining.

For more information about the event and the Salt Spring Island Rowing Club, contact Stacy Mitchell at 250-931-0090 or mitchell.stacy@gmail.com.

**VICTORIA TRIATHLON**

## Local triathletes shine

Islanders take on world-class competition

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Three Salt Spring triathletes suited up against some stiff competition at events associated with the annual Saunders Subaru Victoria Triathlon over the weekend.

Competing in her first event of the year, Marion Young rose to the challenge of Sunday's sprint-class race with a first-place finish among the seven runners in her F55-59 age category. Young completed the 750-metre swim, 20-kilometre bike ride and five-kilometre run in 1:32:24. She finished 45th overall among 125 racers.

In Sunday's Ironman 70.3 event, Richard Hayden placed 12th among 138 competitors in his M45-49 age category. He finished 94th overall in a field of more than 1,500 competitors assembled from across North

America. His performance follows on the heels of a bronze-medal showing at the Shawnigan Lake triathlon in May. Hayden completed the 1,900-m swim, 86-km bike ride and 20-km run in 4:48:58.

"His 1:31:56 half marathon after the swim and bike legs will impress our running gang," said Lynn Thompson, spokesperson for the Salt Spring Sneakers running club, in a Monday email.

Marcia Jansen crossed the finish line in 12th spot among nearly 60 racers in her F40-44 age group. Jansen's time of 5:30:58 was buoyed by a second-place performance in the swim. She placed 420th overall.

"Marcia seems to have recovered from her Escape from Alcatraz event [in San Francisco] of just a week ago, finishing 12th in her category," Thompson added.

Triathlon fans won't want to miss this Sunday's Father's Day Triathlon with events for adults and kids. See the Recreation Excellence ad on page 24 of this paper for all the details.



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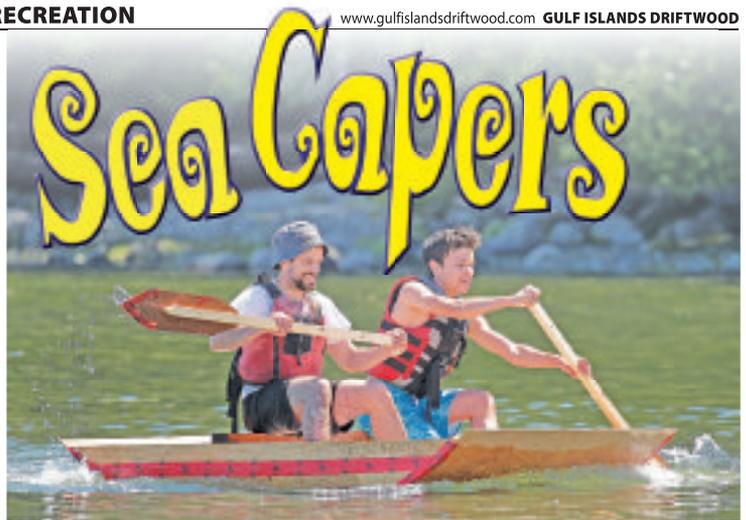
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At left: Second-place finishers Sean McIntyre and Meghan Zuvelek of the Salty Drifters bring their exquisite craft ashore. See the Driftwood's Facebook page for more Sea Capers photos.



Oliver Dubien sends scuba duck on a pirate adventure in the kids' play area at Centennial Park.

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Thanks to Gord and Trish Ross for organizing the music, the Marimba Band, Salt and Travel Light for donating their time and fabulous energy.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for providing the insurance and big thanks to our booths and youth entertainment from West of the Moon, Island Savings, PARC, Rainbow Pool, Andrea, Gary and Marley Palframan from Pull Together, and Salt Spring Adventures, who all set up booths to educate and entertain.

Thanks to our main volunteers: Lesley Burke, Randy Bateman, Carl Borgstrom, Phil Byscher, Russell Logan and Ganges Coast Guard, who made the event work so smoothly and safely!

Thanks to our restaurants who supported the Chowder Cook-off: Harbour House, Salt Spring Inn, Auntie Pestos and Barb's.

Thanks to our hard-working organizing committee: Marilyn Guille, Genevieve Price and Jack Rosen. Finally, thanks to the community for making this event happen. As Valdy says, "Without the audience there ain't no show."

Thanks to the community for attending and the boat builders for making the event rock! Winners of the boat building were Rosenate: Adam, Manny, Tony and Daniel. In second place was the Salty Drifters team from the Driftwood, and finishing third were last year's champs, Charles, Jahuca and Lugh!

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