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Citizens group suggests possible improvements

Positively Forward, a Salt Spring community group that emerged out of 2017's incorporation referendum, has released a report recommending changes to Capital Regional District governance on the island.

Positively Forward is an evolution of the Positively No campaign that opposed island incorporation. Improving CRD Service Delivery on Salt Spring Island, B.C.: Options for Positive Change is the result of 10 months' research involving questionnaires and interviews with islanders who have direct experience working with the CRD.

As lead researcher Maxine Leichter explains in the report's executive summary, the referendum vote indicated clear support for the existing governance model that divides land use planning under the Islands Trust from service delivery by the regional district. At the same time, and despite past successes, "many of those voters were at times frustrated by the performance of the Capital Regional District in delivering some services."

"The concerns we identified in the course of preparing this report run deeper than the usual complaints about 'city hall.' They are more than the inevitable conflicts between ratepayers' requests and expectations and the willingness to pay for new projects and programs," Leichter explains.

Positively Forward says the report is intended to serve as a community tool in two ways. First, as a means to foster informed dialogue about how CRD services are delivered on Salt Spring, and secondly, to provide a roadmap for potential changes that could improve delivery of those services.

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HITTING THE TRAIL: Donna DeRoo, front, and Isabelle Kerrigan, run on a Mouat Park trail as part of the Terry Fox Run on Sunday. Some 110 participants and 60 volunteers were involved in the 38th annual fundraiser for cancer research. See the Driftwood's Facebook page for more event photos.

AWARDS

Human rights advocate gets Order of B.C.

Mary Kitagawa speaks for those silenced in past

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Former Salt Spring Islander Mary Kitagawa was one of 13 exceptional civic leaders to be inducted into the Order of British Columbia at Government House on Thursday.

The Murakami family member was recognized for her work as an educator and crusader for human rights, activity inspired by the Canadians of Japanese descent who were incarcerated during the Second World War. Kitagawa, her parents Katsuyori and Kimiko Murakami, and her siblings were among those who lost their property on Salt Spring in 1942. They were interned in the B.C. Interior and Alberta, after being temporarily held in the Hastings Park horse stables.

The 84-year-old now lives in Tsawwassen with her husband Tosh, a fellow advocate.

"As I was crossing the stage I felt the presence of my parents, and the 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were incarcerated," Kitagawa told the Driftwood. "I just visualized all the suffering they went through. I was really happy I could voice what they cannot, because most of the people have passed away."

Kitagawa was surrounded by 16 of her closest family members at the ceremony including her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many of her close friends also attended. She was nominated for the honour by Henry Yu, a history professor at the University of British Columbia.

"It was an event I was shocked to be chosen for, because my husband and I never do anything for accolades, we just go for the causes of people who have no voices," she said.

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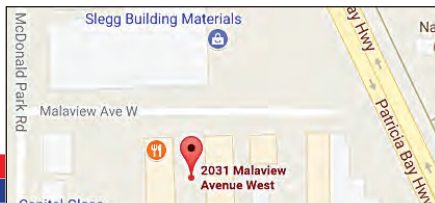
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TOURISM

CRD Board gives support to tourism management plan

Destination management initiative and accommodations tax proposed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A proposal to more effectively manage and market tourism in the Gulf Islands through the collection of an accommodations tax has received support from the Capital Regional District Board, after receiving preliminary approval from the Electoral Area Services Committee on Sept. 5.

The proposed tax and formation of a destination management and marketing organization (DMMO) are part of a joint initiative of the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission and the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission.

Francine Carlin, chair of the Salt Spring commission, said gaining support from the two CRD levels was a significant achievement, but more challenging work is still to come.

"The next most important step, in a very long process, is completing the application for review by Destination BC. At this point in time we anticipate submitting the completed application by the end of November 2018," Carlin said.

If approved by the province, a newly

formed DMMO representing Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands will have the authority to collect a municipal and regional district tax on the purchase of accommodation in the region.

Revenues raised through the MRDT can be used for local tourism marketing, programs and projects. Affordable housing was added as a permissible use of funds in the 2018 provincial budget. While authorized organizations can collect up to three per cent on accommodation sales, the local initiative is proposing a two per cent tax.

Proponents wish to use the tax funds to help encourage tourism in the shoulder and "off" seasons, and to manage the high summer season visitor volume, which is already reaching or at capacity.

"This is an opportunity to manage tourism properly and sustainably," SGI commission chair Ben McConchie told the EAS Committee on Sept. 5. "This is not a tourism tax, this is a proper plan to help with low-income housing, to help bolster the culture of the Southern Gulf Islands, and it also helps encourage our young families to thrive in the the off-season."

McConchie noted that all businesses on his home island of Pender had switched to fall hours in September. The island's major resort lays off a large part of its staff each fall.

According to supporting documents,

the DMMO initiative "represents the culmination of many years, and many dollars invested in consultant reports and community meetings addressing the needs and challenges of managing and marketing the tourism sector."

"This is an opportunity to manage tourism properly and sustainably."

BEN MCCONCHIE
*Chair, Southern Gulf Islands
Community Economic Sustainability
Commission*

"We are now at a critical decision point for taking action towards managing and sustaining a year-round economy for this fundamental sector. A majority of working people across this region depend on tourism dollars for their livelihood. In fact, evidence-based research across all economic sectors cites that island-centred businesses rely on the ripple effect of the tourism economy to sustain their current and future financial security," a report from the DMMO working group states.

The working group includes participants from the two economic development com-

missions, the chambers of commerce on each member island and accommodations providers. Part of the requirement before submitting an application to establish the tax is to secure support from a minimum of 51 per cent of commercial accommodations that levy PST. (Currently, these are resorts, hotels and motels that have four or more rooms.)

The working group has consulted with 35 such providers across the six islands. Salt Spring bed and breakfast operators were also consulted and support the idea, according to Salt Spring commission member Randy Cunningham.

Cunningham explained at the Sept. 5 meeting how the new organization will potentially help spread tourism in the islands throughout the calendar year instead of businesses relying on the summer months. He noted that Salt Spring's year-round occupancy rate is around 35 per cent, compared to 70 per cent on Vancouver Island.

"If we can balance it out and have a season that is year-round, rather than a short summer season, we'll have better, more balanced employment," Cunningham said.

The CRD support for the new tax comes with an ongoing increase of \$20,000 to the budgets of both economic development commissions in order to fund the new DMMO.

Positively Forward report details four areas of concern

REPORT ON CRD

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Research to inform the 13 recommendations included participation by three former or current CRD directors as well as commissioners, staff, consultants and volunteers. Conclusions were based on agreement by at least two-thirds of respondents.

"The report is the culmination of a great deal of effort and commitment

on the part of many people, not least of whom are those who agreed to be interviewed about CRD service delivery. Without their input, this report would not have been possible," Leichter said.

The Salt Spring Community Alliance has also been looking into governance issues and put out its own report on possible restructuring options on Sept. 12. Positively Forward notes the two reports focus on different aspects

of local governance and complement each other, and there is some cross-membership between groups.

Four major areas of concerns were identified in the research process: CRD organization and management on the island; CRD capital project completion; Salt Spring commission issues with information and communication; and issues specific to water and sewer service commissions.

Recommendations to improve local

management start with creating an up-to-date work plan with priorities and status reports for all CRD projects and commissions on the island. Leichter reports that 93 per cent of respondents agreed to wanting such a work plan, and that it should be available online and updated on a regular basis, similar to the Local Trust Committee model.

Other recommendations for better organization and management include holding regular inter-agency meetings and establishing a Local Community Commission.

Strategies for improving effectiveness of local commissions include allowing commissioners to do work they are qualified for, allowing informal working groups to meet without staff being present and coordinating work through all-commission meetings and an appointed staff liaison.

Water and sewer commissions reported being particularly frustrated while many of them are facing huge costs borne by few customers. They would be able to function more effectively with adequate and timely information about capital projects, repairs and costs, and should also have the ability to directly contact their ratepayers, the report suggests.

"The commissioners also need the ability to step in to undertake tasks for which they are qualified, rather than have ratepayers cover the cost of CRD contractors for every small job," the report finds.

Positively Forward concludes that while most CRD services are delivered efficiently, the community appears motivated to make further improvements, and the recommendations within its report would be relatively easy to implement.

"We believe that all of them deserve a comprehensive review by the incoming CRD director and senior CRD management."

The full report is available at <https://positivelyforward.ca>. A printed copy is also available at the library.



MAXINE LEICHTER

Free Wi-Fi for patients and visitors at Lady Minto Hospital

Ellen Southam saw her great-grandchildren in Ottawa for the first time, thanks to free guest Wi-Fi service at Lady Minto Hospital. Southam lives in the Extended Care Unit and used a tablet to enjoy a video chat with her family.

Free public Wi-Fi is now available for all patients, residents and visitors courtesy of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, Salt Spring Exchange and Country Grocer.

"The greatest comfort often comes from family, friends and support groups – especially in times of crisis," notes Lady Minto Auxiliary President Ann Muller. "We hope that the introduction of public Wi-Fi will make patient stays a little more comfortable."

Diana Hayes, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Executive Administrator adds, "We are thrilled to be bringing public Wi-Fi to patients and visitors at Lady Minto Hospital. We know how important a strong support network is for people who are in hospital; having internet access can help patients feel less isolated and more connected to their loved ones."



Standing (l-r): Christopher Roy (Salt Spring Exchange), Rob Lowrie (Country Grocer), Rick McKinnon (Country Grocer); and Ann Muller (Auxiliary President). Seated (l-r): Shana Hall (Manager for ECU & Community Health Services at Lady Minto Hospital) and Diana Hayes (Executive Administrator for Lady Minto Hospital Foundation).



NEWSBEAT

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BUREAUCRACY

Paddling North kayakers hit snag on border crossing

Work on documentary uncertain

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For islanders Leonie Mahlke and Rebecca Grim, finishing a four-month journey from Salt Spring to Alaska by kayak should have been a cause for celebration. Instead, due to an issue at the Canadian border, Mahlke — who is from Germany — needs to leave the country and re-apply for a working visa before returning.

The two launched their Paddling North project from Salt Spring in May. Their goal was to paddle from Salt Spring to Alaska to raise awareness for injustices involving wildlife, ecosystems and communities along the coast. They filmed their trip, and will be taking their footage and creating a documentary about the voices of the Inside Passage.

The pair had just finished their voyage through the Inside Passage to Alaska and were taking their time getting back to Salt Spring. They had gotten off the ferry coming into the country at Prince Rupert at 11 p.m. on Sept. 17 when they were asked to wait in the customs area.

After two hours, the customs agents decided that Mahlke needed to leave Canada before Sept. 30. Mahlke, who has lived on Salt Spring on and off since

2015, will be returning to her hometown of Bremen in Germany a few months before she was planning to.

“It was pretty unexpected,” Mahlke said. “We carried our kayaks up from the ferry and got all of our gear and went through customs. We were just asked a lot of questions . . . They gave me 12 days to wrap everything up and sort out my gear and my life here and go back.”

Mahlke does have the option of returning to Canada. She will be able to re-apply for a visa after leaving the country. She will be looking into the Young Professionals work visa, which is for young people working in their field from 22 countries, one of which is Germany. Applicants need to be sponsored by an employer in their field. Mahlke has a background in biology and will be looking for employers in that field. She has done work with non-profits before, but for the visa she will need to have a paid position.

“You need to find an employer who will employ you for a year and usually you should find it in your career area,” said Mahlke, who studied marine biology for her undergraduate degree. “Ideally I would find someone who would give me a job in the biology world.”

She has not had any issues crossing the border before, and was surprised about her experi-



Rebecca Grim, left, and Leonie Mahlke share a hug at Glacier Bay, Alaska, the end point of their 2,000-km kayak journey from Salt Spring.

ence in Prince Rupert.

This is not the end for the Paddling North project. Mahlke hopes to keep working on the film with Grim remotely, and will be applying for funding to help complete the editing and post-production. There will be a Paddling North presentation to the Marine BC Trail Winter Forum in November, either with Mahlke or without.

“The video is the other part we have to figure out now,” she

said. “I’m sure there’s quite a bit we can do remotely and that I can do from Germany via Skype and so on. Just in terms of going through the footage with Rebecca, it would be great to be together to work on the details. Communication can be hard with a nine-hour time difference.”

Her immediate plan, however, is to find a way to get back to Salt Spring on a more permanent basis.

“I can come back anytime, but

I just want to make sure that next time I come back that I can stay,” Mahlke said.

The trip was the longest kayak voyage either Mahlke or Grim had ever done. They had explored the Gulf Islands and been up and down the coast of Vancouver Island, but nothing on the scale of Paddling North. They were able to explore the small towns and villages that dot the coastline, and were exposed to some of the most wild places on the planet.

“We finished our trip in Glacier Bay. We had 10 days in Glacier Bay going up into the east arm. Our final destination was Muir Glacier. It was cool to see how much Muir Glacier has retreated in the last 10 years,” Mahlke said. “The glacier had left a mud pit in its wake that made the landscape seem otherworldly. We were kind of in this weird new world, because new life was created. There’s nothing there. At some point, vegetation starts.

“The cool thing about kayaking is that you are somewhere in between. You have the open ocean, you’re connected to it, but you’re also so close to the shoreline. You have both worlds, which is really cool.”

The Paddling North team is also planning a presentation on Salt Spring about their trip later this winter. For updates, see their Instagram or Facebook accounts.

NEWS BRIEFS

Election debate scheduled

Local election campaigns are well underway, with an all-candidates meeting part of the proceedings.

The Driftwood and Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a

debate of Salt Spring CRD and Islands Trust candidates on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at ArtSpring. The moderator is Harold Swierenga. As usual, the format will include opening and closing remarks from candidates, as well as questions from audience members.

Proceedings will also be available for viewing online.

REDress Day observed

Thursday, Oct. 4 is REDress Day, and islanders are invited to participate. The REDress Project was created by Manitoba Metis artist Jamie Black in 2010 to acknowledge the more than 1,000 missing and murdered aboriginal

women in Canada.

Red dresses are hung in public places to visually represent an individual woman. Salt Spring proponent Shellyse Szakacs will be hanging red dresses in Centennial Park, encouraging people to reflect on the tragedy and injustice of the issue. She will leave the dresses in the park until about 7

p.m. Anyone is welcome to hang a red dress at the end of their driveway or in another visible spot to contribute to the impact.

Postal strike possible

While it is not known if Canada Post employees will use their right to strike or not during cur-

rent labour negotiations, they have voted to do so if necessary at any point beginning today (Sept. 26).

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Kitagawa tackles race-based injustice, intolerance

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Information from the office of the Lieutenant Governor states Kitagawa “has worked to create a more inclusive world, and shows it is never too late to make right a wrong. Through her work she has helped dismantle society’s systems of racial apartheid and legalized discrimination.”

Kitagawa has worked for many years on the problem of injustice due to racism and intolerance. She has accomplished much in keeping the story of the internment alive and having some of the crimes redressed, such as obtaining honorary degrees for 76 Japanese-Canadian UBC students who were expelled and removed during the war years. She continues to advocate for the inclusion of curriculum about the incarceration in schools. She is a member of the Community Council of the Landscapes of Injustice, a project that is recovering documents related to the confiscation and disposal of Japanese Canadian properties, and served on the Human Rights Committee for 20 years.

Sadly, Kitagawa believes racism is a fact of

life and will continue much the same way war is always present on the planet. But for her part she has forgiven the wrongs of the past.

“My mom and dad always taught us to forgive — but not to forget,” she explained. “Like Nelson Mandela, they felt that ‘forgiveness liberates the soul,’ and that allows you to go forward in life. My parents were very strong role models, and I’ve always thought about them in everything I’ve done.”

“They brought us up to be proud of who we are,” she added. “Never to let others define who we are, to speak up for those who are victimized, not be a bystander, to be the voice for those who cannot speak, to never give up until our goal is reached, to never quietly accept the cruel onslaught of racial hatred, to never act as victims [and] to always show a proud face to the world, never a face of defeat.”

Through hard work, the Murakami family finally made it back to Salt Spring in 1954. Kitagawa’s siblings Rose, Richard and Violet Murakami still reside on the island. Her sister Alice Tanaka lives in California. Her brother Bruce Murakami died in 2008.



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From left, Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin, Mary Kitagawa and Premier John Horgan at the Order of B.C. ceremony on Sept. 20.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trustees call for end to anchorages

Appeal sent to federal government

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Islands Trust Council is calling on the federal government to work towards eliminating the use of 33 commercial freighter anchorages in the Southern Gulf Islands.

Meeting on Keats Island last week, trustees agreed to issue a public statement and send a letter to federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau and several other politicians.

“Over the past 10 years, the number of coal, grain and break bulk cargo ships anchoring in the Gulf Islands region while waiting to access the Port of Vancouver has increased dramatically,” the Trust states in a press release. “Residents have had enough of the increased number of vessels, the increasing size of these vessels and the longer periods of time that ships spend at anchor. Ships

end up sitting at anchor due to a lack of sufficient port infrastructure and long-standing supply chain problems. While at anchor these ships generate significant amounts of unnecessary noise, light and air pollution. There are many local concerns about the potential risks these vessels pose to the marine environment, marine species and oil spills.”

The Trust has asked for a 20-year mitigation plan that would reduce the need for vessels to go to anchor.

“It’s time to send a clear message: Canada’s long-term vision for shipping should not include commercial freighter anchorages in the Southern Gulf Islands,” said Islands Trust Council chair Peter Luckham.

“Enormous freighters are regularly anchored near rural island communities and in sensitive marine habitats because industry, railways and government have failed to adequately plan and invest in infrastructure for the predicted growth of exports. With the federal government reviewing Canadian port authorities and potentially amending

the Canada Marine Act and the Canada Shipping Act, we are asking for federal leadership on the anchorages file that will prioritize marine protection and the endangered southern resident killer whale population, and ensure quality of life for coastal residents.”

In February the federal government introduced the Interim Anchorages Protocol to better manage use of anchorage spots in the region, as part of its multi-pronged Oceans Protection Plan.

The Penelakut Tribe has also registered concern with the situation, sending a letter to the federal government this month asking for the removal of the anchorages from their traditional territory. They say First Nations were not consulted before the anchorages were established.

Cowichan-Malahat-Langford MP Alistair MacGregor raised the matter in Parliament on Thursday, noting the Penelakut had threatened legal action if the government failed to respond by that day.

EDUCATION

Saturna Island School gets new playground

Government funding helps replace aging facility

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saturna Island is getting ready for a new playground, after receiving funding from the provincial government earlier this year.

The Gulf Islands School District was able to secure funding for a new playground through a grant from the Ministry of Education. The playground will replace the old structure, parts of which have

been standing for more than 50 years.

Martin Anevich, the vice-principal at Saturna Island Elementary School, said that “our playground equipment is pretty sparse, so this’ll be a nice new integrated unit . . . It’s a pretty old playground that definitely was due for a modern upgrade. There have probably been three generations of people from Saturna that have played on that playground.”

Saturna is one of 51 schools across the province to benefit from the grant. The B.C. government will be spending \$5 million per year to build

new playgrounds as part of a new program that takes over playground funding from parent organizations. Twenty-five schools received \$105,000, and the remaining 26 schools, including Saturna Island School, received \$90,000.

Fundraising through the Parent Advisory Council brought the total amount of money up to \$105,000. The school district also received a donation from a local family to help resurface the tennis courts on the same property.

“Playgrounds are pretty expensive, it turns out,” Anevich said. “The playground will have a rope

bridge, then there’ll be a slide and a whole bunch of climbers that are going to come into it. There will be three little areas and a swing set on the end.”

The old facility had a swing set, teeter-totter, a Cold War-era rocket ship and a slide. Anevich was told by a former principal that the rocket ship and slide were around in 1963. The swings were replaced in the 1970s.

Preparations on the site have begun, with the installation slated to be finished by mid-October. Construction will be completed by community members.

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HOUSING

SSICS looking to expand emergency shelter services

BC Housing Emergency Housing Program funding application underway

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As the weather gets colder, the Salt Spring Island Community Services emergency shelter is getting ready for the winter season.

Though the opening is still more than one month away, staff at SSICS and its Salt Spring Island Housing First program have been looking at ways to make the shelter a more permanent option for those in need. They are in talks with BC Housing for funding to help expand their shelter capacity and hope to make changes before the shelter opens on Nov. 1.

"It'll take a little bit of work to get that capacity up as the traditional shelter season arrives," said SSICS executive director Rob Grant. "It is looking like it is going to be another tough winter for the number of people who are requiring some kind of emergency shelter. We really hope things can happen fairly quickly."



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

In from the Cold shelter building on Salt Spring Community Services property.

"When you look at the stats of the absolute number of homeless people, we're right there with communities of 50,000 people," Grant said. "We don't get to the numbers that Vancouver or Victoria do, but we're getting to the numbers that Penticton and Campbell River and Nelson do."

Using BC Housing's framework for emergency housing, the shelter would be able to be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The transition would include looking at staffing, boosting capacity and infrastructure at the site, as well as having better laundry and meal facilities. Grant has been consulting with other communities in the province and followed a similar approach to funding. Preparing to open full-time will take some time, but Grant is hoping to move forward as soon as funding is confirmed from the provincial organization.

"We have to figure out how we get people off of mats on the floor into proper beds," he said. "We figure that if we get the word, we're going to scramble and race to get ready by that date."

BC Housing also operates a program called the Rapid Response to Homelessness, which would be the next step for SSICS after implement-

ing the Emergency Housing Program. The rapid response involves having transitional housing for those experiencing homelessness in order to get them into more permanent situations. Most often, this is in the form of modular homes. However, some communities, such as Victoria, have had issues with temporary housing solutions becoming permanent.

"If you're putting modular homes in on a temporary basis, the landowners better be ready for the long run. It may not be a very temporary thing," Grant said. "As we set up housing, it needs to be permanent. If there's a spot or someone has land that wants to make it available, then they're in. A temporary trailer on there is going to turn out to be permanent."

"If we find land it'll have to be zoned well. It'll need services, road access, fire access, sewer and all of those different kinds of things," he added. "Believe me, it'll either be permanent or it'll be landowners in court trying to evict temporary residents."

For the larger problem of housing on the island, Grant believes that a more cohesive approach from the many groups working on the issue will give the community a better

chance at seeing change.

"There's probably the same conversations happening in 12 different places. I think that those conversations need to be tied in with the leadership." By creating a vision that "we can all work with and conform to, then we can speak with a unified community voice," he said.

"We have to reach out to funders like [the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation] and BC Housing and the CRD, but we don't have a coherent message. All we do is whine that we have lots of housing problems here, but the solutions that we pose are a little bit patchwork. It would be great to have a cohesive message."

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"We have to figure out how we get people off of mats on the floor into proper beds."

ROB GRANT
Executive director,
SSI Community Services

SSICS' Housing First group was formed to help tackle the problem of homelessness on Salt Spring. They operate as an emergency housing advocate for people experiencing homelessness by running the Salt Spring Island emergency shelter at the Community Services site. They have also conducted homeless counts on the island.

Though Salt Spring has a small population, the number of homeless residents is one of the highest in the country per capita, according to Grant. Even the absolute number of homeless people living on the island is high.

LAND CONSERVATION

Trust body gets new name

Island Trust Conservancy better describes activities

The Islands Trust is celebrating the provincial government's decision to rename the Islands Trust Fund to the Islands Trust Conservancy.

According to an Islands Trust press release, for many years the conservancy has been concerned that the previous name was a barrier to effective communication and fundraising. On May 31, the provincial legislature amended the Islands Trust Act to reflect the change in name.

"The old name, Islands Trust Fund, was confusing and didn't describe our work," said Tony Law, chair of the newly renamed Islands Trust Conservancy Board. "By changing our name to Islands Trust Conservancy, we believe the public will better understand our mission.

With the pressures facing island ecosystems, the work of the Islands Trust Conservancy to protect natural areas has never been more important."

"The Islands Trust is sincerely grateful to the provincial government, and particularly Minister Selena Robinson, for responding to our longstanding request to change the name of our in-house land conservancy," said Trust Council chair Peter Luckham. "This is a positive step towards even greater conservation success on the islands."

Islands Trust Area islands provide sanctuary to a rich diversity of wildlife, plants and ecosystems, many of which are federally and globally rare.

The conservancy is currently trying to raise the remaining \$115,000 of \$250,000 needed to purchase an 11.6-hectare property on Lasqueti Island called Salish View. For more information, see www.islandtrustconservancy.ca.

On October 20 elect Gary Holman For CRD Director



For 30 years, Gary has served Salt Spring as a community activist, MLA, and CRD Director and played a key role in many of our successes.

Salt Spring's top priority - Affordable Housing

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- Resolve housing-related water and servicing issues.
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EDITORIAL

Gratitude for service

Holding public office is not for the faint of heart, and especially on Salt Spring Island.

The passions of individuals and whole neighbourhoods frequently flare up, with local politicians inevitably scorched in the process.

While Peter Grove is throwing his hat into the ring for a third term as Islands Trust trustee, the two men who have served with him as the island's locally elected officials since December of 2011 are not. Trustee George Grams and CRD director Wayne McIntyre are attending their last meetings and winding down activities before their replacements are elected on Oct. 20 and sworn in later in the year.

Politics can be a thankless job, but we would like to express thanks to Grams and McIntyre for their years of dedicated service. There is no doubt that both islanders took their responsibilities very seriously and served their constituents with integrity.

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Public service

WE SAY:

Thank you to politicians and chamber rep

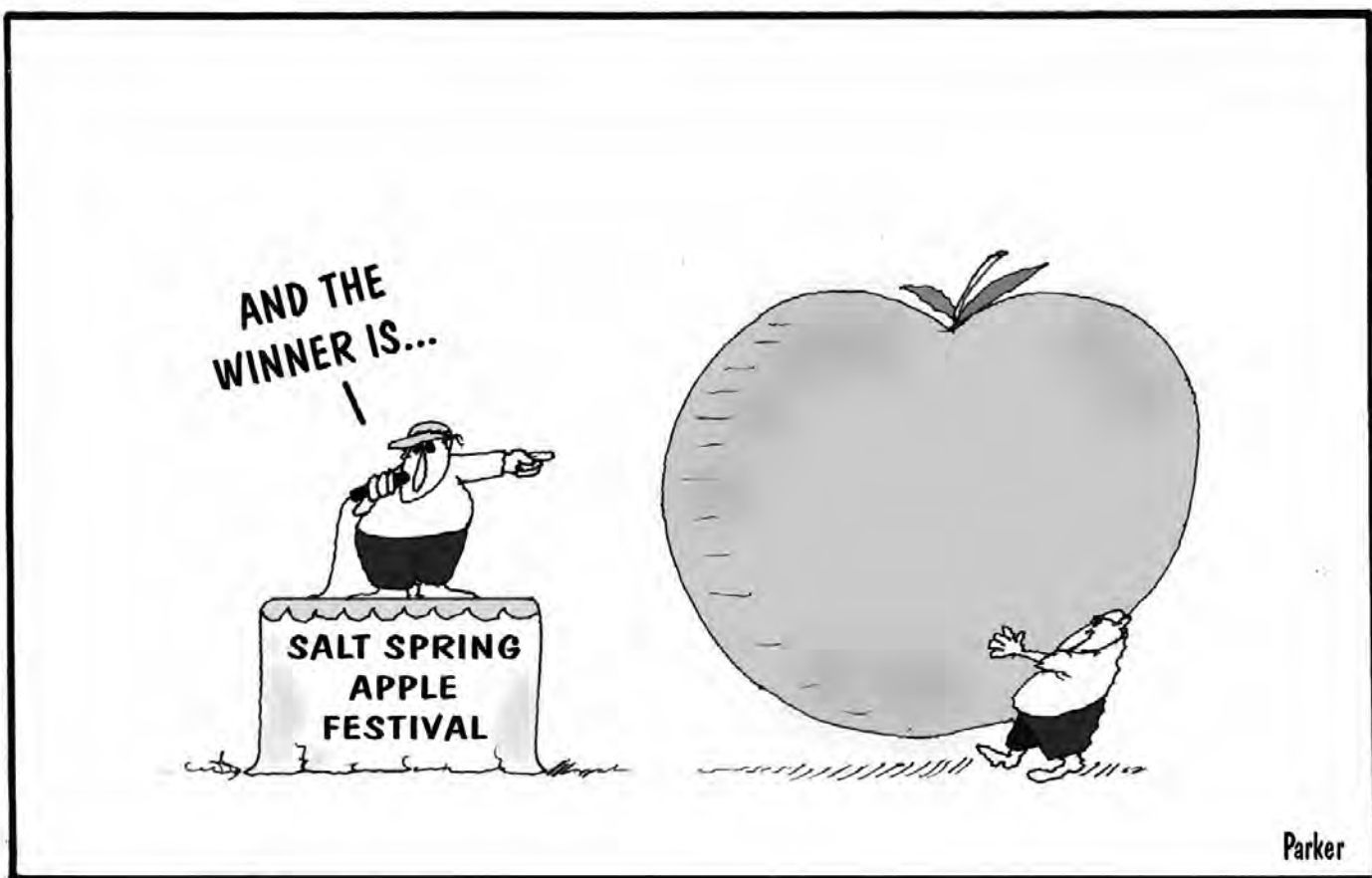
McIntyre was consistent in promising and delivering fiscal restraint, and provided calm and balanced leadership. Grams diligently researched the issues and then expressed his positions clearly. His leadership abilities came through when he took on

an Islands Trust Executive Committee position as vice-chair and spearheaded the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance initiative. Taking on those roles valuably raised the island's profile within the Trust.

Not counting the turbulence of last year's incorporation referendum and criticism Grams and McIntyre received for taking a position at the end of the campaign (along with the Driftwood), the past seven years have been relatively stable on the local political front, which is not something to be taken lightly.

Another person who has served Salt Spring since 2011 and will be greatly missed is Janet Clouston. As executive director/general manager of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, Clouston went above and beyond to instigate, organize and promote all kinds of initiatives to benefit the island. Few public activities occurred in the last seven-plus years without some contribution from Clouston, either in her official capacity or as a private citizen. She was in many ways our best ambassador.

Clouston is moving "back home" to the Bay of Fundy area in New Brunswick, and our loss is that community's gain. We wish you well, Janet!



VIEWPOINT by Marianne Hobbs

Make water a local election issue

The red light went on yesterday.

What we who rely on the Cedar Lane water system have feared since last spring has happened . . . our two wells are at record lows. Our water reservoir, which ideally should hold at the 18,000 imperial gallon-level, has plunged to 16,000, thus triggering all-out (water)-belt tightening for 37 households.

Cedar Lane residents have lived water conservation 24/7/365 for decades and we know our aquifer is fragile.

We have protested, at times most loudly, the development of The Cottages (previously known as Bullock Lake Resort), as Cedar Lane shares the same aquifer. Now, with the sudden appearance of Cairns Road greenhouses, it is no wonder we are in a red-light alert! This 16,000-square-foot pot facility also draws from the Cedar Lane aquifer.

CRD urges us, we who consume just 351 litres per household per day (Salt Spring bylaws allow for 1600 litres/per/day) to practise even tighter draconian measures to conserve water. How low can we go?

Cedar Lane Water District has an active file with the B.C. Office of the Ombudsperson. This office is investigating what went on in the past to precipitate our water crisis. Who failed to speak up, to enact stipulations regarding water rights, which would have protected Cedar Lane families from a waterless future? Hopefully, the Ombudsperson's office will help our commission come to a settlement with CRD and Islands Trust and ensure our existence as a neighbourhood.

But . . . on Sept. 22, Cedar Lane water commissioners were made aware of a new looming threat to our already stressed and fragmented aquifer. Salt Spring Islands Trust will meet on Sept.

27 and consider proposed Bylaw 512 "to rezone 405 rural-zoned properties where seasonal cottages are permitted to instead allow full-time rental cottages," many of which, according to an attached map, will also share the Cedar Lane aquifer.

Many years ago, the late Mike Larmour warned us that our water supply was finite and in need of protection. More recently, reflecting the same concerns, trustee George Grams spoke of capping Salt Spring's population. Unfortunately, prophets are never welcomed in their own lands, but now we must face the fact that development plus climate change is negatively impacting the viability of our island's groundwater.

At this time, as candidates are putting their names forward to represent us on both Trust and CRD, please challenge these people on their stance to protect this most precious and needed resource. Are they willing to challenge and change archaic bylaws that were enacted by a glance at a map? Are they up to facing off against prospective developments of any ilk and demanding covenants requiring them to seek "alternative water sources" as our longstanding neighbourhood is now being directed to do? How do they propose to protect water and islanders' right to an adequate supply of potable water? Make water an issue.

Cedar Lane is the canary in the coalmine. We are paying the price for sins of the past: the failure of elected officials to adapt zoning bylaws as technology and engineering capabilities advanced.

Please, don't wait for the red light to come on in your neighbourhood.

The writer is a Cedar Lane Water District resident.

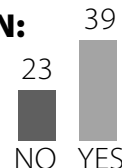
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do Salt Spring CRD operations need to change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you interested in the PR referendum?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "My mom and dad always taught us to forgive — but not to forget."

MARY KITAGAWA, ORDER OF BC RECIPIENT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is your favourite thing about fall?



BILL BOURLET

The sweet chestnuts roasting on a fire and the beginning of hockey season.



ROB TURNER

I like the leaves changing and pumpkin pie.



EMMY WILLIS

Mine is the smell of the leaves.



KYLA LECOMPTE

The changing leaves and beautiful colours that we see.



MARK HARMAN

Fresh apples, the colours of the leaves and anticipation of winter.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Demographic diversity important

I have been reflecting on and talking with friends about Salt Spring's housing crisis for some time, particularly since Greg Clayton's op-ed in the Aug. 29 Driftwood.

In light of the upcoming local elections, the issue crystallized for me after reading Nancy Wigen's succinct plea for the Islands Trust to preserve the cultural heritage we all see slipping away on Salt Spring ("Preserve cultural heritage too," Sept. 19 Driftwood letters).

I would like to therefore ask

candidates for the upcoming election to state where they stand with respect to Aloha Aina Farm in light of Mr. Clayton's and Ms. Wigen's cogent and passionate arguments. The candidates' responses could serve for many of us as the litmus test we need to help us decide who to support.

The Aloha Ainas of this island were commonplace decades ago, and unwittingly paved the way for the island's gentrification. The path from funky to chichi is well known, and the questions for us in this election are simple: Do we want our island to go the way of Kitsilano and Toronto's Yorkville? And if we do not, then how do we want our

Trust and CRD officials to interpret and change existing regulations to stop the spread of mansions in clear cuts, and help make it easier for people working on this island to actually be able to live here?

I want a Trust that is ambitious in espousing eco-centred values that value economic and demographic diversity on this island. I do not want Carmel-by-the-Sea North. Building codes, land use and other regulations are important, but how is a five-acre clearcut with a monster home and swimming pool built to code safer in a climate crisis than a group of people growing their own food sustainably, and using minimal water

while they live in modest accommodations? We are tracking to the Carmel outcome, my friends.

Given that the coming generation of bright millennials are being denied access to the kind of real estate-driven good fortune that many of us boomers benefitted from, cohousing along ecocentric principles as is being practised by people living "illegally" all over this island should be embraced as an incubator for the old ideas made new again to ensure sustainability and equity. We owe it to these courageous people thinking outside of the ticked boxes to listen and innovate.

Knowing the candidates' positions on places like Aloha

Aina will determine where I mark my Xs on Oct. 20.

BRYAN YOUNG,
BEAVER POINT ROAD

Fire board meeting

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District board is looking for community input on its draft budget for 2019 before that budget is finalized.

Should its budget include a substantial reserve to help cover the costs of a new fire hall? If it does, how much should be put aside and how will doing this increase what islanders pay next year for fire protection? On the other hand, how much would this reduce future fire hall bor-

rowing costs?

The board's proposed 2019 budget and the thinking behind it will be discussed at a public meeting to be held at Lions Hall on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Those attending will have ample opportunity to provide feedback both on the proposed budget and its approach to funding a new fire hall.

There will also be time to raise other fire board-related issues. The feedback received at this public meeting will be carefully considered before the fire board finalizes its 2019 budget.

STAN SHAPIRO,
FOR THE SSIFPD FIRE BOARD

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Disguises help get things done on the island

Having lived on the island for almost 35 years (and having moved here from an even smaller Gulf island), I have often been asked, "How do you know when you are no longer a newcomer to Salt Spring?"

My tried and true answer to this age-old question is that in order to know whether you are a newcomer or not, you first have to define the meaning of the term "newcomer." The definition that has always worked for me is that a newcomer is anybody who arrived on the island five minutes after you did. And if you were born on Salt Spring, that makes everybody else on the island a newcomer.

Whether you consider yourself a newcomer to the island or not, the question then becomes how in the hell does anybody get anything accomplished here? What I mean by this is that a simple task such as shopping for a dozen eggs can become something akin to "mission impossible" on an island where everybody either knows you, or thinks they know you, and where a quick jaunt down aisle 4B at the local grocery store may morph into the quest for the lost ring in Tolkien's dark realm of Mordor.

It's not that you're trying to be unfriendly, but there are limits to how much time you can budget for seemingly simple tasks like picking up a litre of milk. There are, after all, only 24 hours in a single day and it can be quite shocking to discover how much of that time can be wasted

on extended hugs from neighbours you probably thought could have settled for a smile and an ordinary nod of the head. There are people on this island (God bless them) who will give you a bone-crushing embrace in the bulk foods section, and then do it all over again, but harder, in dairy.

Speaking personally, I would rather put up with the group hugs from neighbours I barely know than be accosted by the moral "higher grounders" who insist on educating you for the terrible ethical choice you are making by putting a pound of fair trade, organic and shade-grown coffee in your shopping cart without first making sure that the beans were roasted at a net zero carbon-emission trading value in order to reduce the mounting greenhouse effect which is threatening the planet.

There are a variety of strategies you can deploy in order to run through the punishing gauntlet consisting of the huggers and the shopping police. Depending on the ferocity of the opposition to your buying the three items on your list, paying for them and getting out, you could try the old "keep your eyes focused directly on the floor in front of you" tactic. Even if someone calls you by your name and grabs you by the shoulders, you must remain resolute in your objective of avoiding any kind



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

of personal engagement. If this sounds more like a military foray than a shopping errand, that's because what you do with the rest of what's left of your life could depend on whether you escape unscathed.

Putting on a clever disguise is another technique available for eluding the onslaught from the riff-raff who have nothing better to do than to keep you from getting to the exit door. Mirrored sunglasses and wide-brimmed straw hats pulled low down the forehead are a good start at avoiding recognition, but there are now so many others employing this strategy that you are likely to get mistaken for another "shop and dash" wannabee. In this case, you are likely to be targetted by the hug and/or chastise throng. You might try donning a store uniform and blending in with all the other shelf stockers, but this may backfire when you are stalked yourself by shoppers wanting to find the unsweetened, unpasteurized and unhomogenized peanut butter and then want to thank you with a spine-bending hug. You might even go so far as dressing up in last year's Halloween costume of a ninja tax accountant, but this may result in drawing even more attention from people who want to know what party you're going to.

What makes a good disguise even more effective is putting on a foreign accent to further bewilder anyone intent on delaying you from accomplishing your mundane chores and getting back to the slow and simple life. As unlikely as it is that someone will want to hug a ninja tax accountant, it is even less probable if said accountant speaks with a Lower Slobodian inflection (while accompanying himself on a folk-style zither).

Worse than being confronted in the produce aisle just as you're about to complete your shopping is getting button-holed before you even get through the front doors by perfect strangers demanding to get your signature on some petition or other, demanding we set free captive newts or apprehend the non-indigenous California sea lions who have illegally transgressed the border and send them back across the line before they wipe out all the wild salmon meant for our native Steller sea lion species.

Nobody asked me, but the next time somebody questions whether I'm new to the island or not, I'm going to engulf them in the world's biggest hug, criticize them for being too nosy about their neighbours and get them to sign a petition requiring all Salt Spring citizens to wear name tags proclaiming "Hi. My name is ----, and I have more time on my hands than I know what to do with. Please hug me."

That should make the answer obvious.

Planning for EVs in official community plan review

BY LAURA PATRICK

As a candidate for Islands Trust, I am writing in response to Jim Standen’s “EV challenge issued to local candidates” in the Sept. 12 Driftwood.

I enjoyed speaking with Jim at the Salt Spring Fall Fair about our future transportation options here on Salt Spring and it’s my honour to respond to his challenge. I fully support more vehicle charging services here on Salt Spring, including service for commercial vehicles. We need to seek efficiencies in the ways goods and services are transported on and off the island.

As vice-chair of the Community Economic Development Commission, I am pleased to report that the CEDC is exploring opportunities for island businesses, big

and small, to better cooperate and share business services, including transportation. Efforts like these have the potential to moderate the growth of commercial traffic.

Transition Salt Spring’s EV Group has done a remarkable job helping our population of eco-conscious islanders to adopt EVs at a much higher rate than anywhere else in Canada. Jim asks if I think Salt Spring is an ideal test bed for new innovation and I say, “Absolutely.” In fact, following the Green Services cohort of the Rural Business Accelerator, CEDC commissioners Holly MacDonald and Francine Carlin have received tremendous support from MLA Adam Olsen and the chamber of commerce to have Salt Spring designated as a green business pilot location.

Presently, the Islands Trust supports car sharing and electronic meeting attendance to reduce car trips. I believe the Islands Trust must be a leader in green transportation practices to set an example for other organizations operating in the Trust Area. I expect the Islands Trust to reach 100 per cent EV within its fleet within a reasonable time period and aim to have EV charging stations at places of employment to service employee-owned vehicles.

Climate action could be better addressed within the Salt Spring Official Community Plan. I would expect Transition Salt Spring’s EV Group to participate in identifying how the OCP could be improved to guide the location of EV services in our villages.

You asked about my personal

commitment. My husband and I expect that our next vehicle will be an EV. We proudly live in a passive-solar nearly net-zero home that is designed to accommodate installation of a charging station. We have a rainwater collection system for irrigating our vegetable garden and continuously look for ways to reduce our personal footprint.

My question is how can islanders reduce their dependence on cars? I believe we need to explore options to create community car share programs, expand the bus system and expand our efforts to build bike and pedestrian pathways. When we revisit the OCP, we can explore more options to reduce our dependence on cars.

I have made maintaining and strengthening our environmen-

tal safeguards to keep Salt Spring and the Trust Area special and a world-class example of sustainability a focus of my campaign platform.

While appreciating that many in our community are already voluntarily reducing their ecological and carbon footprints, we can do better by doing even more to achieve greater reductions through innovative incentives, policies and bylaws. We can do better planning the future of our community. We must realistically consider the benefits and challenges of tourism as well as the impacts of climate change.

The writer is a candidate for one of two Islands Trust positions on Salt Spring.

EVs should be important part of a climate action plan

BY GARY HOLMAN

Thanks to Jim Standen for his candidate questions in the Sept. 12 Driftwood, and to Transition Salt Spring’s Electric Vehicle Group for achieving the highest concentration of EV vehicles in North America.

I support the creation of high-speed charging stations in or near Ganges, the testing of new electric transportation technology, and continuing adoption of electric vehicles by the CRD itself.

As Mr. Standen suggests, the capital costs of higher use, commercial vehicle stations could be recovered through user fees, although BC Hydro’s policies regarding resale of electricity may require intervention by the

province. It makes sense to include consideration of EV parking lots as part of the transportation commission’s proposed parking study for Ganges. This study should also include Fulford, and also be considering the cost-effectiveness of other strategies to address peak period parking congestion.

The ideal locations for such stations would be on publicly owned or leased properties, including Portlock Park, the Rainbow Road pool, Islands Trust/BC Hydro offices, fire halls, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, community halls and schools in the Ganges area.

The testing and adoption of new e-buses is already occurring within BC Tran-

sit, and we should press for the use of such technology on Salt Spring. BC Ferries is including electric drive capability in their tenders for five new smaller vessels serving minor routes. The charging facilities for such ferries may offer some complementarities for on-land e-transportation. The proposed inter-island passenger service could also use e-drives, but the results of BC Transit’s study on the viability and taxpayer cost of the service itself are not yet available.

I am not an EV owner or a cyclist because of my current unpredictable travel patterns and my location in the Beaver Point area. My personal commitment to the environment has been

to dedicate 20 years of my life to the land trust movement, helping to protect thousands of acres of green space on Salt Spring.

My question would be how to best take broader strategic action on climate change. As former CRD director, I helped fund and participated in Salt Spring’s first energy study by the Earth Festival Society, which evolved into Transition Salt Spring. Partly in response to the outcome of that study, I established the transportation commission, still unique in B.C., which enabled the building of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and creation of public transit on Salt Spring.

If I’m elected as CRD director, I will reinstate a climate action council to oversee the updating and implementation of a climate action strategy that will include not just transportation but housing and commercial buildings, and imported food. I also propose we examine the feasibility of establishing a Salt Spring electrical utility, as have other communities in B.C.

Salt Spring’s role in reducing worldwide emissions is to serve as a model for B.C. and beyond. There are also very compelling economic benefits to reducing our consumption of costly imported fossil fuels, increasing local food production, conserving our precious drinking water

and protecting green space carbon sinks. However, a climate strategy also must include measures to adapt to climate changes that will occur regardless of Salt Spring’s actions, for example measures to reduce the risk of interface fires and water supply problems, as well as identifying waterfront areas at risk from sea level rise.

I congratulate the remarkable success of the EV group. As CRD director, I will dedicate myself to working with your organization and other community groups, on projects demonstrating strong economic and environmental benefits for Salt Spring.

The writer is a candidate for Salt Spring CRD director.

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Bert Small’s fairy doors remembered

It’s often said that everything happens for a reason, and there’s plenty of evidence of that.

In the Sept. 12 Driftwood there was an obituary for Bert Small. In a book I wrote with fellow islander Doug Wahlsten about the fairy doors of Salt Spring Island, there is a portrait of Bert and photographs of six of the beautiful fairy doors he made for his grandchildren to find in the forest on his property in the Mobrae area. He called his doors Gnome Homes.

I never met Bert but we corresponded quite a bit on elfish matters after he had moved to Ontario. Bert was an internationally acclaimed artist, and his wonderful fairy doors were certainly a testament to his skills. One even had solar panels and a light.

The reason I mention this is because during the past few weeks, quite a number of people have told me there are three new fairy doors on Mount Erskine. They appeared at just about the time Bert passed away.

If indeed everything does happen for a reason, it may well be that the elves who live on Mount Erskine, including Erskine the Elf himself, are commemorating Bert’s passing with these new doors. It’s nice to believe it’s possible, and who is to say it’s not? It seems a fine way to celebrate Bert’s long and happy life.

ROGER BRUNT,
SALT SPRING

Helping hands appreciated

Giant sunflowers to the many friends of Girl Guides who helped out by washing dishes at the Salt Spring Fall Fair this year.

Every pair of hands was needed and appreciated.

Discouraging the use of paper plates and one-use plastic is just one of the initiatives that the Salt Spring Fall Fair is taking to make our Earth healthier.

Scouts Canada is steadily growing on Salt Spring Island and their members joined the Girl Guides for the fair this year.

See you at the 2019 fair!

KERRY LEE,
SALT SPRING

Options for change to CRD promoted in citizens' report

BY MAXINE LEICHTER

As one of the team responsible for the newly released report from Positively Forward, called Delivery of CRD Services on Salt Spring Island: Options for Change, I encourage anyone interested in CRD governance on Salt Spring to read it. The report identifies various actions designed to build a stronger partnership between the CRD and the community with the objective of improving service delivery. Our research pointed to a series of community needs which impact service delivery and that should be addressed collectively:

- 1) Improved access to information on CRD programs and projects,
- 2) Stronger community engagement in decision-making about those programs and projects,
- 3) More accountability and transparency,
- 4) Committed CRD support for volunteerism.

Each year the CRD director recommends a budget for Salt Spring to the CRD Board and the allocation of \$600,000 in Community Works program funds (gas tax funds). The director can also request an increase or decrease in the CRD tax requisition (part of our property taxes) for Salt Spring to support the delivery of CRD services on the island. While the budget must be endorsed by the CRD Board, recommendations by regional directors are almost always granted. In reality, it is the Salt Spring CRD director who determines the budget for CRD services on Salt Spring.

INDEPTH

At present, the community has limited opportunity to get budget details or to provide input about how these funds are allocated from one project to the next. For example, the CRD is years behind on Salt Spring projects that are already funded, such as sidewalk and bike lane safety improvements authorized by referendum in 2014. Yet, the community has no current information on the status of these projects.

If the community knows why decisions are made, and if planning information is shared, the community is more likely to support those decisions.

The community needs to be informed in order to help find solutions to problems causing delays. The fact that projects have been announced but show no signs of visible progress contributes to a loss of confidence in local government. For this reason, the first recommendation in our report is that the com-

munity have ready access to an up-to-date list of CRD projects and programs with their priority and status.

We are also recommending the creation of a four-person Local Community Commission on Salt Spring. Primary responsibility of the elected officials on the LCC would be to review all budget recommendations before they go to the CRD Board. Open LCC meetings would provide the community with access to information about CRD projects and programs and details of their current status.

LCC public meetings would also address a second need by providing opportunities for more community engagement and input on ranking project and budget priorities.

In addition, the LCC would address the third need, holding the CRD accountable for its service delivery performance, since the public will know what is being planned and how plans are progressing. If the community knows why decisions are made, and if planning information is shared, the community is more likely to support those decisions. The LCC would also hold CRD accountable by providing a time and place for the public to discuss problems and promote solutions.

The fourth community need is strengthened support by the CRD for volunteers and their work. Volunteerism is part of island culture and it is where we experience our interdependence most actively. Tasks performed by volunteers save the

community money. For example, the Partners Creating Pathways partnership between Island Pathways volunteers and the CRD has delivered an extensive pathway network at significantly reduced cost to taxpayers. Yet increasingly in recent years, the CRD cites liability as a barrier to volunteerism rather than seeking ways to mitigate that challenge. An LCC would provide an additional forum to discuss how to overcome obstacles in the way of volunteer engagement so as to maximize their time and use of their skills.

This report identifies some challenging problems with CRD service delivery but it also provides a roadmap, based on a revitalized community/CRD relationship, for correcting them. Read the full report at <https://positivelyforward.ca>.

The writer is lead researcher for the Positively Forward report on CRD service delivery.

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Rainwater harvesting is smart and simple

BY CHRIS DIXON

Reality check: I'm watching the cedars in our front yard slowly perish. Neighbours near us are losing their trees, and the world will be a hotter place when they're gone. I'll plant replacement trees, and Bambi will try to kill them.

Global warming is a barometer of the relationship between human activity and the environment. Melting ice fields, rising CO2 levels, shifting ocean and air currents, species loss in flora and fauna, storms, floods and countless wildfires are indicators we can't wish away.

We've watched our culture move away from tobacco, furnace oil and burn barrels, and toward heat pumps, electric cars and vegan diets; let's shift our minds to include making our near environment a cooler, greener and safer place.

As a member of the Environmental Working Group of the Salt Spring Community Alliance, I'll share some ideas about how rainwater harvesting and storage can transform our relationship to the near environment.

Remember drone footage of the charred moon-

scape that was Fort McMurray in 2016? What stands out amid the ruins are the "miracle houses" — the homes and trees that didn't burn. Chance plays a part here, but smart landscaping around your home reduces your potential for loss in a wildfire situation.

A home that is distanced from conifers, brush piles and outbuildings is more likely to survive a wildfire. Plantings of deciduous trees and shrubs paired with adequate irrigation can satisfy your landscaping plan while helping to keep the soil around your home cool and moist. Your insurer will love you.

Most years, a metre of precipitation fills our lakes and recharges the aquifers, but much of that rainwater is lost as runoff. Banking some water means we can irrigate our summer veggies and flower gardens and keep our landscape green while reducing the seasonal demand on potable water sources.

Harvesting and storing winter rainfall in a poly tank, a pool or a pond is a simple process; we divert water from a downspout into a reservoir for later use. Planning your irrigation system will involve

choosing optimum placement of the various components.

The team at Windsor Plywood is a good source for advice and equipment for rainwater harvesting. They stock storage tanks from 165 to 2500 US gallons and the pipes and pumps to complete your system. Matt Nowell designs and installs systems through his company called Gulf Islands Irrigation and Rain Harvesting.

Rainwater harvesting is a smart and simple path toward creating a cooler, greener, safer and more productive environment.

For an agricultural irrigation system, you might consider installing one or more above-ground swimming pools. These will store much larger quantities of water at a lower cost than poly tanks, but they have a larger footprint and some safety requirements.

Excavated irrigation ponds are also an option, space permitting.

When we lived on Mansell Road, we irrigated 380 tomato plants and 300 feet of blueberry bushes solely from winter rainwater stored in two above-ground swimming pools. In an area that has absolutely no water to spare, we harvested a ton of tomatoes every year.

Rainwater harvesting is a smart and simple path toward creating a cooler, greener, safer and more productive environment.

Other helpful suggestions, including FireSmart landscaping plans, grey water irrigation plans and wise building material choices can be found on the Community Alliance website.

There is a rainwater harvesting tour on Saturday, Oct. 13, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance. You can see functioning installations all over the island, and talk to the people who own and operate them.

The writer is a member of the Environmental Working Group of the Salt Spring Community Alliance.



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ART REVIEW

Diverse artists converge in Octogony

Michael Robb and friends at Mahon Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What do you call an exhibition showcasing eight different artists working in completely different formats and styles? Octogony is the name and Mahon Hall is the place to see this exciting group show, but only until the end of Saturday.

As dreamed up by noted sculptor Michael Robb, Octogony gives each artist their own section of the hall, in effect providing eight mini shows. As such, every artist gets to provide a good representation of their work, but the show also works amazingly well as a whole.

Most of the artists involved are not currently with a gallery, but all are talented and committed to their practice, whether photography, painting or sculpture. Robb has two new metal sculptures in the show, bridging the gap between mythologi-

cal archetypes and surreal objects animated with life-force. Okamo is an appealing character, with bird-like feet (and hands) emerging from a barrel garment, and a small face ending not in a beak but an open tube mouth. While the barrel suggests armour, something about the incongruous bulging arms suggests a friendly medieval barman.

Robb has been spending more time with painting of late, and his surreal landscapes are a joyful blend of mid-1960s palette and forms that are neither animal nor vegetable, but both. Towers ending in fans of foliage call to mind palms and aloes as well as the undersea beauty of feathery tube worms.

Weather Coming frames one articulated tower, spotted like a giraffe, between two huge sway-trunked trees topped with canopies of cerise puff balls. A puffy cloud is billowing and rising in the distance behind, its soft contours providing nice contrast for the organic but hard forms in the foreground. The palette is warm and inviting with its orange and cherry tones balanced with a few well-placed areas in green.

Selapus is another one of Robb's paintings with beautiful balance of colour and forms. In this case, two tall palms end in vibrant orange fans. They also have tiny upheld shoots similar to T. Rex arms in efficacy and placement, but these make them more joyful than menacing. The palms wave in the wind against a darkening sky — lighter purples and blues blend into the top section, while the central section again features heavier storm clouds rolling up. The trunks are grounded between a thick green hedge and a rough fence of rock or wood in the immediate foreground.

In Escoria, green and orange are the dominant colours through several tones, accented by cherry red and a sweep of blueish sky through the mid section. Here the central form rises as an ancient tree trunk crowned with majestic red fruit and then a headdress of spiked leaves. Hard fans of peach and orange and fleshy green nubs radiate to the sides and just behind the trunk, creating a sense of growth while foreshortening the visible distance.

The line between hard and soft, vegetable and mineral is also a fluid one in the



Weather Coming by Michael Robb.

abstract paintings of Chintan Bolliger. While she is inspired by the natural world, and by processes of evolution and change, it's up to the viewer to discover his or her own interpretation of images. Bolliger has been getting more adventurous with colour of late, so areas of palest yellow scraped over black in pieces like Merge and How it Begins get shot through with a wave of deeper tones: yellow through to rich russet. The wave calls to mind the arbutus tree, with its contrasting smooth and papery textures, its curved but strong structure.

A more delicate piece by Bolliger called Migration has a pattern of fleshy, ridged pink petals over a background resembling smooth stone. The human eye is always trying to find narrative among abstract images — to me this scene immediately suggested cherry blossoms, blown down but not yet decayed.

Charles Breth has contributed a complete reversal in direction from his earlier work, which focused entirely on figurative ceramics. In this show he has a series of large abstract paintings assembled from smaller panels. They are colourful, geometric and even architectural, revealing a sound eye for colour and composition. The complex pattern of stripes in Ophis suggests alternating sunlight and shadow through grasses

or perhaps the natural camouflage of a jungle cat, but in either case fractured and reassembled as if in countless shards of a mirror.

Photographer Michael Wall is exhibiting works based on photos of his neighbour's house after a disastrous fire. In several groupings, the images are in macro view, abstracted in the close scrutiny of layers of fibre exposed by burning. These works ripple with texture, and have a sombre feeling with the dominant tone a deep metallic blue.

A few works also take the longer view, such as the soft black and white of the building skeleton seen from a sloped curve of yard in Esther's House - A Meditation. Smoke or mist obscures the open roofline, while a serene Buddha statue in the foreground provides sympathetic but rueful commentary on the destruction behind. (Speaking from personal experience, there's nothing like a fire to force detachment from material possessions.)

Octogony also includes Ron Crawford's curvilinear, abstract reliefs, with a new work called Behind the Fence showcasing his incredible eye for colour and movement within seemingly static territory; atmospheric photographs in beautiful large-format production by up-and-coming artist Jen Holmes; and whimsical ceramic sculptures by Patricia Balsor.



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Alan Moberg.
PHOTO BY TESS FAMA

Alan Moberg brings warm stage presence

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Alan Moberg, AKA the Saltwater Cowboy, is set to once again entertain a crowd at Tea à Tempo at All Saints By-the-Sea next Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The Saltwater Cowboy moniker has been used to describe singer/songwriter Alan Moberg for many years and it is one that is well-deserved. Moberg spent formative years among fishermen on the West Coast, and with loggers in coastal logging camps, learning their ways and their stories. As for the cowboy part, Moberg developed a love and respect for the people of the B.C. Interior, particularly the ranchlands, and has developed an admiration and love for Indigenous people throughout the province.

Moberg is a true troubadour. From his years of rubbing shoulders with these British Columbians he has amassed a host of memories that are reflected in his songs and the yarns that accompany them. He is a man of integrity and warmth and the songs he has written reflect that personality. Moberg is the consummate performer, but his love for his art must be tempered by the need to make a living; his occupation is landscape gardening, at which he excels and (no surprise) thoroughly enjoys.

Moberg has sung at about four memorials so far this year, has had two gigs at the Tree House Cafe and played his regular Sunday morning lighthearted gospel-type music at the Salt Spring Fall Fair. Illness kept him from performing his usual concert at the Kamloops Cowboy Festival this year, but he intends to play again at the annual Cariboo/Chilcotin Christmas concert in November.

Moberg's concert begins at 2:10 p.m., lasting about 50 minutes. Admission is by donation at the door. If tea/coffee and goodies after the concert are desired, tickets should be bought beforehand in the hall.

See all Salt Spring Island Local Elections stories and letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Local Elections tab at the top of the home page.

Salt Spring CRD & Islands Trust

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Islands Trust – Local Trustees



Notice of Election by Voting

2018 General Local Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on **Saturday, October 20, 2018** to elect persons to serve a four-year term of office from November 2018 until after the 2022 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, as Local Trustees for the four Local Trust Areas under the *Islands Trust Act*. The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Galiano Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:		
Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
George	HARRIS	611 Robson Way, Galiano Island, BC
Tahiri	ROCKAFELLA	267 Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island, BC
Michael	SHARP	141 Seaview Terrace, Galiano Island, BC
Jane	WOLVERTON	442 Highland Road, Galiano Island, BC
Mayne Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:		
Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Brian	CRUMBLEHULME	639 Horton Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC
Jeanine	DODDS	720 Simpson Road, Mayne Island, BC
David	MAUDE	484 Cherry Tree Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC
Christie	MEERS	563 Blitz Road, Mayne Island, BC
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be elected:		
Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Shamana (Sabrina)	ALI	210 Epron Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Kylie	COATES	144 Fairway Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC
Peter	GROVE	110 Ensilwood Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Howard	HOLZAPFEL	120 Castle Cross Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Darryl J.	MARTIN	1205 Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Laura	PATRICK	230 Sarah Way, Salt Spring Island, BC
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Richard	FRIESEN	9876 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
Cameron	THORN	9884 Castle Road, Pender Island, BC
Steve	WRIGHT	9915 Craddock Drive, Pender Island, BC

The following constitutes the designated island trust areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust: **Galiano Island Local Trust Area** - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lot 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area** - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson. **North Pender Island Local Trust Area** - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lot 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Moresby, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets. **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Buriel Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel. **Saturna Island Local Trust Area** - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel. **South Pender Island Local Trust Area** - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

Voting Opportunities

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District on **Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

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Salt Spring Island Public Library 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island](#), BC
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- Southern Gulf Islands**
Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island](#), BC
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ADVANCE VOTING opportunities will be available on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** and **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

- Salt Spring Island**
Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, [Salt Spring Island](#), BC
Salt Spring Island Public Library 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island](#), BC
Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney](#), BC
- Southern Gulf Islands**
Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island](#), BC
Mayne Island Community Hall, 493 Felix Jack Road, [Mayne Island](#), BC
St. Peters Anglican Church, 4703 Canal Road, [Pender Island](#), BC
Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney](#), BC

Mail Ballot Voting is available to electors who:

- ▶ have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
 - ▶ expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, October 20, 2018) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 17, 2018)
- You must be a [qualified Resident](#) or [Non-Resident Property Elector](#) to vote.

To apply to vote by mail, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed application form in advance of general voting day (October 20, 2018). Application forms are available on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/vote. Completed application forms may be submitted by email, mail or in person at the following:

Capital Regional District, Legislative Services
5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6
Phone: 250.360.3129 Toll free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129
Email: legserv@crd.bc.ca

If you are not on the Voters List or the CRD Non-Resident Property Electors List of Electors, you may register at the time you fill out your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the list, please call the number noted above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package, commencing on or about October 4, 2018, for the following:

- ▶ Electoral Area Director
- ▶ Islands Trust Local Trustee
- ▶ School Trustee
- ▶ Assent Voting for South Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response
- ▶ Assent Voting for Saturna Island Medical Clinic Contribution

If applications are received after October 12, 2018 and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative Services, at the address noted above. To be counted for the election, your ballot **MUST** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than **8 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018** at the address noted above. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the mail ballot is received within this time limit.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days (the residency qualifications are set out in the Local Government Act), you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before August 28, 2018, or (b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- ▶ a [recent](#) land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, showing the names of all the registered owners,
- ▶ 2 pieces of identification (one must have a signature), and
- ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, [a completed consent form, signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property](#) (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures are not acceptable.) A copy of the consent form is available at: www.crd.bc.ca/vote

The following are some examples of **acceptable identification**: BC Driver's Licence, BC Identification Card issued by ICBC, BC CareCard, Utility bill (water, electric, gas), Citizenship Card, Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence, Social Insurance Card, Property Taxation Notice, Credit Card or Debit Card issued by a bank.

Please Note:

- ▶ Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of the number of owners. Further, you may vote for only one property, regardless of how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- ▶ No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
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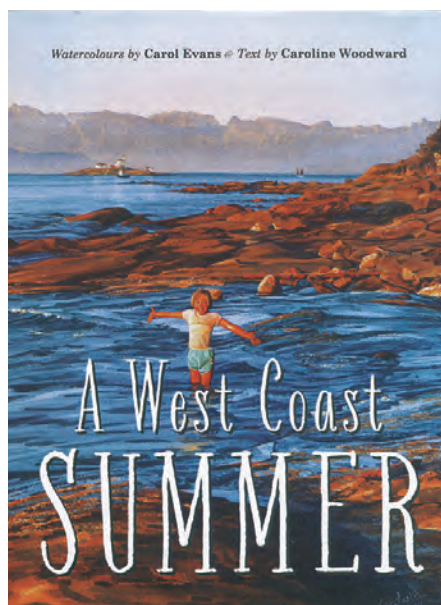
Fur further information please call the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3129 or Toll Free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2018

Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

BOOK LAUNCH

Carol Evans paintings inspire children's picture book



Book launch with Caroline Woodward set for Oct. 4

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Summer may be categorically over on the West Coast, but the magic of sparkling sunshine on clear ocean coves is an everlasting joy in the paintings of Carol Evans.

People of all ages now have the opportunity to return as often as they wish to those magical restorative images in A West Coast Summer, a new children's book that pairs the Salt Spring artist's work with a sweet rhyming narrative by Caroline Woodward.

Evans' large realist watercolour paintings are often mistaken for photographs, so expertly does she capture the com-

plex interplay of light and water. Her art is inspired by a deep knowledge of the coast, which she travels by sailboat ever summer with her husband. While many of her works focus on a special piece of landscape, from Walker Hook to Jervis Inlet, she also enjoys including people interacting with the environment. A West Coast Summer is based on 14 paintings that showcase children playing around the ocean shore.

"They always seem to be so excited and joyful and thrilled to be at the ocean," Evans said on a call from temporary moorage in Montague Harbour. "I love it when we're out on the water and we hear a boatload of kids coming. They're like little wild creatures — they just love to get right in and explore everything."

The idea for the children's book came



Scene of fishing by Carol Evans, part of her new book A West Coast Summer with Caroline Woodward.

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from Harbour Publishing, who put out Evans' best-selling book The Shores We Call Home in 2010. They reached out to Woodward as the possible author of the text. A former publishing representative herself, Woodward left that world to become a lighthouse keeper southwest of Tofino around a decade ago. She is also the author of multiple children's books and a best-selling memoir of her life in the lighthouse.

"I leapt at the chance to collaborate with Carol," Woodward said. "I just dove into it and spent a lot of time with around 24 images they sent to me."

Woodward said at first she was so taken with Evans' water and misty coastal scenes that she was inspired to create a series of poems based on Japanese forms. When Harbour Publishing gently reminded her that wasn't quite what they were after, she was so deeply acquainted with the paintings that she had no trouble creating a sequence and child-friendly text to go with it. The images are connected by the repeated verse: "To the sea, to the sea, who or what waits here for me?"

"It made sense to put them together," Woodward said about her choices. "Everyone was just ecstatic to be there, by the sea. I was able to be seven years old again and get right in there about what was exciting."

"I think she was so good at piecing out how a child would feel," Evans said. "Because you know, when I'm making a painting, I am thinking about that too — how would that boy feel going fishing with his dad?"

One of the lovely things about Evans' images is the children pictured are based on those she's observed in life, from family members to people she's met on her boat trips, to complete strangers she's witnessed having a good time. First Nations' presence on the coast is not forgotten, and demonstrated as just part of life in B.C., their joy as natural as that of more recent inhabitants and those who visit just during the summer.

With beautiful printing quality, A West Coast Summer promises to be cherished equally by those lucky enough to live on the coast and those who don't, and as appealing to adult art lovers as to children dazzled by water, trees and ocean.

"At the heart of all the things I paint around here is [the desire] to have a bond, a relationship with the environment and to hand it down to our loved ones, as intact as we can," Evans said. "And the best gift parents can give to their children is to introduce them to the quiet of the forest and the sea and to become a lifelong friend to it."

Both Evans and Woodward will be on Salt Spring for a book launch at the library set for Thursday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. The event will include slides and stories, with people of all ages welcome.

ART EXHIBIT

Ceramic awards show and activities ready to roll out

Opening event next
Thursday at Mahon Hall

Salt Spring is gearing up for its second biennial ceramic arts exhibition as the Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition opens at Mahon Hall next Thursday, Oct. 4.

Presented by the Salt Spring Island Potters Guild, the entry area was expanded this year to include all of British Columbia.

Some 62 works by 37 B.C. artists — from well established to new and emerging artists — were selected by the jury, from unique

functional ceramics to innovative sculptural works.

The SSICA opening gala is at 6 p.m. on Oct. 4, with the show running daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Oct. 5 to 12. On Saturday, Oct. 13 the exhibit can be seen from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the awards gala begins at 7 p.m. That's when prize winners will be announced and presented with \$7,750 in prize money.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, doors are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. That morning at 10 a.m., a panel discussion will be held. Focused around the Makers in Action theme, it will include the mem-

bers of the jury: Jonathon Bancroft-Snell from Toronto, Trudy Golley from Alberta and local artist Alwyn O'Brien, plus workshop presenter Katrina Chaytor from Newfoundland.

Makers in Action is the theme for SSICA 2018, showcasing the finalists in action and at work, celebrating their process, ideas, and inspirations. A bio wall installation will accompany the finalist works, capturing the uniqueness and essence of each artist in action and in the process of creating.

For more details about SSICA, visit ssicaceramicawards.com.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Part of the crowd of viewers at the 2016 Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards opening gala at Mahon Hall. This year's event is on Oct. 4.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by Voting | 2018 General Local Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that **General Voting Day** will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018** to elect persons to serve a **four-year** term of office as **Electoral Area Directors for Juan de Fuca and Salt Spring Island** on the **CRD Board** from November 2018 until after the 2022 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area – One Director to be elected:

Given Name Surname
Mike HICKS

Residential Address
3018 Manzer Road, Sooke, BC

Given Name Surname
Daniel YATES

Residential Address
2075 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area – One Director to be elected:

Given Name Surname
Gary HOLMAN

Residential Address
160 McLennan Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC

Given Name Surname
Robin WILLIAMS

Residential Address
130 Arnell Way, Salt Spring Island, BC

Voting Opportunities

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District on **Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
East Sooke Community Hall,

1397 Coppermine Road,
Sooke, BC

Juan de Fuca Administration
Building, #3- 7450 Butler
Road, Sooke, BC

Malahat Fire Hall, 935
Whittaker Road, Malahat, BC

Port Renfrew Community
Centre, Parkinson Road, Juan de Fuca, BC

Shirley Community Hall, 2795
Sheringham Road, Shirley, BC

Mary Winspear Centre, 2243
Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

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2154 Lazzar Road, Sooke, BC

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School, 218 Helmcken Road,
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Willis Point Community
Hall, 6933 Willis Point Road,
Victoria, BC

Richmond Secondary School,
7171 Minoru Boulevard,
Richmond, BC

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

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Dated this 26th day of September, 2018
Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election

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ISLANDERS

Clouston departs chamber position

Long-time manager reflects on time at the helm

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island is losing a veritable force of nature this week as the long-time chamber of commerce and visitor centre manager moves home to her native New Brunswick.

Janet Clouston has been the face of the chamber and perhaps Salt Spring's biggest supporter ever since taking the job in March 2011. After seven and a half years she's still enthusiastic about the work, but family ties and other considerations are taking her back to the Bay of Fundy.

"It's been a labour of love and lots of fun; super great people," Clouston said of her experience.

Clouston acknowledges the organization was in a time of flux and perhaps a bit chaotic when she first took over management. One of her first steps was to print out and post a quotation by Winston Churchill that states "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

She counts growing a sense of optimism in the community as one of her biggest successes.

"I've always been the optimist in the room and seeing solutions, kind of getting on with things," Clouston said. "I like to face a problem head on and fix it, because if you don't it will always linger."

Clouston said she has been very well supported by the chamber board, and she appreciated how the job gave her the unusual opportunity to work in the non-profit sector while supporting economic growth.

"I always say my heart's in the non-profit world and my head's in the for-profit world, and I guess that's kind of true. But I guess it is really putting our heart into things."

She added there are great stakeholders in the organization and great people in the community, which makes it hard to leave.

"It wasn't an easy decision for me to go back to New Brunswick, but I'm just feeling the pull of my home province and my family, which is good," she said.



PHOTO BY AMBER OGILVIE

Outgoing chamber of commerce manager Janet Clouston, left, accepts a fairy door made by Roger Brunt as one of her goodbye gifts during a farewell party held last Wednesday. With her are visitor centre volunteer scheduler Laura Moore, centre, and steering committee member Terri Skjaveland.

Proud accomplishments

Clouston has many proud moments from her time on Salt Spring, starting with some of the special events the chamber has created or partnered on.

"We've developed a good reputation for putting on events, and we put them on for a reason. We don't put on events because we want to put on events," she said.

She noted the Salty Awards are used to boost small business and were upgraded to include deserving community groups and individuals last year. The Harvest Food and Drink Festival in October and its flagship Sip & Savour event support the agricultural community by telling the stories of local farmers, wineries and cideries and the chefs who focus on their products.

Clouston pointed out that these events are not created for tourists but for the community first, as well as those who would like to come and visit. Often these are friends and family members of islanders, who plan their visits to coincide with special times such as Christmas on Salt Spring.

The chamber has also been working with the other southern Gulf Island branch-

es to enhance year-round tourism with support from Destination BC. Clouston said that initiative rippled out from Friday night "island hopping" on BC Ferries and then the Tour des Îles festival, and is now set to grow with a properly funded destination marketing organization representing all five island communities.

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JANET CLOUSTON
Departing SSI Chamber of Commerce manager

"I'm really proud of that work, because that spirit of cooperation between our islands did not exist in the past," Clouston said.

"It's kind of bringing a professionalism to what we're doing; identifying goals and then really going after those goals and finding resources to accomplish them."

Other achievements include working within the Islands Trust to establish

a sense of environmental responsibility in the business community.

"I'm really proud of the Green Tourism Canada designation. What that's saying is we can be successful economically and not trash the environment while we're at it; in fact, we must protect the environment," Clouston said. "There's no economy without the environment that we live in. So I think we've been a good example of environmental stewardship."

Still needs work

There are always things that can be improved upon, and Clouston has one or two wishes for the island after she leaves. Ganges village planning and related governance issues are one area she feels needs attention to ensure a well-run, appealing town. Another wish is fostering a greater spirit of cooperation on the island.

"There can be pockets of the community that aren't really working well together that could benefit," she said. "That Community Alliance group post-referendum is trying to pull people together and come up with solutions and be positive, and I think that's good work. The perception of Salt Spring as the harmonious Zen community sometimes isn't that way. Maybe dialogue and leadership could be a way to improve that aspect."

Learned from Salt Spring

Clouston will take away many things from Salt Spring, including the experience of meeting great friends and colleagues. During her time on the island she has served on the Salt Spring library board and the Pride festival committee, among her extra-curricular contributions.

"Salt Spring I think is a place where people can really be themselves," she said. "That tagline we have 'Discover yourself here,' I think really there is sense of discovery that people have when they're on the island, and I have that sense of discovery as well. I think I've truly stepped into myself here, and I want to make sure I bring that with me wherever I go."

Take note, Salt Spring: Clouston has made a promise that she will return to the island for the ribbon-cutting of a completed harbour walk, whenever that may be.

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HISTORY

New books inspired by spy Roberts

Agent Jack and
Transcription
released in UK

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two books with a Salt Spring connection released in the United Kingdom this month lend insight to the case of a quiet bank employee who was actually a military spy responsible for thwarting Nazi efforts in Britain.

Known as Jack King amongst his contacts, staid family man Eric Roberts did not attract much attention during WWII England or later on Salt Spring Island, where he moved his family in 1957. It was a surprise to many, including his grown-up children, to learn the truth.

Documents released by the British National Archives in February 2014 revealed that a single MI5 agent had played a crucial role in uncovering pro-Nazi activity while posing as an undercover Gestapo agent in London. A fresh release in October 2014 revealed Roberts to be that person.

"Many people go to ground

without ever receiving any recognition. It's coming to my family only now, but I'm glad it's happening now," Roberts' daughter Crista McDonald told the Driftwood.

The incredible story behind his accomplishments is outlined at last in Agent Jack, a non-fiction book by British political correspondent Robert Hutton. McDonald, who lives in Qualicum Beach, said the family had some knowledge of their father's past but never knew the full scope before the documents were declassified. Hutton's book, which she has read in manuscript form, provides even more insight.

"I've learned so much more, because these journalists have access to things I would never have access to," McDonald said. "Robert Hutton started doing research in 2014 and I think he did an excellent job."

"I still have questions, but I have learned a lot more," she added.

Roberts was recruited into MI5 when he was just 17 and working as a clerk at the Westminster Bank. He started posing as a German Gestapo agent in May 1940 to gain informa-



The late Eric Roberts, who retired to Salt Spring after his career as an MI5 spy when he was known as Jack King.

tion about "fifth columnists" or Nazi sympathizers in the UK. His contacts passed on information about other fascist supporters as well as information that would have hurt Britain's situation in the war, but thanks to Roberts, never made it to Germany.

Roberts' operation was so undercover that it continued after the war ended, without the pro-Nazi contacts ever becoming the wiser. To maintain his MI5 cover, those people were not charged with crimes — instead, two key players received fake Nazi medals, forged in the Royal Mint and

presented by Roberts himself.

Roberts was 50 years old when he brought his family to Canada. They started out in Ontario and then moved to Salt Spring a few months later. During his time on the island Roberts published the book Salt Spring Saga in association with Woody Fisher, the founding publisher of the Driftwood. He was a frequent contributor to the paper as a letter-writer up until his death in 1972.

While Agent Jack is not scheduled to be released in North America until next year, McDonald is already looking forward to that time. She hopes that Hutton will actually come to Salt Spring for a local book launch.

An imaginative take on the work going on around Roberts' MI5 operation is meanwhile offered in Transcription, a novel by award-winning writer Kate Atkinson. Atkinson wrote the novel after reading transcriptions of Roberts' conversations with his pro-Nazi contacts, but put the focus on the young woman who would have transcribed those conversations. The book has been released in Canada and is available locally.

FIRST NATIONS

Cedar canoe set for Sunday launch

All welcome to celebrate
first voyage on Sunday

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After six months of carving, the Xwaaq'w'um project group will be launching their cedar canoe or "snuhwulh" into Burgoyne Bay on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Construction of the canoe began in early April. It was roughed out in Tla-o-qui-aht Territory near Tofino led by master carver Joe Martin. It was then carved by many members of the community, including at a special event held on Salt Spring in May.

To help celebrate the launch of the canoe, Xwaaq'w'um organizers are inviting members of the community to the village site to help bring the boat to the water. The event begins at around 1 p.m.

"There'll be songs and dances beforehand, which is part of bringing the canoe to life and introducing it to the people who will be using it," explained Luschiim (Arvid Charlie), a Quw'utsun (Cowichan) elder.

After the launch a salmon and rice potluck lunch will be served.

The canoe will be used for Indigenous youth camps, school groups, transportation from Hwtl'upnets (Maple Bay) to the Xwaaq'w'um village site. The canoe will also take longer tribal voyages, like one planned

from B.C. to California along the coast.

Joe Akerman, one of the leaders of the project, said, "We wanted to invite the community because there were many hands and many people that worked on the Snuhwulh to bring it to life... There will be many people travelling on it throughout the years. It is important to have those people involved and everyone able to come and witness it."

The 36-foot-long canoe has room for nine paddlers and gear for longer trips, or can be fitted with removable seats for school groups on smaller voyages.

Those interested in attending Sunday's event can find more information on Xwaaq'w'um's Facebook page.

PHILANTHROPY

Creative fundraising model offered on island

100 Women Who
Care sets up on
Salt Spring

A high-impact fundraising model for local registered charities is being established on Salt Spring Island.

The 100 Women Who Care group was officially launched today, Sept. 26, and interested women are invited to learn more at one of two orientation sessions in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. They are on Wednesday, Oct. 3 and Thursday, Oct. 11 from 5 to 6 p.m. The first meeting is at ArtSpring on Thursday, Nov. 8.

According to a press release, islander Janine Fernandes-Hayden first came up with the idea after hearing about it from a friend involved with a similar group.

"Fernandes-Hayden simply couldn't shake the idea. Knowing it would translate successfully to the island, she convened a spark-plug group of women: Coreen Boucher, Lina Martens, Maryann Bird, Perry Ruehlen and Carin Perrins. Together, they've spent six months laying the foundation of 100 Women Who Care Salt Spring Island, just one of over 600 active chapters around the world."

The concept is simple, says the group: "100 women, one

hour, \$100 donation equals \$10,000 of immediate impact for a local charity each meeting."

How it works: Registered charities with a local impact are nominated by members. For every member who nominates a charity, an equal number of nominations is placed in the charity basket. At each meeting, three charities are chosen from the basket. If selected at the meeting, the member who nominated the charity provides a five-minute presentation on why they think that organization should receive the funds. After the three presentations, each member votes for her choice.

The charity receiving the most votes is awarded all funds raised that evening. The successful organization is responsible for issuing tax receipts to each member.

Fernandes-Hayden added, "What also struck me about this model was the powerful educational component whereby, through the presentations, members are brought into direct contact with the work of our local organizations."

The Nov. 8 inaugural meeting runs from 7 to 8 p.m. in the ArtSpring gallery space. Registration and social begins at 6:15 and new member orientation starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Wed. Sept. 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic With Richard Cross.
At the Tree House Cafe. 6 p.m.
(Note the different date from the regular Tuesday open mic nights.)

ACTIVITIES

Parent-Child Mother Goose.

Join Nomi and Hannah Wednesdays in the program room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and playtime. Salt Spring Library. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Bittancourt House Museum.

Museum is open at the Farmers' Institute Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 31.

Greenwoods Eldercare

Society AGM.

Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m.

Youth Book Club.

Kids who love reading get together to read and discuss books, make crafts and enjoy snacks every other Wednesday from Sept. 26 to Dec. 19, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Registration required at the library.

Salt Spring Garden Club:

Steve Whysall on Great

Gardens, Great Ideas.

Author and former Vancouver Sun columnist Steve Whysall is the garden club speaker at Meaden Hall. 6:45 p.m.

Book Launch for Finding

Home: Collected Stories of Salt Spring Island Circles of Women.

Celebration for book produced by local women writers, about how each one came to live on Salt Spring. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

Thur. Sept. 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic at the Legion.

Thursdays at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

Vaughn Fulford.

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

Open Mic With Jesse.

Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.



ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Regular monthly meeting at Lions Hall at 9:30 a.m. Town hall begins at 12 noon.

Salt Spring Forum:

Stopping the Trans

Mountain Pipeline –

Reuben George and

Cedar George-Parker in

Conversation.

Reuben George, manager of The Sacred Trust, the organization created by the Tsleil-Waututh to stop the pipeline project and his son Cedar meet with GISS students for a discussion about resurgence, reconciliation, leadership and environmental protection. GISS gymnasium. 11:15 a.m.

Bittancourt House Museum.

See Wednesday's listing.

Library Book Club.

This month's book is The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m. Book club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Viva Chorale Society AGM.

Annual general meeting at the SS Baptist Church. 8 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wordplay Reading of Dancing at Lugnasa.

Dramatic reading of play by Brian Friel in the ArtSpring gallery. 2 p.m.

Duck Creek.

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

Shane Koyczan.

Internationally renowned spoken-word artist, poet and author performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Underground.

With special guests Scout and Tom. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.

See Wednesday's listing.

Library StoryTime.

StoryTime helps build early literacy skills with new books and old favourites, and with games, crafts and more. Salt Spring Public Library. 11 a.m.

Family Movie Matinee.

Family-friendly movies every Friday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room from Sept. 14 through Nov. 9 at 2:30 p.m. (except when school is in session). Today's movie is Robots.



Youth Games Night.

Weekly drop-in games night is a great chance to meet up with friends over a board game. Salt Spring Public Library. 6:30 p.m. until late every Friday (except holidays).

Sat. Sept. 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wordplay Reading of Dancing at Lugnasa.

See Friday's listing.

Vetta String Quartet.

Vetta Chamber Music presents Joan Blackman, violin; Maria Larionoff, violin; David Harding, viola; and Eugene Osadchy on cello performing works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Ravel. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Check in advance for ticket availability.

The Barley Brothers.

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

Ange Hehr.

Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.

Famous market of locally made, grown and baked goods runs every Saturday in Centennial Park through the last week of October. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Glitter Queens Gathering.

First of two days of skill-sharing, tribe-building, celebrating the feminine, honouring the equinox, dance and play. For girls in grades 6, 7 and 8. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also on Sunday. Info/register: glitterqueensgathering@gmail.com

Genealogy Workshop: Out

on a Limb on My Family

Tree. Joanne Barnard leads genealogy workshop at Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 10 a.m. Whether you have already done part of your family history or are just wondering what it's about, come and find out why people are so enthusiastic about genealogy.

Sat. Sept. 29

ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: Fay Well and Mary Wilson.

Gabriola Island authors Fay Weller and Mary Wilson share Changemakers: Embracing Hope, Taking Action and Transforming the World. SS Public Library Program Room. 1 p.m.



Sun. Sept. 30

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Apple Festival.

19th annual organic apple festival. Self-guided farm and orchard tour, plus displays and more at Fulford Hall. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Get maps and tickets outside Ganges Visitor Centre or at Fulford Hall.

Xwaaqw'um Snuhwulh

Cedar Big Canoe Launch.

Launch of Xwaaqw'um Snuhwulh Cedar Big Canoe at Xwaaqw'um (Burgoyne Bay) near the Welcome Poles. 1 p.m. Salmon & rice potluck lunch afterwards (2 p.m.ish). Bring your own dishes, camp chair and small donation to support travel for elders and to help finish the canoe. To help with volunteering, email lboyer@shaw.ca

Spanish Conversation Group Meetup.

Everyone welcome to attend Spanish Conversation Group gathering at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 30

ACTIVITIES

Leather Mask-Making Workshop.

Make a beautiful mask with Andrea Russell in advance of Halloween season. For ages 10 and up. Info/register: 250-931-0557 or email thaifirefly@gmail.com.

Glitter Queens Gathering.

Day two. See Saturday's listing.



Mon. Oct. 1

ACTIVITIES

Island Infants Discussion Group.

A drop-in group for parents and babies with weekly speakers. Family Place. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SSI Fire Protection District

Special Public Budget

Meeting.

Information on the fire board's proposed 2019 budget and the thinking behind it will be presented to the community at a public meeting at Lions Hall. 7 p.m.



Music Bingo.

Every Monday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.



Tue. Oct. 2

ACTIVITIES

Stay and Play Drop-In.

Parents, caregivers and children 0-6 years welcome. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday Farmers Market.

Food-only market in Centennial Park every through October from 2 to 6 p.m.



Trivia Tuesday.

Trivia every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea a Tempo: Alan Moberg.

The Saltwater Cowboy returns to All Saints for a Tea a Tempo recital. 2:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent-Child Mother Goose.

See last Wednesday's listing.



Bittancourt House Museum.

See last Wednesday's listing.

100 Women Who Care

Orientation Session.

Info session for new women's charitable group in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 5 to 6 p.m.



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EXHIBITIONS

- **Octogony**, an exhibit of work by **Susan Benson, Michael Robb, Jen Holmes, Ron Crawford, Patricia Balsor, Michael Wall, Chintan Bolliger** and **Charles Breth** runs at **Mahon Hall** daily through Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **View From Here** - works by Jane Kidd, Diane Sanderson, Ulrike Benner, Jan Smith, Joan Carrigan, Laura Keil and Melanie Thompson runs at Duthie Gallery until Oct. 7.
- **Salt Spring Gallery** presents **Adoration** with **Lisa Lipsett, Kuno Egger** and **Ruby Egger-Lipsett**, a show of vibrant paintings and top-notch ceramics inspired by a family's shared love for colour, textured surfaces, spontaneity, surrealism

and magical creative moments. The show continues to Oct. 3.

- **Fault Lines Projects** presents **The Importance of Small Things** by **Krystyna Jervis** until Oct. 6.
- **Auntie Pesto's Cafe** shows new work by **Gabrielle Jensen**.
- **Mel Williamson** has paintings and **Julie MacKinnon** has ceramics on display at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** this month. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Doug McMillin's Transmutation and Fragmentation** (socio-digital landscapes) photo art exhibit is in the **Salt Spring Public Library's program room** through September. **Impressions 3**, an exhibit of work by printmaking members of the **Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild**, opens on Monday, Oct. 1 and

runs through the month of October.

- **Bob Fenske** shows street photography in the **ArtSpring** lobby through September. **Mary Laucks'** exhibit of paintings is in the lobby during October.
- **Ulana Switucha** is artist of the month at **Hedgerow House**.

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salt spring arts council

JOB POSTING

**The Salt Spring Arts Council seeks interested candidates
for the position of Artcraft Manager 2019.**

SCOPE OF POSITION:

Artcraft, a long-standing program of the Salt Spring Arts Council, is comprised of a gallery and retail program showcasing the work of Gulf Island artists and craftspeople. The Artcraft Manager is primarily responsible for managing the programs and operations of Artcraft, including Artcraft, Wintercraft, and Showcases which take place between April – December (35 weeks). Salary Range is \$25,000 - \$30,000 dependent on qualifications. Full Job posting is available at:
https://ssartscouncil.com/artcraft-manager-2019/

APPLICATIONS:

Please send resume and cover letter, including 3 references to:
**Artcraft Manager Hiring Committee,
Salt Spring Arts Council**
Applications should be emailed to **info@ssartscouncil.com**
Deadline: Wednesday, October 18, 5pm

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JOB POSTING

**The Salt Spring Arts Council seeks interested candidates
for the position of SSNAP Administrator.**

SCOPE OF POSITION:

Launched in 2015, the Salt Spring National Art Prize (saltspringartprize.ca) is a biennial competition and exhibition of Canadian visual art. Associated with SSNAP are a parallel show featuring SSI artists, youth exhibitions and activities and artists talks. The SSNAP Administrator will provide administrative and logistics support to the SSNAP committees and activities. The salary is \$25 per hour, with most work performed remotely at the employee's home/office. Commencing November 2018, the monthly time commitment of this part time position will vary according to the lifecycle of SSNAP and associated events. Full Job posting is available at: https://ssartscouncil.com/posting-ssnap-administrator/

APPLICATIONS:

Please send resume and cover letter, including 3 references to:
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**This Week's
Horoscope**
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TIP OF THE WEEK

Autumn is now in full force and the Moon is waning. Both share a common symbolic principle. Ending, completion and preparation for a new cycle are some of the main expressions of this archetypal principal. As true as this may be on personal levels, it is certainly the case collectively as humanity enters into dangerously unfamiliar territory on a variety of fronts. As 2018 builds momentum in this final major turn in the year cycle, Venus in Scorpio is decelerating in its approach to turning retrograde on October 7th. It will re-enter Libra on November 1st and continue to retreat backward until the 16th. When a planet slows, it can be understood to be 'heavier, a basic principle of physics of a stationary object versus that of one in motion. Add to this that Venus in Scorpio is generally understood as a difficult sign position and you get yet another layer of complexity. Taken as a whole, the planetary portrait reveals a process of maturity, of letting go of shallow and selfish desires and redirecting our focus to larger realities. These may be those of our family, community, country, or even to the human condition itself. The challenge we all face now is to see a bigger picture and to take action to make meaningful contributions. This begins with simply being aware of the crisis humanity is experiencing at this juncture and caring.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) The focus now significantly involves relationships and you probably have some work to do. This work includes the classic themes of discerning between love, lust, desires and needs. These may be as much at question with significant others in your life as with you. The solution includes deciphering what constitutes a fair and balanced assessment of duties and responsibilities.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) The challenge of determining the difference between the voice of our heart and that of our mind is as old as is the human soul itself. This is the dilemma of reason and free will versus instinct. Free will is that chaos factor that can support us to beat the odds or to misjudge situations or lean on frailty and fail. Making the effort to listen to your heart at all is already in the direction of success.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Balancing work with play is emphasized now. As is usually true, the scales are not static, they are shifting to and fro, to work then play then to work again... The work may especially include significant men in your life. Themes of letting go are indicated. As the scales swing your turn to do so will come and go over the coming weeks and will progressively lean towards work.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) Creating beauty close to home includes both your environment and you personally. After all, home is where your heart is, literally. Health is implied here as it is the essence of beauty. Consider when nature if vibrant and full of life, the notion of further adornment does not arise. Creating a realistic and inspiring dwelling in such an environment is another matter and both are important.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) A busy cycle is underway. Attending to a variety of fronts is likely. Clearing and cleaning is featured among the array. This process may well include your living space, but it can also imply overcoming old and limiting perceptions, beliefs and/or attitudes. In any case, you are destined to take a creative lead now, but one that is fair and democratic as well.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22) A process of deciphering your priorities continues. While this is an ongoing process due to the steady flow of change, it is emphasized now. Striking the balance between divergent fronts may include some apparent contradictions. For example, circumstances are directing you to assert your power and authority, on one hand, but surrender and let go of control, on the other.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) A process of taking pioneering initiatives continues. With your ruling planet, Venus, in Scorpio, finding the balance between yours and other people's money and power, in general, is indicated. This may be the source of some measure of fear and stress. Overcoming these requires that you have a sense of direction and purpose.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Taking some time out to retreat, rest and reflect is a likely urge now. This may be understood as the early summons from your higher mind. In other words, you will soon enter a longer cycle of some 18-months when learning to listen within will become a higher priority. It has been calling you to engage in some kind of healing process and this will deepen.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) It seems that you more than others have endured quite a lot of changes over the past several years, at least, both inner and outer. You have perhaps been able to enjoy some reprieve more recently, but you will be challenged again before the year is out to let go and let God, again. In fact, this process has already begun. The good news is that as you do you will feel liberated.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) A new round of exercising a deepened sense of responsibility has begun. This is a natural feature of your destiny. The challenge has been to let go of the past and determine a new and more realistic direction. This could be understood as a spiritual process including your higher mind overcoming the dictatorial attitudes of your lower mind, of your soul's authority superseding that of your ego.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) A process of learning to see a bigger picture has begun, on time, of course. That is how destiny works. The question is: are you ready and willing to consciously participate. Even though resistance is futile, regarding the flows of change, you may try. So, what does cooperative acceptance look like? Negotiation to achieve win/win deals is ever the wise answer.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20) You have entered a mini cycle of change and transformation. Featured in it is a balance between long-cherished dreams coming true and work to be done. What is changing that you have longed for? Answering this question is important now so that you can acknowledge it and work consciously to cultivate new rhythms and patterns to adjust to its requirements.

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**Land Act:
Notice of Intention to Apply for a
Disposition of Crown Land**

Take note that two applications have been submitted by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNR) in **Nanaimo, BC**, for two **Designated Use Areas (Sec. 17)**, situated on Provincial Crown land located at **Walker's Hook, Salt Spring Island, and Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island, respectively, for the conditional withdrawal of Crown land from disposition with the intention of preserving lands for Indigenous cultural purposes.**

The Lands File Numbers that have been established for these applications are **1414844** and **1414845**, respectively.

Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development at 142 – 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: **AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca.**

Comments will be received by FLNR up to **October 26, 2018.** FLNR may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: **http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp** for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development office in Nanaimo.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

2018

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) that an Election By Voting is necessary to fill the offices of Trustees on the Board of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) and that the persons nominated, for a four year term commencing December 2018 and terminating after the election held in 2022 in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act, as candidates at the Election By Voting and for whom votes will be received are listed below:

GALIANO ISLAND: One Trustee to be elected:

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
GUIN	Deblekha	452 Linkwater Road, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0
LAWSON	Shelley	6284 Porlier Pass, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0

MAYNE ISLAND: One Trustee to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
LAWSON	Janelle	507 Abbott Road, Mayne Island, B.C.,V0N 2J1
Elected by acclamation		

PENDER ISLANDS: One Trustee to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
LUCAS	Gregory	3735 Bosun Way, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M2
Elected by Acclamation		

SALT SPRING ISLAND: Three Trustees to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
BOULTER	Tisha	171 Cedar Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R1
DENZ	Stefanie	471 Beaver Point Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2J9
PINGLE	Rob	200 Cedar Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R3
Elected by Acclamation		

SATURNA ISLAND: One Trustee to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
KATRENSKY	Chaya	193 East Point Road, Saturna Island, B.C., V0N 2Y0
Elected by Acclamation		

General Voting Day for the election of trustees will be open **Saturday the twentieth (20th) day of October 2018**, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (Gulf Islands) at the following places:

1. **GALIANO ISLAND**
Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island , B.C.
2. **RICHMOND, B.C.**
Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, B.C.

Between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M on Saturday, the twentieth (20th) day of October 2018** of which every person is hereby required to take notice and be so governed accordingly and

Advanced Voting Days for the election of Trustee Galiano Island will be open between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, the tenth (10th) day of October 2018 and Wednesday, the seventeenth (17th) day of October 2018** at the following Voting Place:

1. **GALIANO ISLAND**
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2. **SIDNEY, B.C.**
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Those persons who are eligible to vote at this election in Capital Regional District Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area may request a Mail in Ballot from the Capital Regional District at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V9B 2X8 or y telephone at 250 360 3129. Upon receipt of the returned application and ballot the outside envelope will be opened on October 20th, 2018 between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. Any candidate may have a scrutineer present.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this twenty second (22nd) day of September, 2018.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

NOTE:

A person must not vote in a local government election unless entitled to do so. If you are not on the List of Registered Electors you may register to votec on General Voting Day or Advance Voting Days providing you meet the eligibility and residency requirements. You must produce two pieces of identification that proves your identity and residency and at .least one pece of identification must bear your signature (e.g. drivers licence or credit card).

RESIDENT ELECTOR

To be a resident elector in the jurisdiction you are voting you must meet the following requirements on the day of registration:

- (a) You must be, or will be, age 18 or older on the day of voting
- (b) You must be a Canadian citizen
- (c) You must be a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before voting day
- (d) You must be a resident of the jurisdiction for at least 30days immediately before voting day
- (e) You must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting at this election or otherwise disqualified by law

NON RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR

To be registered as a Non Resident Property Elector of the jurisdiction in which you are voting, you must meet the following requirements on the day of registration:

- (a) You must not be registered as a resident elector
- (b) You must be, or will be, 18 years of age or older on the day of voting
- (c) You must be a Canadian citizen
- (d) You must have been resident in British Columbia at least six months immediately before voting day
- (e) You must have been a registered owner of real property within the jurisdiction you are voting for at least 30 days before voting (the only persons who are registered owners of real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding property in trust or a corporation of another trust)
- (f) You must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting In an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

You must produce two pieces of identification (at least one piece of identification must bear your signature), proof that you entitled to register in relation to a property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property written consent from a majority of the registered owners that you have been designated to vote accompanied with adequate documentation, such as a Land Title search, proving ownership of the property claimed as a basis for the vote.

A person may only register as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property in the jurisdiction he/she wishes to vote.

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D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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SQUASH

Exhibition squash match entertains

Next up is Oct. 6 open house

A packed house was treated to a wildly entertaining exhibition match at the Salt Spring Squash Club on Sept. 13.

B.C.'s number-2-ranked woman player, 20-year-old Grace Thomas of Victoria, took on Scotland's Alan Thomson, a top European 55+ player and recent champion.

"It had all the makings of a great challenge," said squash club president Markus Wenzel. "Diminutive local young lady takes on wily veteran from afar — and did not disappoint. Alan's clever shots, honed from decades of international competitions,

gave him the early edge, but Grace's adept shot-making and gazelle-like quickness kept things close."

Wenzel said the pair had the raucous crowd, many of whom had not seen a live match, on the edge of their seats for over an hour. Thomas ultimately took the match in extra points three games to two, but not without Thomson having three match points in the final frame.

The Salt Spring Squash Club opened to the public in 2017 and features an annual pro exhibition match every September. The facility, located on the Salt Spring Golf Course property, is hosting an open house on Oct. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY SS SQUASH CLUB

Grace Thomas and Alan Thompson.

OUTDOORS

Trail and Nature Club schedule released

Hikers

Oct. 2: Join Kees for a hike along the Peter Arnell linear trail to Bryant Hill with return over the road. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier at 10 a.m.

Oct. 9: Susan will lead a moderate hike up Mount Maxwell. We will have lunch at Baynes Peak or another lookout on the descent. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring to carpool or at the parking lot at the end of Armand Way at 10 a.m.

Oct. 16: Angie will lead a hike from Sunset Road to the Channel Ridge trails. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring to carpool or at the trails entrance between Pringle Farm Road and West Eagle Drive at 10 a.m.

Oct. 23: Karen and Marc will lead a moderate to steep hike along footpaths from Collins

Road to the summit of Mount Erskine. Start at the Jack Fisher trail on Collins Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool.

Oct. 30: Hike the Hope Hill trails with Jean Attorp and Carol Melton in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points along the way, weather permitting. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

Oct. 2: Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park and then a walk along the road to Vesuvius Beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk through the forest alongside Duck Creek. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 9: Meet at ArtSpring at

10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.

Oct. 16: Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout First Nation reserve. A few short steep rocky sections. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet at Beaver Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 a.m.

Oct. 23: Lorrie Storr will lead a walk through Burgoyne Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:20 a.m.

Oct. 30: Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead a walk up Reginald Hill. This walk has a lot of uphill parts, but is on pathways, and the views are great. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool to the parking area where Morningside Drive meets Reginald Hill Road, or meet us there at about 10:20 a.m.

Ramblers

Oct. 2: Leader needed. Ramblers meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

Oct. 9: Ann King leads a ramble in Crofton along the boardwalk. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:45 a.m. to carpool, and walk on to the 10:30 a.m. ferry. Lunch at Mike's Cafe.

Oct. 16: Sterling and Maureen McEachern lead a ramble to Channel Ridge. Lunch at Seaside Kitchen. Meet at Centennial Park for carpooling at 10 a.m.

Oct. 23: Bryan Adderley will lead a ramble to Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park in Cedar. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:20 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius to Crofton. Lunch at The Crow and Gate.

Oct. 30: Marjorie and Brian Radford will lead a leader's choice ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Islands Trust – Local Trustees

Notice of Election by Acclamation

2018 General Local Election

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, the following candidates have been elected by acclamation to serve a **four**-year term of office from November 2018 until after the 2022 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, as **Local Trustees** for Local Trust Areas under the *Islands Trust Act*.

North Pender Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees acclaimed:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Benjamin	McCONCHIE	2770 Schooner Way, Pender Island, BC
Deb	MORRISON	36113 Galleon Way, Pender Island, BC

Saturna Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees acclaimed:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Paul	BRENT	116 Winter Cove Road, Saturna Island, BC
Lee	MIDDLETON	425 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC

Dated this 26th day of September, 2018

Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

SOCCER

Island youth at soccer nationals

Hiatt Grant part of B.C.'s team

Salt Spring's Hiatt Grant will be part of a Vancouver Island soccer team taking the national stage next week in Laval, Que.

The Vancouver Island Wave U15 boys will represent B.C. at the Soccer Canada national championships taking place Oct. 3 to 8.

This will be the first ever appearance at nationals by a Vancouver Island Wave team. The Wave earned their spot at nationals by claiming the provincial title as champions of the B.C. Soccer Premier League, the highest level of youth soccer in the province. It is the second straight BC SPL championship for this team. Other recent team accomplishments include runner-up medals the past two years at the SX International Cup behind Seattle in 2017 and Surrey in 2018.

The team leaves for Laval on Mon-

day, and after opening ceremonies on Tuesday they kick off the tournament with a game against perennial favourites Ontario on Thursday morning. They face Québec on Friday and hope to make it through the playoff round to the championship game on Monday. The last national championship won by B.C. was in 2002. Games are live streamed through the Soccer Canada website.

The Wave team includes players from Greater Victoria, Ladysmith, Cowichan, Powell River and Grant from Salt Spring. A 15-year-old Grade 10 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, Grant is entering his fifth season with the Wave. He is also part of the GISS seniors boys soccer team once again this year.

This is Grant's second trip to a national athletic event this year. He was a member of the GISS rowing contingent that competed in the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Championships in St. Catharines, Ont. in June.