

**SNAPPING THE BEAT:** Grammy-winner Donald Ray Johnson rocks at Meaden Hall during a hot blues night that included island favourite Auntie Kate, among others.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Filmmaker, island guests join for Friendship Village showing

Island film buffs will get another opportunity to view the documentary film *The Friendship Village* at the Film Festival Café at Barb's Buns on Thursday, May 25.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. for those who wish to enjoy food and beverages first, with the film showing at 7 p.m.

"We've reverted to our pre-Daylight Saving Time because we have such a jam-packed evening with film, slides, and numerous and interesting guests," said café organizer Carol Grier.

This month's film was previously shown at the 2003 Our Island, Our World Film festival. Although it may be a repeat viewing for some audience members, the film is topical, given Canada's current involvement in Afghanistan.

"Michelle Mason, the filmmaker, will be one of our guests for the evening, and is looking forward to answering questions about

the film," stated café co-organizer Dick Grier. "This may well be our last screening of the season until fall, so I hope we have a good turnout."

As explained in press material, the film recounts the story of George Mizo, who, while recovering in a Seattle hospital in 1968 from Vietnam War wounds, learns from a military newspaper that his whole platoon has been wiped out in what became known as the Tet Offensive.

"Over the next 34 years, George embarked on a quest for spiritual healing and reconciliation that ultimately led him back to Vietnam to work alongside Sr. Lt.-General Tran Van Quang, the Vietnamese general responsible for planning and leading the attack that had wounded him and killed his entire platoon. In a poignant story of healing and reconciliation, the film shows how two former enemies worked together to build *The Friendship Vil-*

lage, now a self-sustaining community in Vietnam for healing the wounds of war."

For a local twist on the evening's theme, Vietnam War veteran Bruce Logan and his partner Elaine Head will be special guests, sharing slides and stories from their own recent reconciliation journey to Vietnam.

"We're excited that Michelle is coming to present the film and that Bruce and Elaine can join us. This is a propitious time to hear war veterans' stories, and to ask questions," said Carol Grier.

There will be no charge for *The Friendship Village*, but the film festival group will gladly accept donations to go towards purchasing much-needed equipment, or for Bruce Logan's group, *Tours of Peace*.

For more information visit [www.topvietnamveterans.org](http://www.topvietnamveterans.org), or [www.saltspringmediagroup.com](http://www.saltspringmediagroup.com) or phone 537-4406.

## Popular play staged at GISS

A play with a theme many islanders can relate to comes to Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on June 5-7.

Written by Jacob Richmond, *Legoland* details the trials and tribulations of two siblings, aged 13 and 17, who come from a small hippie town and must adjust to the totalitarian environment of high school.

*Legoland* stars GISS alumnus Amitai Marmorstein, and Celine Stubel, who won Monday Magazine's M award for Victoria's favourite actress.

The play, directed by playwright Richmond and Britt Small, begins at 7:30 p.m. and takes place in the newly finished Second Story Theatre Room in the studio of drama teacher Jason Donaldson.

Audience members can arrive at the multipurpose room where they will be greeted and shown to the new studio.

"After the Monday night performance there will be a talkback session where the audience can ask questions and discuss the play," said promoter Raizy Marmorstein. "Everyone involved with the play — actors, writer, directors — will be there to take part."

The show was performed at the University of Victoria two years ago and was wildly popular, said Marmorstein. It will be seen at the Victoria and Vancouver Fringe shows this summer and at the Toronto Summerworks Festival.

*Legoland* comes with a strong language advisory.

Tickets are available at GISS Tuesday through Thursday at lunchtime and at Watermark Books in Ganges.

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# GISPA returns from tour with Take 5

What would you do if you had five minutes left to live?

This is the question posed by students from the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) in their production of *Take 5*, which runs at ArtSpring on May 18-19.

The GISPA performance guides audiences through an abstract terrorist attack, represented through dance, drama and music, that introduces characters who must explore questions of mortality, communication, selfishness and devotion.

"Our goal is to take student-written, choreographed and composed material and integrate it into a fully scripted production," said GISPA teacher Jason Donaldson.

The GISPA show was created by seven musicians, three dancers and 12 actors in Grades 9-12.

"Devising a collective creation is always a frustrating process; to sit in a circle and say, 'What does everyone want to do?'"

Students had to exercise mutual trust and compromise to build the show. Donaldson believes students have effectively integrated performance strands of drama, music and dance.

"I think we find a nice balance between absolutely farcical slapstick and stuff that is more targeted at the



SET FOR THE STAGE: Included in the upcoming production of *Take 5* are (clockwise from left): Jasmine Dine, Delie Lohmann, Ezra Fulford and Ruby Black.

Photo by John Cameron

hearts and minds than at the funny bone."

*Take 5* employs characters such as paranoid and suspicious neighbours, film-noir style detectives, angst-rid-

dled irreverent teens, media personalities and a wise hobo, said Donaldson.

The production also weaves contemporary comments about the war on ter-

ror and the media's manufacturing of paranoia with timeless human emotions and motives. Structurally, the show also borrows from cinematic techniques.

Throughout the performance, music and dance provide an integral character element, he said.

At the core of the story, a seemingly addle-brained detective must sort through the countless tips and clues put forth by an over-zealous concerned citizen while real danger is lurking around every corner.

After a tour of Vancouver Island and Powell River from May 8-12, students from GISPA had a chance to fine tune the show, he said.

"We went from improvement to improvement over the next three days."

During their tour, students adapted their show to play in cafeterias, multi-purpose rooms and proper theatres, he noted.

Highlights included a well-received performance at Comox, he said.

"By that time, our show had tightened and we'd worked it out enough so that the students were more confident with what they were performing."

Now islanders can sample the fruit of their labours.

*Take 5* runs at ArtSpring at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Tickets are \$10.

# Secrets of talking Shakespeare shared

Closet actors who have fantasized about playing a Shakespearean hero or heroine can do so live in the flesh at an upcoming workshop at ArtSpring.

A Graffiti Theatre-sponsored workshop is offered next Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, on the art of understanding and speaking Shakespeare's timeless lines. Led by actor and director Scott Hylands, this two-day workshop promises to enlighten, enrich, and encourage actors, teachers, readers, writers and students alike.

"Everyone who has read Shakespeare's plays are aware of this playwright's genius, but not everyone has the courage to speak it — or if they do they tend to treat the verse too reverently as if it was a song rather than a

speech," notes a Graffiti press release.

"Although this course will de-mystify the verse and adjust misconceptions as to its inaccessibility, in addition to enhancing current appreciation of the bard, it will not merely be an academic dissection of iambic pentameter, or discussion on interpretation."

While he earned his degree at UBC for stage direction, Hylands has worked largely as an actor throughout his long career.

He has worked on Broadway in New York, in all the major centers across Canada and at the Stratford Festival in Ontario. It is as an actor that he will encourage registrants to have a go at being a classical actor, inviting them to discover their power as they do so.

Scott has just completed a run of Caryl Churchill's play *A Number* at the Belfry Theatre in Victoria.

After the runaway success of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, which he directed for Graffiti Theatre on the island last summer, he will be directing a production of *Romeo and Juliet* in Mouat Park for Graffiti the last two weekends in July and the first weekend in August.

The May 27-28 workshop takes place in the gallery at ArtSpring. As space is limited, early registration is advised.

Regular registrant cost is \$100, while student registrants pay \$50 for both days.

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# Salish Sea musical 'atlas' at ArtSpring

Salt Spring-based troubadour Valdy has embarked on a new project that sees him travelling through local waters collecting Songs of the Salish Sea.

On the boat with island fisher-poet Kathy Stack and New Zealand transplant Graham Wardrop, Valdy has already stopped at Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Saturna and Thetis islands, and Duncan "on the big island."

They plan to hit 10 venues in 12 days.

"We had 15 per cent of the population of Thetis out last night," Valdy said during an interview Thursday at Fernwood dock.

"We even had a good crowd during hockey season."

And Valdy expects to hit Lasqueti Thursday before a visit to ArtSpring on Saturday, a romp over to Quadra on Sunday and then Denman on Monday.

Duncan merited a visit because "Vancouver Island is one side of the bathtub," he winked.

Valdy enjoyed the first leg of his tour through the Gulf Islands aboard Restless, courtesy of islanders Jerry Parks and Bonny O'Connor.

"They are offering their home for us to go touring," said Valdy.

Sponsors of the tour also include Island Quest Realty and Gulf Islands Brewery, Valdy noted.

Valdy was inspired to launch a project to collect songs and poems from around the region after he saw the locally produced book *Islands in the Salish Sea: A Community Atlas*.

"I think a song atlas would be a nice parallel project," he said.



**VALDY AND FRIENDS:** Musicians Graham Wardrop (of New Zealand in centre), Kathy Stack and Valdy (both from Salt Spring) are touring the Gulf Islands to share Songs in the Salish Sea. Saturday night's concert is at ArtSpring. Photo contributed

As part of Valdy's concept, local musicians join the stage and share songs at each performance. For a few examples, Brad Prevedoros represented Galiano, Wayne Loiselle shared songs of Thetis Island and Phil Vernon will be the Salt Spring delegate.

"It gives us a chance to hear these songs and catalogue them."

He's even had musicians sign a copy of the community atlas while he completes his tour.

With any luck, the project could become an annual event that stretches from the San Juans up to Johnstone Strait.

A renowned guitarist and guitar-maker of stature with a good-hearted manner equal to Salt Spring's famous ambassador, Wardrop is part of the tour to add an international component.

"We're from different sides of the same ocean," Valdy smiled.

The two musicians first met in 1994 and instantly developed a rapport, but it took 11 years for them to manage a tour together when Wardrop got sponsorship to bring an artist to the Canterbury Music Festival.

"They asked, 'Who in the world would you like to play some music with?' and I said, 'Valdy.'"

They travelled through New Zealand together in April and now they're hitting Valdy's stomping ground in a reciprocal arrangement.

Stack joins the adventure fresh from a month at sea on the herring fishery. Her history with Valdy goes back to El Grande Bande of the 1970s.

Songs of the Salish Sea visits ArtSpring at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

## Fulton biography launched

A biography of Salt Spring resident and Order of Canada recipient Margaret Fulton will be launched at Volume II Books on Sunday, with the subject herself in attendance.

Fulton will attend the May 21 release of *Transformations — The Life of Margaret Fulton*, Canadian Feminist, Educator and Social Activist, written by James Doyle and published by ECW Press.

The event runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

Raised on a Manitoba farm in the '20s and '30s, Margaret Fulton, like many women of her time, became a teacher. Strongly influenced by thinkers like Thomas

Carlyle and Virginia Woolf, Fulton diverged from the traditional career path. She forged her way to become the only female president of a coeducational university in Canada, when she took on that role at Halifax's Mount St. Vincent University in 1978.

A feminist, teacher, theorist of education, public speaker, and advocate of social and political reform, Fulton has received the Order of Canada, a Governor General's Award and more than a dozen honorary degrees in recognition of her life's work.

In *Transformations: The Life of Margaret Fulton*,

James Doyle explores her life, formative experiences, and widely respected ideas on education. Written with Fulton's blessing, this biography celebrates her lifelong commitment to positive change and her role as an important catalyst in the ongoing process of social transformation.

James Doyle is a professor of English, retired from Wilfrid Laurier University. His publications include *The Fin-de-Siècle Spirit* (1995) and *Stephen Leacock: The Sage of Orillia* (1992), both published by ECW Press, and *Progressive Heritage: The Evolution of a Politically Radical Literary Tradition in Canada* (2002).



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# Salt Spring Singers: opera for the people

By **TANYA LESTER**  
Driftwood Contributor

Okay, now I get what opera is all about.

Death inspires this beautiful, deep, rich and resonating form of music.

This is the gift that the audience received from the Salt Spring Singers' performance of "Masquerade!" last weekend.

First and foremost, a standing ovation needs to go to director and conductor Mitch Howard. His infectious passion for music is only rivalled by his obvious desire to help everyone realize why he loves it so much. Howard understands that humour goes a long way.

He peppered his commentary in between performances with the story lines for the choruses that he conducted. In every one of them, at least someone, and often many, die. As the evening moved forward, Howard — like the good teacher and clown that he obviously is — had drawn the audience in to the point that they were filling in the blanks in his sentences as he announced yet another death in another chorus from another opera or stage musical.

I was intrigued even before I entered the ArtSpring lobby on Friday evening. Loitering at the entrance were two women in white masks and long black dresses. They looked at me but did not

speak a greeting.

Inside the theatre as I waited for the lights to go up, I spied beings with ears. "Those couldn't actually be animals on stage?" I asked myself.

They turned out to be "divas" (as Howard called them). Young women from the Salt Spring Honour Choir, dressed as cats, sang selections from the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Cats. And they were so much like cats as they preened and pawed and did all things feline.

Then the Salt Spring Singers filed on stage in black with gold and royal purple banners. Many wore brightly coloured masks.

It was so refreshing to see how Howard's influence had "breathed life into them."

This was clearly not going to be a stoic choir performance in which everyone looked ahead and dared not turn to left or right.

To match the beautiful sounds that vibrated out of their throats, the performers actually performed.

The female singers' facial expressions looked like they knew they were pretty when they sang about feeling pretty in a West Side Story piece.

"I'm exhausted," said an audience member near me at the beginning of intermission.

I knew what she meant

because I was, too, but in a good way. The singers had truly drawn us in to the show with their enthusiasm.

Another behind me started reminiscing about how a customer of her father's used to get her tickets to West Side Story when she was growing up in New York City in the 1950s.

You know people are enjoying themselves when you hear them talk like this.

The evening also had so many little added touches that made it just that much bit better.

Sarah Lundy's violin performance, with teacher Carolyn Hatch accompanying, was such a pure interlude. Lundy's body moved as one with her instrument.

The Anvil Chorus was made special with Pip Moore and Rosemary Wallbank actually striking an anvil as percussionists.

It was nice to listen and hear the singers as a group, but to hear their individual voices as well. By the end the audience seemed very ready when Howard invited us to sing the last song. That very few of us understood Italian did not seem to matter.

"Great show," one man shared with a friend as we filed out into the dark night.

I walked the short distance home; tired and happy.



**FULL OF FLOWERS:** Angelika Brandt hangs a basket of flowers at Mahon Hall, giving a dash of spring colour to the heritage building.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Deverell, McWhirter charm audience

By **TANYA LESTER**  
Driftwood Contributor

In Salt Spring's post-Texada clearcutting era, William Deverell's latest novel, April Fool, has the potential to elicit resounding belly laughs across the island.

Pender-based author Deverell told the 40-member audience at a Theatre Alive reading on Saturday that viewing Mort Ransen's Ah, the Money, the Money, the Money film about the Texada logging controversy was an inspiration for April Fool.

Deverell read an excerpt from his bestselling book about an alcoholic lawyer who escapes Toronto to grow vegetables on "Garibaldi Island."

It described how one morning the lawyer's friend

Stony, who is always trailed by his pet dog named Dog, leads him to a recently constructed tree house high in a location about to be clearcut. The crew of Gulf Sustainable Logging is standing idly by.

The protagonist discovers his wife is among the "12 bodies" occupying the tree house. Among her co-conspirators is an island poet, who has finally published his first book, entitled Liquor Balls.

When asked how he researched his novel, Deverell replied that he lives on the Gulf Islands and does not have to "research" characters like Stony and Dog.

Sharing the evening at All Saints was George McWhirter, a poet and fiction writer.

His wit rivalled Deverell's, although it did not cut so


close to home for the audience. McWhirter is an expressive reader who sets his poetry outdoors. He is inspired by anything from a donkey to the beach. Bo Derek ran on during the making of the movie called 10.

His vivid descriptions include an eagle devouring a rabbit being "like a fur coat on a hamburger" — a wonderful meld of humour with brilliance. McWhirter is also well enough along to break poetic rules. "You know they say you don't tell everything in poetry," he said. "Well, sometimes you do." Then he launched into a poem with many twists and turns as someone only does when confident enough to make all the twists and turns work.



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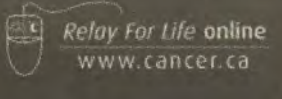
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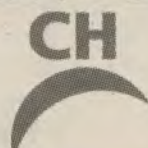

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**SHOWING THANKS:** Ian Chisholm, Alan Dennis and Bryan Dawson shared some laughs at an event honouring the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary held at the hospital Friday.



**SPANNING GENERATIONS:** Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary volunteers (clockwise from top) Rebecca Hylands, Sarah Lundy and Dorothy Kyle enjoyed an appreciation lunch at Meaden Hall last week.  
Photos by Sean McIntyre

## Vocal improv classes return

Islanders can add harmony and fun to their week while tuning up their life in the next session of Listen to the Voice Within classes.

Ella Topaz, natural voice and shiatsu practitioner, is facilitating a vocal improvisation class held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays starting May 23 and running for six weeks.

"Working from the premise that everyone can sing and has natural rhythm, classes will begin with a gentle physical warm up and movements designed to release stress and tensions, allowing your body as your instrument to perform naturally and spontaneously," states a press release.

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## June jazz festival schedule released

Plans for a late-June jazz festival of free performances are unfolding as they should, with the new Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society at the helm.

Set for June 23-25, the event features the following performances:

• June 23 — The Hot Club of Mars at the Tree House Café in Ganges, 8-11 p.m.;

• June 24 — Peter Taschuk with Ian Van Wyck at ArtCraft, 2-4 p.m.; • June 25 — Mike Wall with Paul Mowbray at ArtCraft, 2-4 p.m.

"We want it to be free and for all ages," said Monik Nordine, who is spearheading the festival with help from other jazz and blues society members.

John Moore, Brian Finnemore, Tara Hollingsworth and Hannah Brown are also on the organizing committee, and the society has about 20 members.

The festival will give a higher profile to jazz music and inspire local performers.

"For a jazz festival you can bring in new people to play with the people from here to mix it up a bit," said Nordine. "From the artistic, musical side, it's a great thing."

While the first festival, which has received financial support from the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, is small, the plan is to see it grow each year.

"I want to be able to include as many people as possible. In future we'll be able to do more."

The festival's "free" aspect means the society must do some fundraising, and three concerts are planned so far.

They are a June 1 Fiesta show with Swingshift at Barb's, a June 4 Lions Hall concert with Bob Murphy on the Hammond B-3 organ and the Pat Coleman Quartet, and a June 17 jazz concert at ArtSpring. (More details will be available in future issues of the Driftwood.)

For more information and to join the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society, contact Nordine at 537-8587.

## Levy's '07 calendar benefits conservancy

Salt Spring Island Conservancy will benefit from sales of a 2007 calendar just released by local photographer Michael Levy.

Called Seasons of Salt

Spring, the calendar features photographs of the island taken throughout the year.

It was designed by Hermani + Sorrentino of Salt Spring, and is printed on 100 per cent

recycled stock, which Levy said was an important consideration for him.

The calendar was launched on May 13, and a donation from sales of every calendar

sold in its first week is being made by both Levy and Salt Spring Books.

The island bookstore is also the calendar's sole distributor until May 20.

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**TEA FOR TWO OR MORE:** Members of the Girl Guides of Canada learned how to pour tea recently in preparation for the May 27 World Development Tea. Seen here, from left are: B.K. Turner, Jordan Lawson, Anna Rithaler, Rita Dods, Elizabeth Anderson, Donna Flannery, Elisha Huston, Joan Calderhead and Christina Anderson.

**Good hearts converge for World Development Tea**

People from Salt Spring's Anglican, Roman Catholic and United churches will again work together for the annual World Development Tea on Saturday, May 27.

The event includes the serving of tea and silent auction, along with the sale of home baking and plants. As an added feature this year, some of the 2006 Island Comfort Quilts will be displayed.

It runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Last week Salt Spring Girl Guides received special lessons in how to serve tea for the occasion.

"Tea is not the only thing that will be flowing on Saturday," explains a press release. "Money also flows from donations that are given at the door and then sent out to grassroots projects all over the world, projects that make life better for people who struggle to exist. Start-up money is often all that is needed to begin a sustainable change that affects an entire village."

World Development Tea guests are especially generous because they know that their donations benefit small groups with a proven record

of success, notes the release.

"They know that many of the charities are represented by individuals on the island with first-hand on-site experience in the village or region. Sometimes funds are hand carried to a country to assure that it reaches the intended clinic, school, clean water project, orphanage or co-op."

Islanders who have well documented causes are encouraged to send a brief request for funding to: The World Development Tea c/o Donna Flannery at 135 Drake Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2K8, before June 16.

**Sailing program offered this summer**

Registration for the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's popular summer program is set for 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 28.

Classes held throughout July and August include a beginners' OPTI course for children aged 8 to 11, White Sail I, II and III classes for intermediate sailors between the ages of 11 and 18 years, as well as Bronze

IV, V and Silver VI courses. Adult white sail levels will also be offered starting from July 29.

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FRIDAY, MAY 19
10:00 PM
9 \*\*\* Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (1974, Drama) After her husband's sudden death, a young woman attempts to launch a singing career. Ellen Burstyn, Kris Kristofferson (2h)

10 Rocketeer (1991, Science fiction) Un volonte cache dans un hangar un engin qu'il a derobé pour le compte de la mafia. Bill Campbell, Jennifer Connelly (2h30)

11 \*\*\* The Apartment (1960, Romance) Problems arise when an insurance clerk loans his apartment out to philandering executives. Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine (2h)

12 \*\*\* The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005, Adventure) Four friends use a pair of pants to keep in touch as they spend their first summer apart. Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel (2h)

13 \*\*\* 10.5 (2004, Thriller) A doctor is entrusted with saving the entire West Coast from a series of earthquakes. Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges (3h)

14 \*\*\* Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) A football coach finds himself fighting for stakes much higher than a championship. Denzel Washington, Will Patton (3h)

15 \*\*\* The Verdict (1982, Drama) An alcoholic attorney is given a malpractice case as his last chance at redemption. Paul Newman, James Mason (2h30)

16 \*\*\* The People vs. Larry Flynt (1996, Biography) A controversial magazine mogul pushes the boundaries of American morality. Woody Harrelson, Courtney Love (2h45)

17 To Be Announced (2h)
18 \*\*\* Kingdom of Heaven (2005, Action) A blacksmith fights during the wars for the Holy Land between the Christians and the Muslims. Orlando Bloom, Liam Neeson (2h30)

19 The Life (2002, Drama) The story of a dedicated city cop devoted to the care and rehabilitation of drug addicts. Bruce Greenwood, Brian Markinson (2h)

20 \*\*\* Rock Star (2001, Drama) A musician in a heavy metal tribute band becomes the lead singer of the band he idolizes. Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston (2h)

21 \*\*\* Joseph Conrad's The Secret Agent (1996, Suspense) A spy's cozy existence is shattered when a new boss demands he perform acts of terrorism. Robin Williams, Patricia Arquette (2h)

22 \*\*\* This Time Around (2003, Comedy) A woman has the opportunity to get back at the guy who humiliated her in junior high. Brian Austin Green, Carly Pope (1h30)

23 \*\*\* So I Married an Axe Murderer (1993, Comedy) A poet begins to fear that his perfect woman may be a ruthless serial killer. Mike Myers, Nancy Travis (1h30)

24 To Be Announced (2h)
25 \*\*\* House of Wax (2005, Horror) A group of friends stop in Ambrose and find a wax museum that is more than it seems. Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray (2h)

26 Wasabi (2001, Action) Un inspecteur s'emploie à débousser les tueurs de sa femme et à protéger sa fille. Jean Reno, Michel Muller (2h5)

27 \*\*\* The Seven Minutes (1971, Drama) A female ghostwriter comes forth when her book is blamed for a young girl's rape. Wayne Maunder, Philip Carey (2h15)

SUNDAY, MAY 21
6:00 PM
28 \*\*\* Fatal Attraction (1987, Thriller) A family man's life is destroyed when his one-night-stand's love for him becomes obsessive. Michael Douglas, Glenn Close (2h30)

29 \*\*\* The Queen's Sister (2005, Biography) A princess causes scandal with a forbidden love affair and her rebellious bohemian ways. Lucy Cohu, Meredith Macneill (2h)

30 \*\*\* Bowling For Columbine (2002, Documentary) Filmmaker Michael Moore explores the roots of America's predilection for gun violence. Michael Moore, Charlton Heston (2h30)

31 \*\*\* You've Got Mail (1998, Romance) Two rival bookstore owners are brought together after corresponding anonymously over the Internet. Meg Ryan, Tom Hanks (2h30)

32 \*\*\* An American Tail II: Fievel Goes West (1991, Animated) A smooth-talking cat convinces a family of mice to move out west. Voices of John Cleese, Dom Deluise (2h)

33 Louise Arbour: Un combat pour la justice (2005, Biography) La juge Louise Arbour essaie de faire comparaitre les criminels de guerre devant le tribunal. Wendy Crewson, John Corbett (2h)

34 \*\*\* Unforgiven (1992, Western) A retired assassin hunts down renegade cowboys to avenge the brutal rape of a prostitute. Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman (3h)

35 \*\*\* Indecent Proposal (1993, Drama) A wealthy financier offers an architect \$1 million for a night with his wife. Robert Redford, Demi Moore (2h30)

36 \*\*\* 10.5 Apocalypse (2006, Thriller) Catastrophic events threaten North America and the Western hemisphere. Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges (2h)

37 \*\*\* The Art of Woo (2001, Romance) A gold-digging art curator falls for a starving artist, despite her desire to marry rich. Sook-yeon Lee, Alberta Watson (2h)

38 \*\*\* The Queen's Sister (2005, Biography) A princess causes scandal with a forbidden love affair and her rebellious bohemian ways. Lucy Cohu, Meredith Macneill (2h)

39 \*\*\* Last Dance (1996, Drama) A lawyer launches a crusade to save a woman on death row convicted of murder. Sharon Stone, Rob Morrow (1h30)

40 \*\*\* Bowling For Columbine (2002, Documentary) Filmmaker Michael Moore explores the roots of America's predilection for gun violence. Michael Moore, Charlton Heston (2h30)

41 \*\*\* Wimbledon (2004, Romance) A struggling tennis star tries to turn his game around and falls in love. Kirsten Dunst, Paul Bettany (2h)





Salt Spring

# Visitor

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

A Weekly Feature of the Gulf Islands Driftwood

## Soccer, sailing, entertainment and the arts converge for an action-packed long weekend

With the Victoria Day long weekend upon us, the visitor season has officially begun.

This weekend is traditionally a busy one on Salt Spring, as special events attract people to the island in droves.

All island soccer fields will be busy as members of some 35 soccer teams and their families prepare to do friendly battle during the annual Challenge Cup tournament.

Action is non-stop from 10:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, and from 9:30 to 2 p.m. on Monday. An awards ceremony ends the tourney.

The shoot-out competition (Sunday at 2 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School) is always a big draw, along with the final games in each division.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Round Salt Spring sailing race is another huge event, which sees a slew of local and visiting boats set off from Ganges Harbour at 10 a.m. Saturday. It's an awesome sight, and boats can also be seen at various lookout points or on B.C. Ferries as they tackle the 42-mile route around the island.

Highlights for sailors include the famous lamb barbecue and awards event held post-race Sunday at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club headquarters.

In-person registration runs at the clubhouse from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 19. For more information about the race, see [www.saltspringsailing.ca](http://www.saltspringsailing.ca) or call 537-9265.

ArtCraft also opens this weekend at Mahon Hall. The 39<sup>th</sup> annual arts and crafts spectacular features work by more than 200 Gulf Islands artisans plus special rotating Stage Gallery exhibits.

Out of Japan is the first one of the season, opening Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. It highlights work of professional Salt Spring artists who have travelled to Japan through the Salt Spring Japan Exchange Association and others who have been involved with SSJEA events on the island. The exhibit also includes sample work from Japanese artists.

Other weekend excitement includes Salt Spring firefighters losing their locks to the razor as a Relay for Life cancer fundraiser in front of the Ganges firehall, a 10<sup>th</sup>-year party for Salt Spring Coffee Co. in Ganges, a Greenlaw dance at Beaver Point Hall and a Valdy and friends concert at ArtSpring on Saturday, a Write Now literary evening at Lions Hall on Friday night, and top-notch entertainment at various pubs and cafes.



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# What's On This Week

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<b>live entertainment</b> Simone Lamers Trio. Jazz, soul & R&B at Tree House Cafe. <b>other activities</b> Zen Meditation. Wednesdays at 210 Cedar Lane, 7 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831. Texas Hold'em. At The Local, 7 pm West African Djembe Drumming. Beaver Pt. Hall classes, 5-6:30 pm. Info: 653-0028 Nia Classes. Wednesdays at The Gatehouse with Arleen Sadler. 7-8:15 pm	<b>live entertainment</b> Matt & Tom's One Night Stand. Live with Matt Johnson & Tom Hooper. Shipstones, 9 pm Billie Woods. Samba, bossa nova and more at Tree House Cafe. Take 5. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts drama, dance and music show at ArtSpring, 7:30 pm. <b>other activities</b> Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 pm. Early bird games, 6:30. African Drumming Classes. With Laurent Boucher Thursdays at United Church, 5-6:30 pm Baby Talk. For parents of babies 0-12 months. Family Place, 10-11:30 am. Salt Spring Centre School. Information Night at the school, 7 pm	<b>live entertainment</b> Freestyle Fridays. With DJ Gordon Field, Shipstones, 8 pm Jaime RT. Canadian Celtic fiddle at Tree House Cafe. Take 5. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts drama, dance and music show at ArtSpring, 7:30 pm. Mark Reeves. Acoustic roots rock at Tree House cafe in Ganges, 7 pm Andre Berube. Performs at Barb's Buns, 9 pm <b>other activities</b> Write Now! Salt Spring Writers & Friends literary evening to raise funds for GISS scholarship. Lions Hall, 7:30 pm Spirit Bear Unveiling. Art piece brought to Thrifty Foods, 11:30 am Open Garden. See iris and rhodod at Bakers' Gardens, 185 Furness Road, 10 am to dusk.	<b>live entertainment</b> Greenlaw & DJ Sirbassa. Healing Roots Tour with guest Stephanie Rhodes. Beaver Point Hall. Doors at 8:30 pm Songs of the Salish Sea. Concert with Valdy, Kathy Stack, Graham Wardrop and Phil Vernon. ArtSpring, 8 pm The Four Twenty Five. Barb's Buns, 9 pm Angry Hippies. Tree House Cafe. SS Coffee Company 10th Year Party. Live entertainment, marketplace, tastings and more. 10-4:30. <b>other activities</b> Open Garden. Bakers' Gardens, 185 Furness Road, 10 am-dusk. Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. SSI Rod & Gun Club. Open Day at the club, 10 am. Info: 537-1243/537-4012 Relay for Life Head Shaving. Firefighters go bald for cancer fundraiser. Ganges firehall, 10:30 am on. Relay for Life BBQ. Fundraiser at GVM, 11-2.	<b>live entertainment</b> Barley Bros. Fulford Inn, 6 pm Planet Music. Tree House Cafe. <b>other activities</b> Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. Film & Discussion on Cuba. Tanya Lester makes a presentation to Unitarian Fellowship. Fulford OAP Room, 10:30 am Margaret Fulton Book Launch. Volume II Books, 2-4 pm South End Marketplace Opening Day next to Fulford Inn. <b>mon. may22</b> <b>live entertainment</b> Stephanie Rhodes. Tree House Cafe. Shelby Pool. Opens today. <b>other activities</b> Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. West African Djembe Drumming. Beaver Pt. Hall, 5-6:30 pm. 653-0028	<b>other activities</b> Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. 7:30 pm. Info: Amrita, 537-2799 Pottery Workshops for Women. Learn to throw pots on the wheel. Mondays and Tuesdays, morning & evening classes. Info: 537-8981 <b>live entertainment</b> Open Stage. Tree House Cafe. <b>other activities</b> How to Pack a Kayak. With Bill Harrington at Island Paddlers meeting. All Saints, 7:30 pm Pharmasave Walking Club. downtown Pharmasave, 9:15 am Volleyball. Tuesdays at Fulford school. 7:30-9:30 pm Listen to the Voice Within. Vocal improv with Ella Topaz. 6:30-8 pm. Info: 653-4258 SS Local Trust Committee. Meets at ArtSpring, 1 pm	<b>other activities</b> St. Mary Lake Duck Creek Stewardship Committee. Portlock Park portable, 7 pm Pottery Workshops for Women. Info: Rita, 537-8981 <b>live entertainment</b> Paul Mowbray. Tree House <b>other activities</b> Zen Meditation. 10 Cedar Lane, 7 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831. Texas Hold'em. The Local, 7 pm West African Djembe Drumming. Beaver Pt. Hall, 5-6:30 pm. Heart & Stroke Big Bike Ride. On SSI. Info: 537-2570. SS Seniors Services Society. Grand opening 2 pm. SS Garden Club. Moya Drummond is guest speaker. Meaden Hall, 7 pm Nia Classes. The Gatehouse with Arleen Sadler. 7-8:15 pm	(Continued from previous column)	(Continued from previous column)

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Ulriek Benner	Gary Chérneff	Rumi Kanesaka
Paul Burke	Morgain Cuddy	Barbara McCaffrey
Seth Burton	Lionel Demandre	Bob McKay
Joan Carrigan	Kurt Frost	Ramona Riegl
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**exhibitions**

- Pat Bennett & Lea Maberley** present new work at J. Mitchell Gallery on Fri., May 19, 5:30-7:30 pm. Show runs daily to June 7.
- Lloyd Nicholson** presents *Collective Expressions* in the ArtSpring gallery, Mon., May 15-Sun., May 21.
- Squared Away** — an exhibit of work by Gail Sibley, Barbara McCaffrey, Donna Cochran, Shirlee Lewis, Susan Brown and Louise Harker runs in the open space at ArtSpring through May.
- The Jill Campbell Gallery** is featuring "Coffee Break," an exhibition of downtown village scenes this week. 10-5 daily.
- South-End Studio Tour.** Visit Bill Rhodes' Morningside Studio, The Point Gallery, Stefanie Denz, Bly and Garry Kaye, and Ian Thomas.
- Ella Topaz** exhibits mixed media work at Moby's Pub through May.
- Susan Haigh** shows work at the Salt Spring Roasting Co. café in Ganges.
- Salt Spring Centre School** students exhibit their Owls chalk paintings at ISCU.
- Julianna Slomka** shows work at Jana's Bake Shop.

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# Hampton Court Palace on tap

Salt Spring's Garden Club presents Vancouver-based landscape designer Moya Drummond at the group's monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 24.

Drummond will take her audience behind the scenes at the Hampton Court Palace Flower and Garden Show, where she created a bronze medal-winning show garden in 2004.

Drummond has designed and built a range of gardens from tropical in Southeast Asia, desert and gravel in the Middle East, to rock gardens in the Laurentians.

Drummond feels her background in gardening began as a child in England, where gardening is something of an obsession.

"I studied at the feet of the greatest garden designers in history purely by being dragged around the great homes, landscapes and gardens of England and Scotland," she said.

Drummond continued her formal training at the English Gardening School in London and later at UBC where she was awarded the Rosemary Verey Award for design creativity.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall and new members are welcome. Donation for non-members is \$5.



**MARKET SOUTH:** Shan MacPherson paints a sign promoting the South End Market, which officially opens this Sunday next to the Fulford Inn.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Local woman walks to aid fight against Cystic Fibrosis

Islander Janet Bryan will be walking with thousands across Canada to raise money and awareness for research and treatment programs for cystic fibrosis.

The Great Strides campaign is a Canada-wide walk fundraiser held annually to raise funds in support of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF). The walk takes place this year on May 28 at the grounds of Royal Roads University in Victoria.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common, fatal genet-

ic disease affecting young Canadians, explains a press release.

CF affects the lungs and the digestive system of approximately 3,400 children, adolescents and adults in Canada, including Bryan's grandson.

"There is no cure as yet. Research and comprehensive treatment programs have dramatically extended the life of people with CF and some are now living into their 20s, 30s and beyond."

All monies raised through pledges and donations will

be used by the CCFF to fund cystic fibrosis research and treatment programs at 38 Canadian CF clinics and five transplant centres.

Islanders who wish to learn more about CF, pledge support, make a donation, or participate with Bryan on the walk can visit <https://cornerstonewebmedia.com/CCFF-GreatStrides>.

"I am taking steps today in the hopes that there will be more tomorrows for my grandson and for all children who have cystic fibrosis," said Bryan.

# Salt Spring Forum.org: new 'blog' for islanders

Salt Springers now have their own "blog" website where they can share information and opinions on-line.

Hosted by Barbara McCully of local Internet service provider Salt Spring Internet, the site is [www.saltspringforum.org](http://www.saltspringforum.org).

McCully said she felt the island needed such an outlet and was happy to provide it. All that was required was the purchase of blog software and donation of the domain and hosting space.

"Salt Spring Forum is intended for the exchange of opinion and ideas," she said.

There are only a few rules, made to respect the opinions of others. That includes no "flaming," which means no personal attacks on individual posters.

"A post is considered a flame when the author insinuates or directly insults the person they are writing to or about, rather than intelligently responding to the points or issues raised."

McCully said the site was just recently developed and will probably see relatively moderate postings until a "hot button" issue rears its head and islanders look for alternate methods of sharing information and opinions with those on and off-island.

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# Fulford - a Feast for

For visitors walking off the Skeena Queen ferry, Fulford, with its colourful buildings and bustling activity leaves a lasting first impression. For islanders, coming off that ramp and seeing familiar faces and shop fronts, it's that surprising relief of arriving home.

Fulford is the gateway onto the island, the heart of the south-end, and a place where island culture, thanks to the unique businesses and the creative people who run them, is alive and well. With so much to do and see, walking around Fulford can be like a choose-our-own-adventure.

Every village needs a local grocery store, and Fulford's is Patterson Market. At this second generation family business, run by Bruce Patterson, you can find everything on your shopping list, grab a cup of Ometepe coffee, fill your tank with gas, pick up a daily paper and a DVD for the evening, slurp on an island-made Fruitcicle, and hear some local gossip.

The Treehouse South is the only fully equipped and licensed restaurant offering full breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus in the south-end. Go there in the morning and the line ups at the coffee and tea bar and deli are full of workers grabbing their morning pick-me-up and islanders getting a quick cream cheese muffin before braving the streets of Victoria or Vancouver. Now the warmer season is upon us, grab a table in the sun baked back patio and enjoy an appy, a cold drink, and the unobstructed views down Fulford Harbour.

Make your way down the Government Dock and you are sure to notice the mermaid (painted by Judy Harper), lounging on the roof of Salt Spring Kayaking, enticing you to take to the sea. This small building perched on the dock pilings is where Peter Allan has been running his eco-tourism business since the late 1980s. Offering daily guided kayak tours, Peter is a wealth of local and marine knowledge. Go a little further and look through the little Shop on the Dock and see what treasures you can find.

Walking up Morningside Rd., passing the well-equipped hole-in-the-wall post office, you'll arrive at The Wardrobe, an eclectic enterprise which sells clothing and accessories imported from India and Thailand, used clothing, and handmade beaded jewellery. There are always new arrivals to browse through or something vintage to capture your imagination.

Sharing the same building, is Morningside Organic Bakery & Cafe. Enter the eco-conscious designed space, with a cob wood fireplace and garden roof, and you will be pleasantly surprised by the selection of organic products and baked goods.

Further up the road, you are sure to notice the bright shop front of Julie Doobenen's Solace Spa, which offers a wide range of relaxing and rejuvenating body work and is stocked with organic aromatherapy and teas.

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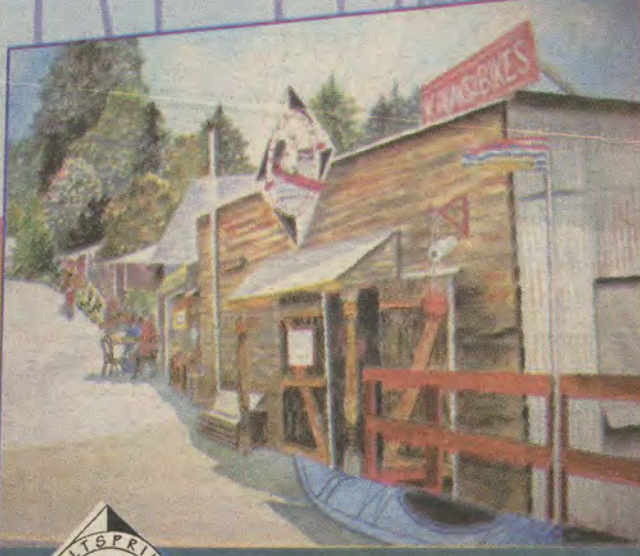
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Turn around, head back to centre, start up the big hill and turn into Jambalaya, to try on a hat from the largest variety found on the island or look through a plethora of multicoloured beads to create your own jewellery. Don't forget to check out the beautifully made garden accessories in the back courtyard.

A few steps further up you'll find Stuff & Nonsense, a mecca for finely picked housewares, clothing, jewellery, books, cards, and fantastic gift ideas. Every corner of this shop is stuffed with beautiful and intriguing items that are impossible to resist.

Right next door is James Fogarty, Tax Accountant, who provides full tax and accounting services; you might even be lucky enough to hear the sound of piano playing from inside this tiny office (James, who used to tune pianos, plays beautifully).

At the head of the harbour stands the Fulford Inn, another gathering place for southenders, which offers a full pub menu, a well-stocked bar, a covered solarium for the winter weather and an outdoor deck for the summer time. Attached to the Inn

is a liquor store, which has a great selection of spirits, and local and imported cold beer and wine.


Moving up the valley to Lee's hill, make a stop at Garry Oaks Winery and Salt Spring Vineyard and explore these beautifully appointed working vineyards; each boasts their own award winning wines and the opportunity for tastings and purchase.

Take your newly purchased bottles of wine and head a little further south, to Salt Spring Island Cheese to watch cheese being made through their new viewing windows. Stop by their Cheese Farm Shop and pick up some handmade goat and sheep cheese to add to your picnic basket.

If island fashion sparks your interest seek out Dancing Bears Hemp Clothing Co. at its new location on Webster Drive and see what designer Caroline has been creating in her studio. From hand-dyed cargo skirts to unisex pants, you are sure to find something that suits you.

Head towards Ruckle Provincial Park and take a left onto MacLennan Drive to explore the ultimate garden at Everlasting Summer. Browse the unique gift shop for beautifully arranged fresh and dried flowers or wander through the blooming rose gardens.

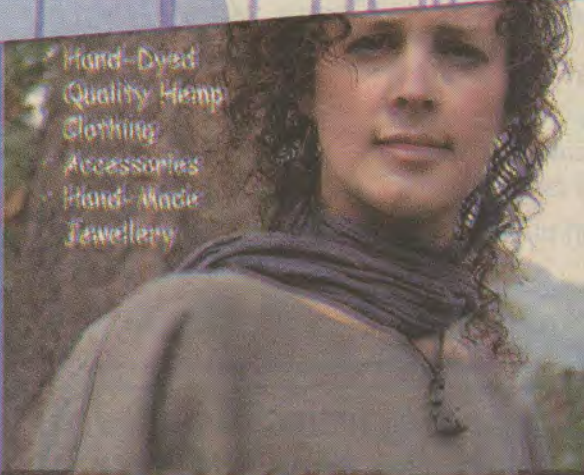
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If you are looking for elegant dining there are a number of choices, each boasting their own intimate atmosphere, attention to detail, highly trained chefs, and unique menu, which highlight seasonal dishes.

Pubs might be more your scene, so sit back and enjoy the views from one of the many open-aired decks, while sipping a cold pint of award-winning locally brewed beer and munching on the many delicious west-coast inspired appetisers and entrees.

Venture out at night and you will be pleasantly surprised by the wide range and high level of talented musicians playing at any number of pubs and cafes every night. Soak up the surroundings with a late night cappuccino and home-made piece of berry pie.

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Spring with its plethora of outdoor activities is always a good choice, as is visiting one of the fantastic family friendly restaurants and cafes found all over the island. Many offer special menus, tasty treats, and table activities for the little ones.

On a sunny day why not take the kids (and yourself!) out for some locally made ice cream and put away a box of truffles and chocolate dipped strawberries for when the kids have gone to bed. Grab a bottle of wine made from grapes grown in the Fulford Valley to add to your decadent late night feast.

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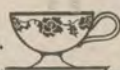
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# Special Olympians strive for more support

Members of the Salt Spring Island Special Olympics Association hope to inspire a new crew of volunteers at an upcoming information session so that an entire generation of the island's athletes can realize their goals.

"The reality is that we need multiple volunteers to keep this up," said one of the event's organizers and Special Olympics volunteer Ross Harvey. "Our big emphasis is on renewal and trying to connect with parents and caregivers."

Harvey said he became involved in the program when he realized just how badly the group needed help from the community.

After 17 years of experience working closely with the developmentally challenged, Harvey added, the Special Olympics program offers so much to both volunteers and athletes. In addition to promoting physical well-being, the group fosters opportunities for athletes to develop social skills, cultivate friendships, strive for and achieve goals, and increase their self-esteem.

Harvey said the group hopes to get more children and adults engaged in activities such as track and field, rhythmic gymnastics, soccer, softball, bowling, swimming, floor hockey and bocce ball.

Focussing on athletes with intellectual disabilities, the Special Olympics are distinct from the Para Olympics, held after the Olympic Games.

Athletes with intellectual disabilities, cognitive delays, learning difficulties and those who are over the eight years of age are eligible to take part in the games.

"It's important to realize the Special Olympics are not a one-time thing," Harvey said. "It takes place every day."

Bringing together 50 communities from across the province, Special Olympics British Columbia's 2,400 volunteers provide the

chance for 3,500 athletes to participate in sporting events on a local, regional, national and international level.

The group relies heavily on contributions from private corporations, foundations and individuals for funding with only four per cent of its overall budget coming from government funding. The Salt Spring chapter will host an information booth in the parking lot located behind the Salt Spring Roasting Co. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

For more information about the Salt Spring Special Olympics Committee, contact Merv Anderson at 537-4011.

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# Co-op preschool comes full circle

By **DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Contributor

With an independently owned building, a history of unforgettable early childhood educators, a heartfelt presence in the community and over 1,000 children passing through its doors, the Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool has much to celebrate as it looks back on the past 30 years.

First licensed in 1976 as the Salt Spring Nursery School Society, the preschool remains the only non-profit cooperative preschool on Salt Spring. Cooperative preschools are run entirely by parent volunteers. With jobs, meetings, classroom duties and fundraising activities it can be an overwhelming load, but is considered worth the extra effort to parents who want to be fully involved with their child's first experience in public and group education.

"Everyone knows the saying 'It takes a village to raise a child,'" says current preschool teacher Sylvia Louwman. "Well, in co-op, we are doing the North American version of that. Kids grow up knowing that their parents are not the only ones who love and care about them — there is a whole community of parents getting to know them. It can only be a wonderful asset for them."

The preschool currently employs teachers Louwman and Julie Sweetnam, and has an enrolment of 30 students aged three and four. Both teachers are past preschool parents and executive members. Louwman and Sweetnam took over teaching duties from the beloved



**STILL GOING STRONG:** Staff, students and parents gather around the co-op preschool's sign as the group celebrates 30 years on Salt Spring. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Barb Ruddell, who moved to Victoria with husband Bruce two years ago.

Ruddell was an institution at the preschool, teaching a generation of children and leading the group through the difficult transition from tenants at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill to owners of their own building at 110 Aldous Road.

The new building was completed in 2001 and Salt Spring is the only preschool in the Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association (VICPA) to own its building. Parents and community members volunteered countless hours and materials to the building cause, which was spearheaded by then parent members Sandra Ditlof, Trish Hoffman and Chris Bowen.

"They were so determined and absolutely unstoppable... also indefatigably cheerful about getting the job done,"

said Louwman.

"It was a very difficult decision... a bit like jumping off a cliff and having faith that you were going to land unharmed."

But land they did, and the community is proud of the beautiful little building nestled between the middle school and the skate park.

"There is a lot of pride with this building. So many families were institutional in getting the project off the ground. It is a real celebration of family and community to be working in a building with kids that so many had a hand in making possible."

Parents are still making mortgage payments, although careful work of co-op parent treasurers has insured that the financial pressures are manageable and the building will be paid off in under 10 years.

However, despite admi-

up to please all ages. Activities include a petting zoo, cake walk, balloon toss, pocket lady and an imagination station.

"There are tons of prizes and tons of games and everyone wins," said Louwman.

Appropriately for the anniversary, this week the preschool unveiled a new sign to adorn the school — another long-time project spearheaded by parents. The handmade wooden sign reads SSI Preschool — A Family Cooperative and will include the sunflower logo designed for the school by Diane Weatherby while enjoying her term as a parent volunteer.

"That's the beauty of the co-op," muses Louwman. "Every parent brings skills and their own personal goals for the group during their time at the school."

And it doesn't end when the children grow up either.

"I think it is really poignant — the tapestry that the preschool weaves throughout the community. You meet as parents, and then you watch the children as they go through school, on the soccer field, on stage, growing with each other, weaving in and out of each others' lives and sharing their roots. Our community reaches out at all levels to fundraise and support the school... and now there are parents who were members of those first classes themselves and have come full circle, bringing their own children to the preschool. It is precious."

Carnival activities are aimed at young children, with an entertainment line-

rable bookkeeping, fundraising remains an enormously important and ever-present part of the co-op preschool.

"One attraction of the co-op is that we try to keep the fees low... and the trade off is manageable fundraising," said Louwman.

The two biggest fundraisers for the preschool are the salmon booth at the fall fair and the annual Spring Carnival, which takes place this year on May 28 at the Farmers Institute. Both events are highly supported by Barry and Kelly Kazakoff of the Oystercatcher restaurant, with donated or at-cost food and volunteer cooking staff.

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## Biely takes reins of local foundation

The board of trustees of the Salt Spring Island Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Carol Biely as chair of the Foundation.

"Biely, who has had many years of experience in volunteerism and non-profit board and structural organization, will be able to provide strong leadership for the foundation as it moves into the future," states a foundation press release.

"As chair, Carol steps into the shoes of Bob Rush, the foundation's very able chair and driving force for many years."

Rush will remain as a trustee and a member of the foundation's grants advisory committee.

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### 6 DEATHS

**Joyce (Joy) Alice Larson**  
Dec. 18, 1929 - May 12, 2006

Passed away at Victoria General Hospital after a courageous battle with hemophilia.

Survived by her loving husband Lanny Larson of Salt Spring Island, B.C. and daughters Teri Hughes (Bruce Coleman) and Debra O'Connor (Darcy) of Red Deer, Alta. Also, step-sons Kevin Larson (Judy) of Chilliwack, B.C., Jeff Larson (Kathy) of Drumheller, Alta. and Graham Larson (Carrie) of Sooke, B.C., 2 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren.

Predeceased by her first husband Harold Hardstaff in 1967.

Joy was born in and lived most of her life in Calgary and High River, Alta. moving to Salt Spring Island in 1977. She was in business with her husband at Gulf Island Insurance until it was sold in 1985.

Volunteering at the local library when she could, Joy loved to travel but was always happy to return home to her trees, flowers and view.

A heartfelt thank you to Drs. DeKock, Stumpfer and Crossland, Air Ambulance, Lady Minto hospital nurses and staff and especially the crew on 5A at Victoria General for their kindness.

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**This Week's Horoscope**

by Michael O'Connor

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**

Your independence must be very evident by now. There is still more to come in this regard and the process that began about sixteen months ago will culminate at the Summer Solstice. For now, you may feel the urge to dig deeper somehow, clearing away the old to make way for the new, literally and figuratively. Your moods may be up and down and this will continue into early June. At best you feel freer and more powerful; yet what will you do with these gifts? Do take the initiative, yet intend to pace yourself and take time to appreciate the flowers.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**

After many months of soul searching, you are on the eve of new discoveries. You may still not be entirely sure about who you are or what you truly want and value; however, you will gain greater clarity soon. Honoring your life and your process is ideal. This type of scenario is illustrated in the stars! The key now is to feel and acknowledge fears yet set your intentions to take deliberate actions anyway. Health, self improvement, refinement of skills, artistic expression and the like are accurate choices. For now, outline your options and record your ideas, insights and inspirations.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**

Dreaming your goals and aspirations into reality continues. This can basically be described as the power of intention. Our subconscious mind responds best to symbolic images as well as affirmations. Impress it with some form of ritual, like lighting a candle or some other act or combination of actions that feel ceremonial. Creating a link between the seen and the unseen to make things happen is the basis of magic and is the basis of religions. Black magic coerces and harms, grey magic manipulates, white magic creates health and beauty etcetera; each comes with hidden consequences that will be met eventually. Black and grey magic imply debts, white investments. Choices!

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)**

You are steadily expanding your vision to see the bigger picture of your life and life in general. Your power is growing and this is a good time to act accordingly. There may well be some obstacles to hurdle on your ascent, especially now and over the next few weeks. This looks like a good time to invest. If you knock, opportunity will open this week. Long-term considerations are best. If you feel uncertain, consider your exit options. Be aware of tendencies now to make impulsive decisions. Be open to advice yet heed your own intuition.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)**

There are indications that you feel quite solid within your world, regardless of the actual details of your life. Confidence is such an important state and worth cultivating throughout our lives. Call it core strength. Confidence includes expecting and accepting change and working intelligently and creatively to meet it. Lack of confidence controls, bullies and boasts to compensate. We are all vulnerable somehow and honoring our very vulnerabilities leads to confidence as well. Intend to take actions that illustrate your confidence in your self and life.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)**

Expanding your scope and vision implies cleaning, clearing and eliminating etcetera. Is it your home, the old shed, stagnant relationships or their patterns, your colon and organs, your inherited self-concepts and/or your attitude that requires attention and clearing? You may be in the mood to take some rather radical measures in this regard. There is no real rush, slow and sure will work. A key question is how can you maintain a strong sense of your

own individuality, yet yield in the realms of relationships to create more balance and harmony?

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)**

Gathering your resources along with those of others is now a central theme. Sharing time, money, talents and the like is the call now. This could lead to joint ventures and investments. If so, make diligent efforts to read the fine print and include clauses that seem important. Your willingness to learn and/or to coach others to break through rigidity and confusion is important. In other respects, making the dream a reality first requires that you have a dream. If you do not, then your next task is clear.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

Building stronger foundations on relationship fronts, personal or professional, is a top priority now. To do so, you must be willing to give more fully to the situation. Can you see where you are not so willing and how you can be more giving? Make efforts to see if you are pushing or manipulating others somehow to achieve your goals and ambitions. Assuming new levels of power and authority is likely and implies added responsibilities. Above all, acknowledge and yield to your inner authority - the voice of your soul that speaks through your heart.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

Awakening out of the dream and your illusions to smell the flowers and the coffee continues. This is a good time to entertain some realistic prospects. Travel, education, publishing and cultural exchanges are all likely orientations. In any case, something new is emerging. Have faith that a new dawn always follows the dark night and that spring ever comes after the long winter. Even if your plans and your current reality points to more obvious actions and measures next year, make inner and outer efforts to prepare.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

Creating your world according to your unique sense of self and mode of approach is in the spotlight. This implies some changes in your perspectives and traditional approach. What you consider to be fair and/or what constitutes a balanced approach to creating a deeper sense of security is a core theme. All of the above implies that you listen to your authentic sense of self. This means acting according to intuition rather than for the sake of reputation. Summon the courage to follow some new leads and trust your inner guidance.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**

Consolidating your home front continues. This could in fact be your residence and/or it could imply your body or perhaps your financial situation. Taking initiatives to meet new people and take different approaches is highlighted. Sincere efforts are required if your reality is to match your ambitions. Dealing with delays and so forth coming from other people and agencies requires patience and constancy on your part. You know how the game is played; however, you must be willing to play to win. Show us again that you can!

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**

Building upon existing platforms by way of new facts and knowledge continues. Fortunately, your concentration powers are strong now. This trend will continue for another month so make efforts to complete any unfinished business. Clearing limiting self-concepts and attitudes may also be necessary. The key to success in this regard is to first of all begin and second to follow through. It is the getting started part that often causes blocks. Follow-through is important but means nothing if you do not begin. Carpe diem!

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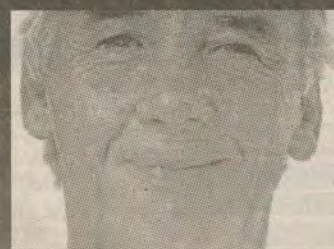
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