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Two Vancouver Island properties preserved

Matson's Meadows

Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) is the proud new owner and manager of Victoria Harbour's last Garry oak ecosystem. The one-hectare waterfront property in Esquimalt features more than one hundred Garry oak trees and countless native wildflowers including satin flower, camas and fawn lilies.

On Saturday, July 23, HAT hosted a community celebration for the newly-created Matson Lands Conservation Area. The plan to protect the property began when Mandalay Developments of Victoria proposed their Swallows Landing development for the Matson lands to Esquimalt council. At that time, they outlined their intention to donate the natural part of the land to HAT. The Friends of Matson Lands, a local community group, had lobbied for years to protect these lands, and played an integral role in developing an agreement among Mandalay Developments, HAT, the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Township of Esquimalt.

HAT, with partners, has developed a management plan to ensure that the rare oak ecosystems at the site are maintained and restored. A low-impact trail provides access from the development on Dunsmuir Road to the Westsong Walkway.

Keating Farm Estate

The same weekend, The Land Conservancy (TLC) held an open house at their newly acquired Keating Farm Estate, in the Koksilah area of the Cowichan Valley, near Duncan. This 13-hectare farm property has a number of heritage structures, the most significant being the main farmhouse. This 1880s-era house contains a unique Great Hall designed and built by architect John Tiarks in 1894.

In addition to the heritage structures, the site also contains a small wetland. Adjacent to the wetland is the old CNR right-of-way, which crosses the property. This right-of-way

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Photo: Patrick Brown

Kids join the band at Galiano's Fiesta, the first of the Southern Islands' summer fairs. Each fair has its own character. The Fiesta's trademark is its colourful square of tarpaulin booths on the Lions Club field. (See 'What's On?' for other fairs and festivals!)

Terasen sell off

This week the massive US pipeline company Kinder Morgan, from Texas, announced that they were buying Terasen, the gas company that serves most of BC. Kinder Morgan offered \$8 billion, which puts a 20% premium over the current share price and buys all the company's current debt.j1

Terasen used to be BC Gas, which used to be a division of BC Hydro owned by the provincial government. BC Gas was privatized in 1988, with the condition that no more than 20% of the shares could be sold outside BC, etc. (see the *BC Hydro and Power Privatization Act*, 1988).

In November 2003, a little-noticed provision tacked onto the end of *Bill 85, The BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act*, (a bill loudly trumpeted by the Liberals as guaranteeing that BC Hydro would not be privatized) lifted restrictions on the sale of Terasen. Naturally, there was no fanfare for this addendum—in fact, since the rest of *Bill 85* was meaningless, it was likely a smokescreen for its real purpose which has now become clear.

As an exclusive *Island Tides* report by Patrick Brown noted at that time:

'... —but wait! Tacked on to the end of this bill is a provision to repeal the *BC Hydro and Power Authority Privatization Act*, 1998.

'What's going on here? Oh, now I understand. This relieves Terasen Gas of the burden of being a 'Special Corporation' under the 1988 *Privatization Act*, imposed as a safety condition when the

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New US energy policy fails to inspire

Mike Logan

The new US Energy Policy Bill, HR 6, recently passed by the House, Senate, and President Bush, came in for strong criticism from Democrats. 'This is not an energy policy,' Oregon Democratic Representative Blumenhauer said to reporters, 'it is a list of tax breaks and special interest favours that does not translate into a cohesive approach, which global realities demand for this country.' He said the bill was ineffective against oil companies now earning \$60 per barrel and posting record profits at great consumer expense.

Big Oil, Little Change

In 1975, 30% of America's oil came from foreign sources. By 1995, it was 45%. Now, the US depends on foreign oil for 60% of its supply. The US uses 70% of the world's oil (mostly for transport), yet has only 3% of known oil reserves. The *Energy Bill* doesn't address this level of dependency. In fact, it doles out a series of tax breaks (\$2.6 billion!) to oil and gas companies, and an additional \$2.9 billion for coal technology (now in its 748th year!). That kind of spending cancels out the benefits of emissions taxation, and encourages Big Oil to keep pushing up prices and production, despite soaring gas prices and the war in Iraq.

Increased fuel efficiency standards were not

included, despite global car production topping out at 40.5 million and rising, and a drop in fuel efficiency in the last decade. (Since 50% of new cars purchased are in the SUV/truck/minivan category, fuel efficiency improvements over the last two decades have been essentially neutralized.) Joint opposition from Detroit representatives (car manufacturers) and representatives from the South (oil country), along with a host of oil-moneyed politicians, opposed such fuel efficiency measures.

Ethanol & Biodeisel

There is some hope, though. Ethanol, a corn-based fuel additive that reduces emissions, will be added to 4 billion gallons of gas (1 gallon = 3.78 litres) by next year. This is a boon to midwestern corn farmers, but since the *Wall Street Journal* predicts it will add another 10¢ per gallon onto gas prices, consumers will again pay the price.

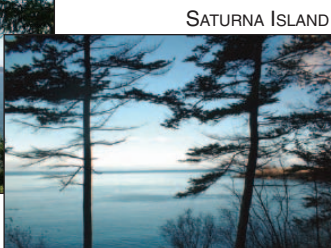
Another provision in favour of farmers is the biodiesel incentive. HR 6 calls for a 10¢ per gallon tax break for producers of biodiesel, up to 15 million gallons. Given that corn and soybeans make up the bulk of genetically modified foods, farmers will have an easier time selling the controversial crops.

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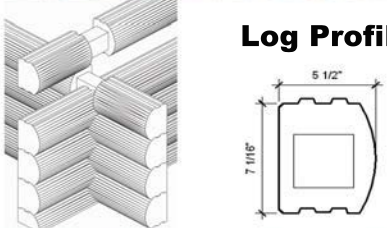
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US economist says free trade creates need for better social safety net ~ Patrick Brown

Paul Samuelson, American author of an Economics 101 textbook widely used during the past fifty years, recently shocked economists around the world when he announced that ‘free trade’ was not necessarily a win-win situation—one of the basic tenets of classical economics.

In a recent paper he stated that the lower prices consumers pay for manufactured goods resulting from the shift of manufacturing to lower-wage countries has not compensated for the loss of income to US workers caused by that shift. There was a net loss to Americans, says Samuelson, the ‘Walmart’ effect cannot compensate for wage losses. Americans, he says, need a better social ‘safety net’ to help them absorb the impact of these changes.

Conflicting Interests, Not Mutual Benefit
Samuelson’s original textbook was the ‘Bible’ of classical economics for the majority of today’s economists, MBAs, accountants, and bureaucrats. It therefore comes as a shock that Samuelson, now in his nineties, is challenging one of the basic tenets of classical economics: David Ricardo’s ‘doctrine of comparative advantage’, which held that each nation should specialize in what it can do best, and that free trade, accompanied by free market competitive pricing, would distribute the benefits equitably to all participating nations.

Free trade, Samuelson now says, is characterized by conflicting interests, not mutual benefit. In his paper, he describes the Ricardo assumption as the basis of ‘economists’ oversimple complacencies.’

Samuelson’s new advocacy of increased social support flies in the face of neoconservative economic theory, which, like the ancient Chinese proverb, believes that ‘a rising tide lifts all ships.’ With all his authority as one of the world’s prime economic gurus, he says: no, it doesn’t, and it’s up to government to compensate.

Death of ‘Comparative Advantage’
David Ricardo, whose theory Samuelson refutes, was an economist of the colonial Victorian era, a time of competition between nations and empires, when corporations were national rather than multinational.

Ricardo’s ‘Theory of Comparative advantage’ fitted well with colonialism, when colonies existed to contribute to the riches of, mainly, European nations. Comparative Advantage was, of course, largely limited to the citizens of ruling countries.

The advantage of any particular country used to be its

territorial access to a combination of raw materials, skills, labour and technology, or access to markets for the goods produced; only capital was mobile. The power of economic imperialism lay in having advantageous choices as to where capital would be invested. The national interests of the mother country prevailed.

It was a theory that explained world economic structure at the time—from the point of view of rich nations. Amazingly it has held sway for a lot longer than the traditional colonial structure has.

New Threat to Workers in Developed World

It’s different now. Raw materials are important for a decreasing share of manufacturing, and unimportant for services. Energy is transportable. Access to markets has changed with container shipping. Location, given today’s air travel and communications technology, is almost irrelevant. Capital is more mobile than ever (Samuelson points to this as a contributor to the US balance of payments deficit).

Only cheap labour and its associated consumer markets remain relatively immobile. But nowadays overseas labour is combined in situ with the most sophisticated, productive manufacturing techniques and service industry technology. Cheap labour is no longer simply resource extraction for export to manufacturing sites. It is this new combination of labour and technology, more than any other thing, Samuelson emphasizes, that threatens incomes of workers in the ‘developed’ world.

A New Philosophy Needed?

While trade has globalized, social welfare has not and attitudes to it vary from country to country. For a nation to assume responsibility for citizen welfare is expensive; it means a substantial proportion of the income of the nation must be dedicated to this end.

European nations have traditionally emphasized government responsibility for what one might broadly term ‘personal security.’ The Chinese model, on the other hand, has relied historically on strong family structures. The United States has, since its founding, emphasized individual responsibility and, with a national government dominated by business interests, still does (note the current attempt to privatize Social Security).

In the face of a new global labour market using competitive technologies, Samuelson says leaving well-being to ‘individual responsibility’ will not be acceptable any longer for many Americans.

Samuelson mischievously suggests, but does not explicitly state, that the gains and losses from free trade in the US are unevenly distributed. Nevertheless, he finds it unlikely that those who gain from globalization in the US will be prepared to compensate those who lose.

He even goes so far as to accuse Alan Greenspan of a ‘Marie Antoinette’ attitude (‘Let them eat cake.’) He accuses economists of a ‘shell game’ when it comes to ethical debates about the conflict between efficiency and greater inequality.

Samuelson finds, with not a little hindsight, that the reduction of real personal incomes for many US workers could have been predicted as far back as the end of the Second World War. But he rejects protective tariffs or taxes on capital movement. Hence his conclusion that the continuation of free trade demands a greater social safety net in the US.

Samuelson’s new conclusions were published in the Summer 2004 issue of the ‘Journal of Economic Perspectives,’ under the title ‘Where Ricardo and Mill Rebut and Confirm Arguments of Mainstream Economists Supporting Globalization.’ Samuelson currently holds appointments as Professor of Economics and Institute Professor Emeritus at MIT. ☞

Raffle benefits Strait

Each year the Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA) raffles off three prizes to raise funds for marine conservation. This year, prizes include a 17-foot long Greenland II double folding sea kayak, a three-day sea kayak getaway and an overnight stay at world-renowned Sooke Harbour House. Since 2000, Georgia Strait Alliance has given away six kayaks, all generously donated to the non-profit organization.

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Crisp and dusty describes any piece of the Gulf Islands that isn't being watered by human beings. Now is the prime time to locate leaks in outdoor water systems; that flash of green growth registers immediately. Dust-coated Island cars have a common dull patina no matter what the original color! The dog is a portable dustbowl as she lies under the trees to stay cool, picking up copious quantities of dust and debris that gently fall from her as she walks and wags her tail. As the dawn-to-dusk blue sky days pile upon each other, I become immersed in summer's tasks, thoughts, foods, and diversions. I love our westcoast summers: copious quantities of watermelon and miles of flip-flop steps.

Crisp and dusty adds up to flammable. The Gulf Islands are very dry this time of year. The moisture in the soil is non-existent; every potential spark has an instant tinderbox surrounding it. Islanders get edgy with the increase in visitors and use of outlying shorelines and mountains. All of our firefighters and community members are aware of how limited our capacities are to fight a major fire. If you are a smoker, be vigilant. Stuff that cigarette butt in your pocket and you will be the judge of when it is really out of heat.

Three blackberries are really coming on! They are the most luscious colour in the landscape these days. Blackberry picking is as meditative as weeding, purple stained hands or dirt-stained hands, and the rewards are comparable.

Jazz Dance Goes To Pender

Saturna Islander Paul White, jazz player and devoted aficionado, is branching out with his Annual Jazz Dance. On the encouragement of Christa Grace-Warrick, he is bringing his famous jazz evening to Pender this year. Labour Day Weekend, Friday on Pender and Saturday on Saturna, is the date to mark in the calendar.

Penderites don't miss this. On Saturna we have had seven so far and they are not to be missed: a dynamite jazz and swing band and the chance to dance or listen to your heart's content. This year's band of prominent Western Canada first call musicians is led by trumpeter Alan Matheson. See What's On?, page 5 for details.

Summer Dance

On July 30, the David Elford Holding Company (Group of 30) held its second annual summer dance at the Long House in their meadow. Lots of Islanders came to dance and celebrate the 31st year of the group's setting up the cooperative and buying the land. Rick Tipple and Rick's first wife Shannon, Mary and Tony Green, Bryan and Sharon Dixon and Tom Moore were in their mid-twenties when they made the decision to buy the quarter section. They made the decision to buy the two pieces, set up the cooperative venture and find buyers for the 30 shares.

The Voyagers from Victoria played lots of rock and roll and the dance floor was full of joyous dancers. Joan Selby and Jamie Ritchie did a stunning jive to Elvis Presley's *Don't be Cruel*—earning a round of applause from the dance floor and big smiles from the band. The view and the evening were gorgeous.

The dance was dedicated to founding member Mary Green who died recently—honouring a lively, engaging woman who loved Saturna.

Studio Tour & Market a Success

The Saturna Island 5th annual 3-day artists' open studio tour was a great success. Many art lovers went to the studios of the nine participating artists and saw them surrounded by their homes and creations. For the artists this is a delightful chance to show their work and their creative process—and to make some sales.

The Saturna Craft Market is also a big success this year. What a chance for the entrepreneurial and creative among us to present for sale their makings. The fun energy of the lovely displayed wares, people looking, gabbing, buying just what they want, makes Saturday a day to look forward to.

Stick Boy is one of my favorite stalls. Byron Estey finds walking sticks that he modifies in different ways and sells to the energetic public. Gio and Lola's red lemonade stand is a big hit, as are Jasmine Lambert's efforts—last week it was ice cold watermelon slices she had for sale. Visiting kids jump right in

with cupcakes, huge bundt chocolate cakes, and cookies. It's a chance for the world to come to you! There are fresh greens from Campbell's farm, flowers from Sam's Garden, photo's by Patti, lambs wool blankets and sheepskins, painted pottery, used books, children's wooden toys, clothing, corkboards, all of it made on Saturna. Sometimes there is even a Kids' Craft Table! The market is held Saturdays from 10am to 1pm at Saturna General Store and Recycling.

Grand Opening of Rec Centre

August 20th, the Saturna Recreation Society is having their grand opening of the Recreation Centre. Two weeks ago they had a preview for invited guests and raised \$29,000! This opening on August 20 is for everybody. There will be fanfare, presentations, dedications, dignitaries, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony starting at 12:30pm. Island groups will have displays and tables. Parks Canada will also be having tours of its facilities. The Saturna Women's Club will have tea, coffee and nibbles. Later in the evening, Al Stonehouse, the best DJ in the world, in Saturna's opinion, will be spinning tunes for an evening dance. Admission is by donation. All welcome, the Recreation Centre Society would love to see everyone there.

Mary Catherine Green, 1944–2005

Mary and Tony have been a regular part of Saturna for years. In the last two years Mary has spent lots of time on Saturna. This last year she was not well, but came regularly to the Store and socialized on the front porch and at the café with the recycling crowd and the regulars. Full of fun, and always pretty, with her lovely brown hair and dressed in her own style, Mary's laugh told you she was there, before you saw her. Mary's ability to listen and to take action was very evident, she liked to be doing. That she loved her Saturna life was clear and we will miss her. Our condolences to her co-dreamers and actualizers of David Elford Holding Company, and her husband, Tony, and sons, Bryan and Colin. A celebration of Mary's life was held on Saturday, August 6 at the new recreation center on Saturna Island. Here are B. Green's words about her:

Teacher, Wife, Mother... guardian of unwanted pets. Despite her own rough lot in life, Mary always did her best to improve the lot of those around her. She grew up poor in London, Ontario, lost her dad when she was only seven, and had a sick mother to look after. But she lied about her age and started working when she was still just a child. Throughout her life she toiled away.

Finding passion in teaching, she brought education and self-worth to many students. Mary willingly took on the education of those whom the system left behind. She even took in homeless students when they had nowhere else to go. She gave all day in the classroom and then came home and gave to her husband Tony and sons Colin and Bryan. No sons could have been more loved, nor wished for anything more. She was the glue and the rock in her family, and she will be greatly missed.

Despite the pain and suffering in her later years, she remained a caring and dedicated woman. She will always be remembered for her big, strong heart; a heart that carried us all and never let us down.

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The property, which is in the Agricultural Land Reserve, continues to have significant agricultural potential. It currently has hayfields, a heritage orchard and is operated as a small dairy farm. Until the end of September, TLC is seeking partners to help pay for and operate the property. For more information visit: www.conservancy.bc.ca.

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Ferry Tales

Dangerous Wednesday, System in Chaos

As if overloads, maximum loads, breakdowns, rescues, etc, etc, aren't enough to drive Islanders (and ferry crews) mad this summer, an entirely novel mess up occurred on July 27.

Very early every second Wednesday, 'dangerous cargo', such as gasoline and propane trucks, is carried on the *Queen of Cumberland's* first sailing from Swartz Bay to Mayne and Galiano Islands. No other vehicles are permitted on these voyages, for safety reasons. This usually causes a minimum of inconvenience, because the ferry leaves Swartz Bay at 5:15am.

On a normal morning the *Queen of Cumberland* goes first to Sturdies Bay (Galiano), and then to Village Bay (Mayne) before returning to Swartz Bay, but on Dangerous Cargo mornings it goes to Village Bay first, unloads the Mayne Island trucks (does not pick up any traffic), and then on to Sturdies Bay where it unloads the Galiano trucks. It is then clear to load both Galiano and Mayne traffic for the return trip to Swartz Bay.

At least that's what is supposed to happen.

On Wednesday, July 27, the *Queen of Cumberland* bypassed Village Bay and went first to Sturdies Bay. Terminal crews were soon on the radio to the new skipper, but he insisted that he was following the schedule, and would not be swayed (if that's a nautical term) from his chosen course. When he arrived at Sturdies Bay he unloaded the Galiano trucks, but then of course he could not load any of the forty vehicles headed for Swartz because he still had the Mayne Island propane truck on board!

The crowd of Galianoites waiting at the terminal were not impressed. Telephone calls reached higher and higher through the BC Ferries hierarchy. Eventually the skipper was persuaded (by definitely Higher Authority) to unload the Mayne Island propane truck at Sturdies Bay, and load the crowd of Galianoites for Swartz Bay.

The *Mayne Queen* was then diverted from its schedule to take the lonely Mayne Island propane truck back from Sturdies Bay to Village Bay.



Which was why the morning schedule between the Southern Gulf Islands and Swartz Bay was totally fouled up on Wednesday the 27 of July. Believe it or not.

So Close Yet So Far

That was not the end of complications for 'Dangerous Wednesday'. The next incident perhaps shows the level of frustration experienced by Islanders this summer. A Mayne Island resident jumped from the *Spirit of British Columbia* in Active Pass and swam ashore. He had missed the morning boat to the Gulf Islands and, perhaps, he could not face sailing to Swartz Bay's summer chaos and then back to Mayne when home was a stone's throw (or swim) away. Rumour has it he was going to be late for a baseball game, so he put his stuff in a plastic bag and jumped.

However the *Spirit of British Columbia*, along with the *Spirit of Vancouver Island* and the *Queen of Nanaimo*, most properly, launched rescue boats in an effort to 'rescue' the man who was by now close to shore. He refused to get into any of the boats—after all, why would he, he was home! Unfortunately he lost his gear in the manoeuvre. Also unfortunately, this resulted in a half-hour delay of the *Spirit of British Columbia* for the remainder of the day. To read about more amazing rescues by BC Ferries' crews this summer, go to www.bcferries.com/news/files/05-061bcferriestotherescue.pdf.

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Readers' Letters

More Chinese Puzzles

Dear Editor:
Further to the 'Chinese Meccano' described by Patrick Brown in *Island Tides*, I too have purchased a large heavy (do not lift without assistance) cardboard box.

The contents of my package, it was a garage, contained parts just as did Patrick's except that there was no instruction manual! Construction took many hours by several helpers, one who had constructed a similar garage, who kept the rest of us sorting out bits of steel and bungee cords. Some pipes were drilled for bolts which had to be obtained separately and a few parts were not numbered.

The garage was completely assembled, leaving a few bungee cords over and twelve thin steel rods which are bent to form hooks at each end and are eighteen inches long.

If anyone else who has joined the Chinese Meccano group can tell me where these rods fit in the scheme of things, would you please telephone 629-6408 with the information? The supplier of the product could not answer the question, nor did they have a parts list or instruction manual.

So there! Editor, you were quite right with your title 'Chinese Puzzle.'

Ben Manning, Pender Island

Salt Spring Short Term Vacation Rentals

Dear Editor:
Re: *Opposing STVR on Salt Spring* (July 14). It simply doesn't make sense to me why the Island's trustees would even consider issuing TUP or Temporary Usage Permits to any existing short term vacation rental. Perhaps they think this a compromise that will make both sides happy? Much of the opposition to the STVR to-date, is because of the problems created by existing STVR! This is not the solution.

However, if the trustees want to push this, I think the TUP should only be issued based on a majority vote in each

neighbourhood in which an existing STVR resides. This occurs in other areas such as constructing neighbourhood pubs and it's how some municipalities handle the issue of basement suites.

Ian Harris, Pender Island

Canada's Quiet Shift to Colonizing Politics

Dear Editor:
Canada's new deployment of troops in Afghanistan, not in a public protection mode, but in an international so-called 'anti-terrorist' mode makes a mockery out of our pretension to 'peace-keeping' and will doubtless lift Canadian troops and Canadian citizens several notches up on the Islamic fundamentalist hit-list ratings.

Have we quietly bought into the US-British 'war on terrorism' metaphor? Or is this move an appeasement to our chief economic trading partner (ie. is it based on sustaining our economic well-being more so than on supporting our belief systems)?

The war on Iraq and Afghanistan has gone underground because the national governments of Islamic countries who seek a non-western aligned political future are massively overpowered by the weighty force of G8 money and military technology, so how could there ever be an overt 'declaration of war' in response to what has been frequently called the 'state terrorism' of the world's most powerful nations? The principle of a 'just war' demands that it be launched by duly recognized national governments. It is on a technicality that we can title this unofficially launched 'war' a 'War On Terrorism.'


The civilian casualty tally for Al Qaeda is nowhere near the civilian casualty tally attributable to the 'just war' wagers. That civilian targets can give high leverage in turning the tide in wars is well recognized, and was the underlying strategy of massive allied bombings of Hamburg, Dresden, Cologne, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Remember?... that was to 'save lives' too.

Do we really believe that sending Canadian troops on-the-chase on foreign soil, (effectively a declaration of war against the underground soldiers of multiple nations who feel themselves to have been politically manipulated and then steam-rolled by the modern version of western colonialism) is going to lead to sustainable peace?

By taking the road of uncompromising control and non-negotiation as advocated by Blair and Bush, we are reincarnating the wars of 'colonizers versus indigenous peoples'


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Saturday, August 13

Galiano Wine Festival—annual fundraising event for the Health Care Centre; Wines from local producers as well as a generous selection of wines from around the world, local cheese to taste and purchase, live music, raffle, silent auction, refreshments, souvenir wine glass • Lions Hall, Burrill Road • 1–4pm • Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, available at Galiano Inn, Galiano Books, the Corner Store and Galiano Garage or e-mail 5star@islandtimebc.com • Info: www.galianoisland.com • ON GALIANO ISLAND



Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14

Coombs Fair—4-H & open displays, animal, arts & crafts, domestic science and horticulture and more; check out the blacksmithing, spinning & weaving, beekeeping & master gardening demos; live, music games, food, and fun for the whole family • Coombs Fairgrounds, Ford Road, behind the Coombs General Store • SAT: 8am–6pm, SUN: 8am–5pm • Tickets at the gate • Info: Janet Boley, 250-752-9757 • IN COOMBS, VANCOUVER ISLAND



Fri & Sat, August 19 & 20

Quilt Show and Machine Quilting Demo—enjoy the quilt show; also a machine quilting demonstration on Friday, 12:30–2:30pm, by donation • Saturna Recreation Centre, 104 Harris Road • Noon–4pm • ON SATURNA ISLAND

Saturday, August 20

Mayne Island's 80th Fall Fair—exhibits, demonstrations, food, races, games, spot prizes, entertainment including magic by Fantastico with Signor Giffonni, farmers market and more • Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, Miners Bay • Parade at 1pm; the Fair officially opens at 1:30pm • Entrance fee: \$2, school children free • Information: wesleymulvin@cablelan.net • ON MAYNE ISLAND

Sat & Sun, August 20 & 21

'Back To The Woods' presents 'An Introduction to Ecoforestry with Merv Wilkinson'—forest stewardship ideas from one acre to 1,000; fire hazard reduction, ecological selection and harvesting techniques, create your own forest materials project • Weekend camping workshop \$135, other possibilities and info, Julia Greenlaw 250-385-2745, norbertandjulia@telus.net • ON GALIANO ISLAND

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Saturday, August 27

Pender Islands Fall Fair—all the fun of the Penders' Annual Fair: parade, exhibits, entertainment, food, booths, displays, games, beer garden, dinner and dance with a great band—come help us 'Celebrate Plenty' with guest speaker John Wilcox • Pender Island Community Hall • Gates open 10:00am, parade 11am • Entry catalogues available at the Saturday Farmers Market and usual outlets, entries 50¢ up to early registration deadline of Aug 20, entries 75¢ after • Admission: Adults \$5, 5-16 years \$1, Under 5 years FREE • Info: Dianne Allison 250-629-3372 • ON PENDER ISLAND

Saturday, August 27

Hidden Places: Exploring New Cultures & Landscapes Multi-Media Presentation—with Dag Goering and Maria Coffey who have pioneered sea kayaking destinations around the globe, presentation to cover Vietnam and Galapagos adventures • Community Hall; sponsored by Saturna Island Small Boat Club • 7:30pm • Admission: \$12 • Info: Wes Knapp, 250-539-3572 or twoleos@gulfislands.com • ON SATURNA ISLAND

Sunday, August 28

'Arts on the Avenue' 7th Annual Street Arts Festival—juried arts and fine crafts, one-day show and sale of more than 32 artists; live entertainment all day, artist demos; silent art auction; enjoy Ladysmith's Heritage by the Sea • First Avenue at Roberts Street, short drive from Crofton • 10am–4pm • Info: 250-245-2259 or www.ladysmithcofc.com/artscouncil • IN LADYSMITH



Fri & Sat, Sept 2 & 3

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LETTERS from previous column

that deeply scar this country and have imbued it with the haunting images of continuing genocide.

This letter is not to revise the ratings of 'who is evil' and 'who is good'—it is to express the view that the demonization of indigenous others who refuse to give over the control of strategic resources the West craves is political rhetoric. Building Canada's foreign policy on it is a recipe for escalating tragedy rather than for restoring peace.

Ted Lumley, Pender Island

Thanks to Concerned Citizens

Dear Editor:

The recent abandonment of the Duke Point power plant by BC Hydro was a victory for an amazing coalition of concerned citizens!

The campaign to find a better solution to our future electricity needs than polluting gas co-generation plants in Port Alberni, Duncan or finally Duke Point was a far flung, intense, effective campaign by those who also had day jobs and families but who remained cool, calm and professional. They developed alternatives, sat through meetings and hearings and presented submissions and reports over a period of 5-1/2 years.

Proponents of cleaner greener, Kyoto friendly energy solutions ranged from Port Alberni to Mayne Island, Vancouver to Gold River and Victoria to Nanaimo, Cobble Hill to Gabriola Island, Saturna Island to Washington State... Some gave money, some expertise and insight, all gave time. No one person was responsible for this citizens victory but each laid his straw on the pile until BC Hydro's camel's back broke!

The following groups deserve thanks from all those who appreciate clean air, economical power and sustainable resource use: GSXCCC (Georgia Strait Crossing Concerned Citizens Coalition); Cowichan Valley residents; Cobble Hill residents and farmers group; Hupacaseth Nation and Chief Judith Sayers; local community associations; local medical doctors; Council of Canadians, Cowichan Valley, Victoria and Nanaimo Chapters; Georgia Strait Alliance; NCOC (Nanaimo Citizens Organizing Committee); Gabriola No Gas Plant; Salish Sea Community

Mapping Gang; VI Energy Listserve (executive GSXCCC); Gabriola 'Positive Energy Quilters'; Sierra Club; BC Sustainable Energy Association (central and local chapters); David Suzuki Foundation; Gabriola Professional Engineers; Gabriola Residents and Ratepayers Association; BC Old Age Pensioners Associations, represented by the BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre; South End Citizens Association; Raging Grannies from Cowichan Valley, Salt Spring and Gabriola; SPEC (Society Promoting Environmental Conservation); ESVI (Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island); Alberni Environmental Coalition; Citizens Stewardship Coalition; Shadybrook Farm; BC Citizens for Public Power; Sustainable Energy Association; Saturna Community Club; Pender Island Conservancy; Galiano Conservancy Association; Mayne Island Naturalists; Salt Spring Island Conservancy; Saanich Inlet Protection Society; GSXMC (Marine Coalition Active Against the Pipeline (WA State no-name anti-GSX Contingent); Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee, including Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Ltd Partnership, and Norske Ltd; Green Island Energy; Westcoast Energy; Enco Power Co; Post Carbon Institute; Sea Breeze Power Co; Energy Alternatives Ltd; West Coast Environmental Law Society; Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund; Bill Andrews, Council for GSXCCC; Sierra Legal Defense Fund and their lawyer Tim Howard; and Brian Wallace, lawyer from Bull Housser and Tupper.

Thanks also to media who carried 'unabridged' information: *Gabriola Sounder*, *Flying Shingle*, *Malaspina Radio (CHLY)*, *Island Tides*, and the *Watershed Sentinel*.

Also, Simon Fraser School of Resources and Environmental Management; Marc Jaccard and Rose Murphy, Village of Gold River; Islands Trust Council; and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Committee.

While I have tried to make the following list comprehensive, inevitably there will be some who have been missed. To you, as well as all who wrote letters to the media, the government and BC Hydro, those who attended meetings, kept informed, signed petitions, made phone calls and kept up the pressure, congratulations and a giant "Thank you!"

Liz Fox, Lantzville

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More to the forest than meets the eye

It's not only the trees that count in the forest. Back in 1999, non-timber forest products (NTFP) contributed an estimated \$600 million to community economy development and forest conservation in BC. Non-timber forest products range from prized wild mushrooms, natural health products and decorative floral greens to First Nations art and eco-tour experiences.

Hoping to support the domestic and international development of these wild products, Royal Roads University's Centre for Non-Timber Resources will host a symposium, a conference and a festival this summer.

'A Future Beneath the Trees' an international symposium, August 25-27, will demonstrate the contribution of non-timber forest products. 'Buy BCwild,' a conference building entrepreneurial skills, knowledge and market competitiveness follows. In between, there's a festival called 'Shop the Wild' on August 28. Open to the public, it includes a vendors' market, native plants, cooking and craft demonstrations, mini-lectures, tours, live music and children's activities.

Darcy Mitchell, director of the Centre comments, 'Businesses in this sector don't yet have a unified industry voice which hampers their ability to deal with issues like securing access to Crown lands to harvest resources. They also need to find new and emerging markets and to ensure the industry-wide use of sustainable harvesting techniques.'

Buy BCwild Directory

In anticipation of the three events, the centre has recently published the Buy BCwild directory, a consumer guide. The directory gives information on how to use products, including recipes. It's available through community organizations, farmers' markets and various retail outlets.

For more information on the Centre for Non-Timber Resources: visit www.royalroads.ca/cntr, or contact ntfp@royalroads.ca, or call 250-391-2600, ext. 4328.



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Documents for the tender for “Water Transport Service” will be available to contractors from the School Board Office commencing August 15, 2005.

The contract may be a one-year contract or a multi-year contract not to exceed two (2) years.

Tenders will be opened immediately after closing time. The content of Tenders will not generally be made public, except at the discretion of the school district.

The school district reserves the right to reject any or all tenders received.

Contact:

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)

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It’s back to school time!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

• GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

537-9944

School is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for registration of new students. Pick up of Student Schedule Packages and collection of Student Fees will take place on Thursday, September 1 and Friday, September 2 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Student Fee is \$25 for everyone. Students may pay fees and purchase a yearbook for a total of \$60.

OPENING DAY ONLY, Tuesday, September 6 will be early dismissal (9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

Principal: Ms. Nancy Macdonald

• SALT SPRING ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

537-1159

School will be open August 29 to September 2, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for registration of new students.

OPENING DAY ONLY, Tuesday, September 6, will be early dismissal (8:25 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.).

Principal: Mr. Kevin Vine

PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPALS FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

• GALIANO SCHOOL

539-2261

Mr. Glenn Goring

Office will be open for registrations August 31, September 1 and 2 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First day of school, September 6, students will attend from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

• MAYNE SCHOOL

539-2371

Ms. Shelly Johnson

Office will be open for registrations August 23, 24, and 25 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First day of school, September 6, students will attend from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

• PENDER SCHOOL

629-3711

Mr. Martin Blakesley

Office will be open for registrations on August 30, 31 and September 1 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Opening day only, Tuesday, September 6 will be early dismissal (8:50 to 10:30 a.m.).

All students, including Kindergarten, will begin September 6.

• SATURNA SCHOOL

539-2472

Mr. Steve Dunsmuir

Office will be open for registrations August 31 and September 1 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

First day of school, September 6, students will attend from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Stephen Lewis’ seven measures for AIDS pandemic

Stephen Lewis, in his role as the Secretary General’s Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS, has spent the last four years travelling through Africa watching people die. The Canadian, who says he is neither a scientist or expert, was called to address the opening of the third International AIDS Society Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on July 24.

Lewis gave a passionate speech to the gathered scientists and AIDs experts, challenging them to engage in a campaign of advocacy. His speech covered seven issues/recommendations to address the pandemic.

- He began by questioning the results of the G8 Summit, arguing that it was a failure because debt continues to cripple the battle against poverty and AIDS. Foreign aid continues to fall short of the 0.7% of GNP target.
- Second, Lewis applauded the WHO’s 3 by 5 initiative, which set a global target to provide three million people living with HIV/AIDS in low- and middle-income countries with life-prolonging antiretroviral treatment (ART) by the end of 2005. He highlighted the importance of moving towards the goal of making universal access of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment accessible for all who need them as a human right.
- Lewis listed the Global Fund to fight AIDS next, saying the fund requires several hundred million dollars this year, and several billion over the next two years. He recognized the program’s ‘teething problems’ but said that it has emerged as ‘the most formidable new international financial mechanism in the battle against communicable disease’ and urged the audience to support it.
- Fourth, Lewis urged everyone present to lobby ‘ferociously to make gender inequality history.’ Saying that he felt the greatest international failure in response to the AIDS crisis was ‘the failure to intervene, dramatically, on behalf of women,’ Lewis also called for an independent, international women’s agency.
- Fifth, Lewis pointed out the importance of science in creating vaccines and microbicides. He encouraged the scientists to pressure their governments and the scientific community to provide the necessary resources and push for more trials.
- Lewis also spoke about the need for delivery systems, which he believes has become a pivotal issue in every country. We may have an inexpensive treatment for AIDS, but no capacity to administer it. Training is needed to bring solutions to to people living with AIDS.
- Last of all, Lewis spoke of orphans; how child-headed households are a growing phenomenon in Africa; how grandmothers bury their children and try to cope with grandchildren. Lewis pointed out that, ‘Most of you in this room probably feel very distant from orphans. You’re not. Nothing in this pandemic works in a vacuum, or works in compartments. Everything is linked inextricably to everything else. That young girl is at the end of a continuum which starts with your scientific inquiry, and moves, inexorably, to her intense human anguish.’

And with that, Lewis urged the audience to become advocates, to add their voices to fighting the AIDS pandemic.

To read the entire transcript of Lewis’ speech, visit www.islandtides.com, click on Back Issues + Reprints and go to our Global Issues archive. ☞

Salt Spring’s Mount Erskine almost over the top

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy has received confirmation of a \$125,000 gift from the Nature Conservancy of Canada’s BC Region (NCC-BC) for the purchase of the spectacular 100-acre parcel at the summit of Salt Spring’s Mount Erskine. NCC-BC’s portfolio of protected sites in the Southern Gulf Islands already includes a conservation covenant on 55 acres of forested land on Mount Erskine owned by the Islands Trust Fund.

NCC’s regional vice president, Jan Garnetta said, ‘Nothing is more gratifying than to see people come together in appreciation of special places. Entire ecosystems are disappearing before our eyes. Then a community like Salt Spring makes a concerted effort to save precious habitat—and it all comes together!’


NCC’s contribution, combined with pledges and donations from Salt Spring Islanders and others, brings the conservancy very close to their fundraising goal of \$650,000. The conservancy is now collecting all pledges made to the campaign to ensure that they have sufficient funds to complete the purchase on time, and to cover legal costs and other expenses, as well as provide a small fund to help defray costs for stewardship of the land for years to come. ☞

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An Extra Ten Minutes in Bed

The good news is that if you have a reservation (and you’ll probably need one this month) on a Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands ferry (Route 9 or 9A) you no longer have to get to the terminal quite so early. BC Ferries now requires that you be there 30 minutes ahead of departure time, previously it was 40 minutes. (Reservations on all other routes only required a 30-minute lead time.) The change was made on the Reservations webpage on July 27.

You can enjoy the extra ten minutes shut-eye at home instead of at the terminal. However ground crew are concerned about having to process all those cars with ten minutes less time. ☞



SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)

District Website: www.sd64.bc.ca/transportation.html

WATER TAXI SCHEDULE FOR 2005/2006

THE SCHOLARSHIP

Route 1

Morning Run

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	0650	Sturdies Bay	0740
Sturdies Bay	0742	Miners Bay	0750
Miners Bay	0752	Ganges Harbour	0845

Afternoon Run

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	1630	Sturdies Bay	1720
Sturdies Bay	1722	Miners Bay	1728
Miners Bay	1730	Ganges Harbour	1820

Sturdies Bay = Galiano Island

Miner’s Bay = Mayne Island

THE GRADUATE

Route 2

Morning Run

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	0645	Lyall Harbour	0740
Lyall Harbour	0742	Port Washington	0805
Port Washington	0807	Ganges Harbour	0845

Afternoon Run

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	1630	Port Washington	1710
Port Washington	1712	Lyall Harbour	1732
Lyall Harbour	1733	Ganges Harbour	1835

Lyall Harbour = Saturna Island

Port Washington = Pender Island

Passengers are to be at the dock 5 minutes prior to departure.

BC market for pigeon meat growing

There's growing demand for pigeon meat (squab) in BC. The large influx of people from Asia has been credited for the increase over the last five to ten years. Demand is expected to continue and entrepreneurs estimate that the BC market could grow to as many as 500,000 squab per year.

Squabs have been commercially grown in the lower Fraser Valley of BC for more than a decade. Pigeons are fed either a pelleted diet or free choice whole grain. A breeding pair of pigeons produce 8 to 10 squab per year. The squab reach 60 times their hatch weight in 28 days, the highest growth rate of any commercial bird including broilers (24 times).

Huge squab processing projects are underway around the

world, particularly in China, where pigeons braised in soy sauce, cured pigeons, pot-stewed pigeons and pigeon powders are produced.

Although the squab operations in the lower Fraser Valley average around 1400 breeding pairs, pigeon-raising is viable for smallhold farming. Local farmers are encouraging others to join the squab squad.

Pete Theissen of Theissen Gamebirds raises pigeons for meat in the lower mainland and has pigeon pairs for sale. He can be reached at 604-856-7405. For more info: www.agf.gov.bc.ca/poultry/publications/documents/squab.pdf.

The Alaska National Wildlife Reserve is safe for now, since Democrats threatened to filibuster the Energy Bill if it included oil drilling in the pristine region. California is a different story. Despite protests from the state's superstar governor and a majority of state residents, HR 6 authorizes seismic testing to begin off California's shores to discover new oil pockets. Environmentalists have decried the practice as cruel to marine mammals and other sea creatures, as the low-frequency sound waves disturb sea life. California will also have to receive liquefied natural gas shipments at its ports.

Commentary

The new energy policy is a patchwork of pork-barrel politics and real progress. It's packed with incentives and tax breaks, many for oil, gas, and coal corporations. While it does have bright points that citizens can celebrate, the bill also keeps America dependent on foreign oil, and held hostage by American car manufacturers and American fossil fuel companies.

Unfortunately, it appears that the US government neglected to read Victoria author Guy Dauncey's book *Stormy Weather: 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change*, which is full of practical solutions that could serve as a base for US energy policy. Dauncey urges an 80% reduction in emissions by 2025, a quite achievable goal, if only communities and governments would work together. Levelling the playing field for renewable energy sources (currently subsidized at a rate of 4-7% of what oil companies get), mandating fuel efficiency standards (current technology produces cars that get 80mpg!), and charging a carbon tax are just three such solutions that could greatly benefit the US.

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US ENERGY POLICY from page 1

Points of Light

The American government has yet to adopt any radical measures regarding renewable energy sources, but there are signs of (slow) progress in the bill—\$550 million in tax credits for wind and biomass electricity generation, and a \$2000 tax credit for homeowners installing solar energy panels. There are also tax breaks for hybrid electric cars and incentives for hydrogen fuel cell research and use.

Certain appliances and electric devices now carry mandatory efficiency standards and labels, helping consumers purchase more efficient products. Also, an Electricity Regulatory Organization will mandate rules for electricity distribution, reducing the likelihood of massive blackouts like the 2003 outage that shut down New York City and Toronto. New rules preventing energy companies from 'Enroning' electricity (buying and withholding power on transmission lines) should reduce the likelihood of rolling blackouts, like the ones California endured in 2001.

Daylight Savings, Environmental Losses

In an effort to save even more electricity, the US is extending daylight savings time (DST) by four weeks. Lasting from mid-March to early November, the extended DST would result in an estimated savings of 2.8 million barrels of oil each year, according to the American National Standards Institute. ANSI also reported that studies show extended DST will result in lower crime, fewer traffic fatalities, and increased economic activity. The National Parent Teacher Association opposes the new DST, which goes into effect in 2007, citing concerns over children's safety.

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Ice Bear at the Ganges Thunderbird Gallery ~ Patrick Brown

Ice Bear is a status member of the Chippewas of Nawash at Cape Croker on Georgian Bay in Ontario. His paintings and sculptures, displayed at the Thunderbird Gallery in Ganges on Salt Spring Island, reflect native culture and a deep spirituality combined with imagination and painstaking craftsmanship. It's a unique and probably unmatched vision.

He is Chris Johnson to his friends, a foster child who, as a teenager, attended the Toronto Artists' Workshop and later Sheridan College, matching a natural talent with a solid artistic training. For the next 25 years, he worked as a commercial artist and art director in the advertising industry in Toronto and Vancouver.

When he arrived in Vancouver in the early eighties, his three-piece suits became uncomfortable. Chris slowly returned to fine art, struggling with style and materials to find what he now describes as 'giving reality to the visions his Creator sends him.' As Ice Bear, he can give full rein to those visions.

Initially, he worked with the formal curves and shapes of aboriginal art; most of us would recognize them as the elements of totem poles, panels, and paintings. Interestingly, he juxtaposed them with finely crafted landscape images.

Branching out in the nineties, he painted

a series of murals in Sidney, notably the paddlers in the massive canoe on the side of the telephone building, on the left as you drive down Beacon Avenue towards the ocean. He also created sculpture; the best known is the massive 'Four Winds' at Mermaid Wharf on Victoria's waterfront.

The Ganges show marks a further evolution in style from his earlier work, together with increasing courage and confidence. The visions are clearly from a native heritage; many of the images are common to many aboriginal cultures throughout North America. And what images they are: the cry of the warrior, the swirl of a hoop dancer, the wisdom of an old chief, the wolf howling at a sleeping spirit. They are presented with force and movement; sometimes dazzling, sometimes graceful and quiescent. He shows a mastery of a wide variety of techniques: neither wholly abstract nor wholly naturalistic, and never shy, both style and content are fully employed in communicating the sweep of his imagination.

As for sculptures, Ice Bear is a master of negative space, creating light, airy compositions, full of movement, from solid materials. Two are on display, plus a photograph of a third (tied up in the container strike in Vancouver). One of the models is a miniature of a sculpture that will be erected on the Sea to Sky Highway, as a

memorial to all those who have lost their lives on that treacherous road.

Ice Bear's paintings are primarily acrylic on canvas; his sculptures in soapstone, wood, composites, and winterstone, and he now has a series of limited edition bronzes in

works will be on display at Sidney's Village Gallery. Chris lives in Crofton.



Ice Bear's art displayed at the Thunderbird Gallery in Ganges.

The full scoop on consumption

The Journal of Industrial Ecology has published a special issue on consumption. Articles provide systematic and quantitative assessments of the environmental impact of what we buy and what we use. The relationship between consumption and factors such as diet change, time use, house size, worktime reduction, product life spans, quality of life, NGO advocacy strategies, and the rebound effect, as well as the environmental impact of consumption at the household, city and national levels in countries around the world are examined.

The entire issue of the international quarterly published by MIT Press is online and can be downloaded, free of charge, from: <http://mitpress.mit.edu/JIE/consumption>.

Galiano Wine Fest features BC wineries

Despite the truckers' strike that has left thousands of cases of wine languishing on the Vancouver waterfront, the August 13 Galiano Wine Festival has an excellent selection this year. There may be fewer imported wines but local products from lesser-known BC winemakers more than compensate. There's a special thrill in discovering outstanding wines from local producers that you have never heard of!

Wines from Our Backyard

Pioneering winemakers are settling in to carefully chosen spots in the Gulf Islands, on Vancouver Island, in the Okanagan and beyond. After years of waiting for their vines to come into production, these newcomers are at last realizing their dream—their own labels, their own wines, their own special place in the BC wine spectrum. Here are some of the local wineries whose wines will be featured at Galiano's festival:

- Blasted Church is attracting almost as much praise for their story-telling labels as they do for their wines.
- Blossom Wineries have a growing and well-deserved reputation for dessert wines—late harvest grape and ice wines, and fruit wines.
- Crowsnest Wineries are well off the beaten path in the Upper Bench of the Similkameen Valley so this is a chance to taste their wines.
- Glenterra Vineyards—'the garage winery of the Cowichan Valley' [their words], produces wines with concentrated flavours, mainly using grapes from their ten-year-old estate.
- Salt Spring Vineyards introduce themselves

as 'friendly wine, vintage people'. They are sending an apple wine, among others.

- Saturna Island Winery is by no means a small winery anymore, but they are certainly local. This year most of their wines are made from their own Saturna-grown grapes.
- Stag's Hollow Winery was, for years, just a dream in the mind of Calgary businessman Larry Gerelus. Now he handcrafts wines in limited quantities near Okanagan Falls, in a style that fuses old and new world attitudes.
- Thetis Island Vineyards has produced wine commercially for just over a year, but already have a reputation for their Blackberry Port. You'll be able to compare it with its sibling, Blueberry Port.
- The Vigneti Zanatta vines at Glenora, in the Cowichan Valley, were planted in 1986, and production began in 1990. Winemaker Loretta Zanatta brings an Italian touch to the Valley.

Other Indulgences

It's not just the winemakers who are making their mark on the Islands, there's a lot of high-quality cheese making. At the festival, Moonstruck Organic Cheese of Salt Spring Island will be offering a range of cheeses especially selected for their affinity with wine.

Also featured will be Brad Prevedoros and his guitar music, a raffle and a silent auction, a selection of books on wine and food and souvenirs.

The festival is an annual fundraiser for the Galiano Health Care Centre. For more information see the What's On, page 5.



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