



# Shawnigan Focus

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## Shawnigan is gathering...



Ann Mortifee, with Paul Horn accompanying, gave an inspiring and moving presentation to the large crowd gathered in the gym for the opening ceremonies of the Shawnigan Gathering,

In her keynote speech, Ann told the crowd that, she has learned from her own experience, that every person **can** make a difference – alone, or with a group - if they feel passionate about what they do. This has been proved over and over again in her life whether she had the skill set or the money at the time.

Shawnigan is full of people who are passionate about Shawnigan. As demonstrated by recent events, the Shawnigan Community is gathering strength, momentum, and identity.

This was reflected in the success of the first annual Shawnigan Gathering – **see more on page 2, page 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13**

And at a recent community meeting and community protest – **see more on page 4**



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# Celebrating Citizens

**Dave Hutchinson**  
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Shawnigan is fortunate to have many individuals who care about the community. Their contributions of talent, energy and goodwill make this an extraordinary place. The Shawnigan Gathering honoured five of our finest with the presentation of Citizen Awards as part of the opening ceremony.

**Patty Oldfield:** Her creativity and hard work are manifested in the Village Chipperry yet she still finds energy and time for countless community initiatives. Always helpful and friendly she makes the Village a better place.

**Graham Ross-Smith:** Graham has provided many years of multi-tasking commitment with watershed issues, the Advisory Planning Commission, the Shawnigan Residents Association, and the recently formed Ecological Design Panel. He may also have some Scottish heritage.

**Lori Treloar:** Lori's interest and care for this community are unrivalled. She is the stalwart steward of the Shawnigan Historical Society, Curator of the Shawnigan Museum, and Editor of the Shawnigan Focus. And just to fill those idle moments she also sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Lynn Weaver:** Creator of the MoonDance Dynamic Arts School and co-founder of Inspire, Lynn herself is an extraordinary inspiration to the Arts and Culture component of Shawnigan. She has helped put this community on the map with her creative energy.

**Roy Davies:** Currently the president of the Shawnigan Lake Business Association, Roy also makes time for many other groups including the Shawnigan Lake Community Association, Lions Club, and 4-H. Being the operator of the Style Centre Barber Shop in the Village helps Roy keep his finger on the pulse of the community.



*Shawnigan Gathering: Five exceptional members of the community.  
Photo by Sally Davies*

## More vandalism = more tax dollars

The Shawnigan Parks Commission added a beautiful washroom building and tot playground to Shawnigan Hills Park to make the park more attractive and useable for the community. These upgrades were done with taxpayers money – yours!

Sadly, there has been repeated vandalism activities at Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park. Over the past 2.5 weeks there have been fires in the washrooms, fixtures burned and torn off walls, doors bent requiring replacement, toilets plugged and vandalized, siding kicked in, picnic tables carved, soffit material removed and

garbage strewn over picnic tables and patio to name a few. The time of these incidents seems to range from dusk to after midnight, with Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights being the prime time. Do you know where your children are on those nights? The estimated cost of all vandalism thus far in 2013 is pushing \$3,000 plus the cost of ongoing private security on duty for Friday and Saturday night patrols.

At this time, we are very thankful to the diligent service of our gatekeeper in reporting and scaring away suspicious persons. We have also added Coval security services to walk

the property twice a night on Friday and Saturday nights. The police have three files open on this recent park activity, and I have asked the staff sergeant to call me regarding increased patrols. Parks Staff are looking into the legalities around posting a video camera and signage in a public facility, and will likely do that if permitted. In an effort to curb the criminal activity and protect this beautiful facility, the CVRD is appreciative of any support the local community can provide in keeping a watchful eye and reporting all suspicious behavior to the RCMP.

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### Shawnigan Moments



*Photo by Janet Neilsen*



# Editorial

## SIA Draft Permit Letters to the Editor

The Focus has received many letters on the contaminated waste draft permit - far too many to print in our small paper. We hope you have also sent those letters to the Premier and the Minister of Environment.

We have decided to print in this issue excerpts of three letters that many readers might not have seen. These letters come from scientists familiar with the issues involved, a technician who works remediating the many failed containment liners all over north America and a developer of lands immediately above the SIA site.

These letters are available in their original form on the Focus website: [ShawniganFocus.ca](http://ShawniganFocus.ca).

Thanks again to all of you for all the letters you have written.

**Dennis A. Lowen**, P. Eng, who prepared a report for the Shawnigan Residents Association wrote, in part:

*"... I am a professional engineer and geoscientist specializing in hydrogeology and at this time I am not working for any client regarding the project. ... As a P. Eng I am motivated to communicate my concerns in accordance with our code of ethics, article 1: 'hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public and the protection of the environment'."*

### Conclusions

*"The proposed SIA contaminated soils landfill site provides no natural protection for the established drinking water sources in the region. The site is not suitable for a landfill. All environmental and drinking water protection measures proposed must be engineered (man-made) and are prone to failure. Furthermore the protection measures would have to be maintained in perpetuity. This is not a sustainable proposal. The environmental assessment (IAR) carried out for the proposal has many errors and omissions all of which favour the proponent."*

### Closing

*"If the SIA contaminated soil landfill proposal is allowed to proceed it will present an unacceptable risk to local drinking water supplies. The proposal should be rejected."*

*"If our region needs a site for disposal/treatment of contaminated soils then there are many more suitable sites that are available. A siting study and selection process should be undergone to locate these sites; however, recent advances in contaminated soils treatment techniques provide another option. Contaminated soils can be treated where found making hauling and dumping unnecessary."*

**Colin Frostad, M.Sc. and Rebecca Frostad, M.GIS., P. Geol.**, wrote, in part:

*"Further to our open letter written early this year, and with the pending approval of the SIA quarry site, here are further concerns regarding using the SIA quarry for a contaminated soil facility. I hope the overwhelming geological questions regarding this*

*location raises some flags as to the suitability of the site."*

Questioning SIA interpretations of well data: *"Furthermore, and inexcusably ignored, water well tag #93401, which is the 3rd best water well in the entire catchment area, is flowing water at 30 GPM from a shallow depth of 22m. How is it concluded that the rock is impermeable to 75m, when the second closest data point to the study area is flowing water at 22m?"*

*"To an objective scientist the underlying bedrock at the proposed site is very poorly understood. If anything, the SIA quarry site shows abnormally high permeable fracture conduits, as indicated by highly productive wells tag # 86152 and # 93401. Both of these wells show evidence of a shallow water source. If anything, this site is in one of the worst locations possible with respect to shallow water flow, especially if you take into account its proximity to Shawnigan Creek."*

**David Mohler, Geotechnical Technician**, and Shawnigan resident:

*"I am a resident of the Shawnigan Lake area and have been for the better part of 43 years. I have also been employed in the mining industry for the past 15 years in both Canada and the United States. My primary responsibilities are the monitoring and inspection of tailings impoundment structures, waste water ponds, and water retention dikes and dams. I have also been involved in the remediation of these structures when they fail."*

*"Is it possible that 100,000 tons of contaminated soils could be located on top of a highly permeable 'cheese' like limestone structure, each and every year for the next 50 years?"*

*"Is it possible that such a decision could be made without at least exploring the existence and nature of these limestone features?"*

**Residents who have written to us**

**We have received far more letters than we can print. We would like to thank the many residents who took the time to write to the Focus and to newspapers and politicians over the last month.**

## RE:/Shawnigan Gathering April 6th & 7th

Dear Editors of the Focus,

Having had a little time to digest some of the many workshops, musical offerings and events of the recent Shawnigan Gathering, I would like to congratulate the organizers and, indeed, the whole community, for coming together to create such a spectacular two days.

First of all, the venue at the Community Centre was very suitable, with comfortable, well-lit rooms, a wonderful food court and lots of room for entertainment and displays. I can't imagine the amount of work that went into organizing this, so bravo to Georgia, Melissa, Kelly, Jennie, Cindy, and all the others involved.

The Opening Ceremonies with the Lieutenant Governor, RCMP, Colour Guard and the children's marimba band was terrific. Bringing in Anne Mortifec and Paul

Horn to participate, with their talent and warmth, made the occasion very memorable, especially to this starstruck fan.

I was pleased to see five of our citizens receiving well-deserved awards and hope this is a yearly tradition, as there are so many hard-working people here at Shawnigan Lake.

What made the whole event so enjoyable to me was the colour and diversity of the arts displayed throughout the two days. From the line-dancing seniors, to the popping and crumping of the hip-hop boys, to the a cappella singing of the local choir and the swirling skirts and stomping feet of the dancers, it was all just wonderful. The aerial performers were graceful and exciting and the rhythms of the various musicians and marimba band moved everyone to dance. Talk about making a joyful noise!

The workshops covered a wide spectrum of topics and were well attended. What impressed me was the depth of citizen wisdom and expertise in the room. From Watershed Issues (so prominent in our minds at this critical time with the threat from the SIA application to dump contaminated soil in our watershed) to Village Rejuvenation, to information on Municipal Incorporation, the people are listening and they are responding, often with very innovative ideas.

The Trade Show on Sunday was colourful and interesting. I was impressed with the variety of organizations and services offered in our community and happily connected up with a number of them.

Later on, the informative workshops continued: Meeting the Needs of Seniors and Youth, the Work of the Parks Board, Food Security and Agriculture in the Cowichan Valley, and, one of my favourites, listening to the Cowichan Nation's Arvid Charlie as he regaled us with Stories about Shawnigan Lake in relation to the history of his people.

I have helped organize community events in other cities and so am very appreciative of the work involved in this one. My thanks go out to our Area Director, Bruce Fraser, who had the vision to bring this gathering into being. His work on establishing the various Circles and committees has paved the way for the large citizen participation we experienced this last weekend. How fortunate we are to have a political leader who understands that the collaborative, consensus-building model is so much more effective than the "I know what's best for you" one we see in some top-down organizations.

Finally, as a member of several local groups, I am proud to work with such a broad spectrum of talent and passionate involvement. Bravo, Shawnigan!

Sincerely, Marcy Green



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## People Making a Difference

There are so many people working to prevent a contaminated waste site in our watershed, many of them not getting the recognition they deserve.

In other places, we recognize the contributions of our local organizations, including the Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable - for their leadership in so many areas, including organizing the gathering, and the CVRD board and Chair Rob Hutchins - for making this an issue for Regional Districts in the area and around the province.

We would like to mention just a few of the ordinary people make an extraordinary contribution here.

**Dwight International School** - the students and their letter writing campaign.

**Steve and Jen Eldridge** - the first people to alert us to the problems with the site and great organizers to this day.

**John and Lois Hayes** - for the hundreds of Save Our Shawnigan Water signs which



Gathering in protest at Steve Housser's public meeting ... Photo by Brent Beach

have come to symbolize the resistance to the Draft Permit.

**Dr Mackenzie Brooks** - for her voice on the picket line, and many other contributions.

**Shelagh Bell-Irving and**

**Carolyn Dowell** - for informing the commuters at the south-end turnoff.

**Elaine Fitch** - with her daily letters.

**Ron Witherspoon** - for his work on a legal challenge to the Permit. It may come

down to this.

The many people on the **Idle No More** walk who are including our contaminated site problem in the reasons for their walk from Duncan to Shawnigan.

**Hundreds of residents** who came out to the rally in

the Village

**Hundreds of residents** who came out to the Protest meeting at the community centre.

**Thousands of residents** and others who signed the online petition to stop the draft permit.

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Gathering at the Save Our Shawnigan Water Rally on March 30th Photo by Brent Beach

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## Shawnigan Lake (Area B) Parks Commission

**Margaret Symon**  
*Parks Commissioner Chair*

### George Norris Trail Builder

With the recent passing of **George Norris**, Shawnigan Lake has lost a humble hero. Norris, who was born on Christmas Eve, 1928, died on March 12, 2013, in his hometown Victoria. George, his wife, Phyllis, and their family lived across the country before settling at Shawnigan Lake. Here, George and Phyllis enjoyed their senior years on a wooded acreage on the eastern slopes of the lake before finally “retiring” about six years ago to Victoria. I recall Phyllis telling me they were drawn to Shawnigan Lake because of family connections; for decades, Phyllis’s family owned property on Shawnigan’s west side, where many a pleasant summer was spent at the lake in decades gone by.

I first met George and Phyllis about fifteen years ago, shortly after my family moved to Shawnigan Lake. Keen on parks and trails, I was informed, “George is the local expert.” At their home on Furlonge Road, Phyllis kindly served tea while George produced an amazing

plethora of maps, photos, and surveys of local trails, together with a mass of file folders containing neatly hand-written charts and notes describing the many attributes of local trails. The inventory included neatly labeled photographs and detailed plant lists. Further file folders held copies of typed (or, if George was the author, meticulously hand-written) letters sent by the then Shawnigan Trails Committee to forest companies, government ministries, and other departments, requesting information, and, more often than not, advocating for public ownership of significant trail connections on private lands.

Far from being “radicals,” George Norris and the Shawnigan Trails Committee adopted both a scientific and diplomatic approach to trail acquisition. I discovered this when I volunteered, along with a troupe of my four boys, youngsters at the time, with George, Phyllis, and several assorted members of the committee on a surveying project of the old Silvermine Trail connector. Aply led by Robin LeGarff, a certified surveyor,

our ad hoc group managed to “chain,” “mark,” and GPS several kilometres of forest trails between Silvermine Road the Kinsol Trestle. Detailed copies of the survey were submitted to the Ministry of Forests as part of the application to change the trail status to public ownership. The end result was successful: the portion of the Silvermine Trail connecting with the TransCanada Trail is now a designated public trail.

Other efforts by the Shawnigan Trails Committee were not so successful. Despite tireless attempts for many years involving letters, meetings, and site visits with various landowners and agencies, the committee never managed to succeed in having the trail up Baldy Mountain transferred to public ownership. My fondest memories of George are on Baldy Mountain, where George, into his mid 70’s, slowly persevered to the summit, walking stick in hand, with Phyllis close behind.

What I didn’t know about George were his accomplishments prior to coming to Shawnigan. I knew he was a sculptor and artist; I had seen



his sculptured friezes at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, and I was aware he was the artist of the popular hand-drawn map of Shawnigan Lake on display at our museum. In the last month or so, it came as quite a surprise to learn that one of George Norris’s works is an iconic feature at the City of Vancouver. George designed the giant metal crab in the fountain outside the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre. Commissioned by the Vancouver Centennial Commission to celebrate Canada’s centennial in 1967, the crab was intended to represent the First Na-

tion legend that the crab was the guardian to the harbour. Another of George’s more popular works is the frieze on the exterior of the post office in Vancouver. Other examples of George’s works are found in Victoria, Merritt, Golden, Williams Lake, Penticton, Kimberley, Trail, Nanaimo, Esquimalt, North Vancouver, and at Shawnigan Lake.

I truly believe we owe it to George Norris, our humble artist, sculptor, and local trails supporter, to advocate for public trail connections at Shawnigan for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

## George Norris - Artist

**Richard Shaw**

So there I was in the middle of the road in front of our house, up on the top of a ten foot high stepladder with a sharp knife attached to a long pole hacking at the laces of a pair of running shoes that some passing youth had taken it upon themselves to toss over the telephone wire. Every time I tried to cut the laces, the shoes swung away from me and the sagging telephone wire added to the pendulum affect. It was very frustrating. Then I thought “hey, this is just like something George would have done”

That would be George A. Norris. The first time I met him he was up on his roof, which had an alarmingly steep pitch, wearing slippers and banging away at some shingles or something. He had put out a call to the local paper for people who were interested in helping carve some decorative timbers for the new Shawnigan Community Centre back in the early 90’s, and I had stopped by to sign up. Over the next couple of years I, and many others, would meet over at George and Phyllis’s place on Furlonge Rd to help work on the carvings now installed in the Centre. It was a true community project.

You may have read about George’s passing this March at the age of 84. There were articles about him in the Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, Globe and Mail and others. He was a highly regarded sculptor and artist known mostly for the giant stainless steel crab outside the HR MacMillan Planetarium in Vancouver. He completed the crab in 1968 and generations of people have used as a backdrop for family snapshots ever since. The papers mentioned his many other public sculptures including those at UVic, the Victoria Public Library, and many more in Vancouver where he and Phyllis lived before moving to Shawnigan Lake in the early 80’s.

That’s all in the official newspaper obituary but I have a few personal recollections from a Shawnigan perspective. Like the time he needed to get a 40 foot long piece of lumber from his place on Furlonge across to the family cabin on the West side of the lake. He attached wheels to it and guided it down Cemetery hill like a giant skateboard to Recreation Rd and then towed it across the lake with a rowboat. The cabin was built on property owned by

Phyllis Norris’s family, the Piddingtons, and had been in the family since at least the 1930’s. Before that Robert Dunsmuir the coal magnate had a grand summer home there. It had burned down in the 1980’s and this fire was the main reason for the Shawnigan Volunteer Fire Department acquiring a boat. Phyllis was still swimming across the lake into her 60’s with George rowing along beside her.

I learned how to carve from George. He had attended art school in Vancouver, had won a scholarship to study in London and had apprenticed with a master sculptor in Syracuse New York. I came into the studio one day and said “George, check this out. It’s a disk with chainsaw teeth on it. You put it on an angle grinder and it spins at 13,000 rpm! - goes through wood like butter” I demonstrated and created a blizzard of wood chips inside the studio. George blinked a couple of times, looking at the disk like it was deadly viper and said, “er... no thanks “ and went back to chipping away with a mallet and gouge. That was George Norris.

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# Dwight School Canada Student opinions on climate change

As the culminating task for a unit on environmental issues and solutions, students in Sonia Furstenau's Communications 11 class at Dwight School Canada answered the question, "Should we take immediate action to stop climate change?" The following are excerpts from their essays.

Climate change is melting the ice in the north. It makes the ocean water go up. If the water goes up too much, the houses, towns, cities, and islands will be under water. Animals who live in the ice like polar bears or penguins would be in danger. Their homes would melt. People who live near the ice can lose their homes. They might also lose their culture is they do not live in the same place.

*Jake Hong, grade 10 ESL student*

The Earth's forests hold many undefined and unexplored places. They provide homes and thriving ecosystems to millions of living species. These forests act as the world's lungs, inhaling the carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and exhaling oxygen. Every day, forests around the world are clear cut and harvested for their natural resources such as many different types of wood for building supplies. When these forests are clear-cut, they release all the carbon dioxide that they had collected over the years and stored. Not only do they release the carbon dioxide, but also many types of species are left without homes and their own natural habitat. Their ecosystems are destroyed and they are forced to try to move to a different area, which can

by great distances away.

*Darian Slater, grade 11 student*

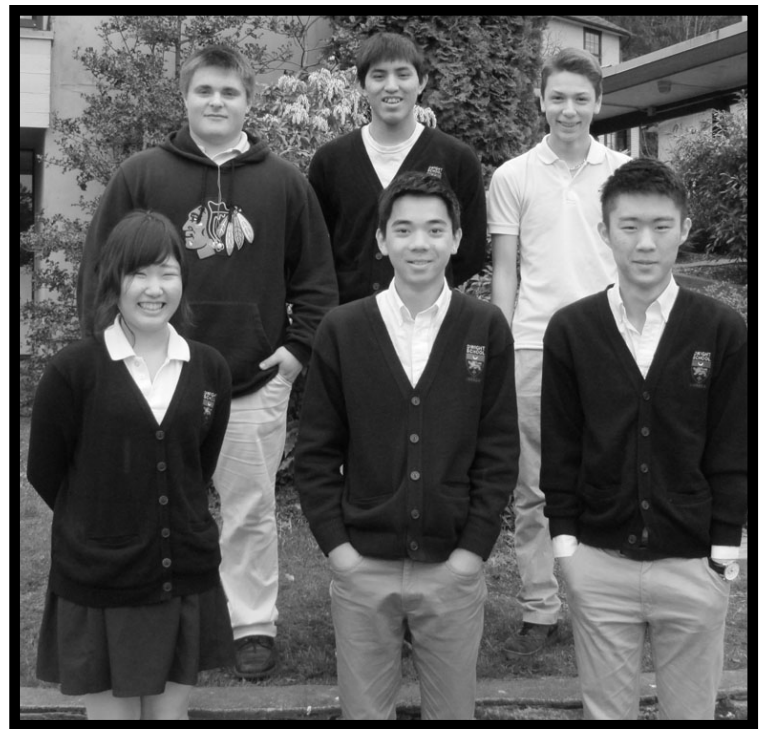
The rising temperature is the biggest problem of climate change. The weather is warmer than before and the temperatures are rising every year because of the increase of CO2 gasses. This will affect daily life. It also will cause large-scale droughts, and the plants cannot live in such difficult environments, so they will all die, and people will get no food. Sometimes rising temperatures will also cause too much rain for some places, and too much rain can also destroy the environment.

*Xin Chen, grade 11 ESL student*

We need to act on climate change because it is causing freshwater scarcity. Water scarcity is a big problem because many people have a hard time finding water. When there is a lack of fresh water, many people have to walk miles just to find water, and they often end up with dirty water that is not healthy. People end up sick because of the water they drink. 780 million people lack access to fresh water. That is more than two and a half times the population of the United States. More than 3.4 million people die each year from water sanitation and hygiene related causes. Nearly all of these deaths – 99% - occur in the developing world. Climate change will make this situation even worse.

*Wayne Daniels, grade 11 student*

Climate change is increasing acid in the oceans. The main cause is fossil fuels. By burn-



**From left to right, they are: back row - Darian Slater, Wayne Daniels, Jimmy-Joe Jones-Johnny; front row: Yuri Nishihara, Xin Chen, Jake Hong**

ing fossil fuels, CO2 levels have increased in the atmosphere since the 1800s from 375 ppm to 378 ppm. As the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere rises, the ocean absorbs a lot of it. The acidic oceans make it harder for coral, which provides homes for many other sea creatures, and it makes it hard for shellfish to build the shells they need for protection. Over the last few decades, the amount of carbon dioxide dissolved in the ocean has increased all over the world, and so has ocean acidity. To protect coral is important for marine animals. We can do many things such as use a bike or walk instead of using a car, reduce home heating and electricity use, and use fewer plastic bags.

*Yuri Nishihara, grade 10 ESL student*

Rising temperatures are causing the earth to get closer and closer to a tipping point. Deforestation is causing the ground to get hotter and not be able to cool down, because there are no trees to make shade. In January 2013, there were almost 500 wild fires in Australia, 23 of them out of control. Rising temperatures are happening all around the world and it is not going to stop. If it doesn't stop, we will go past the tipping point to a much worse place where it is much hotter than what we are experiencing now, and when we do, there is no going back.

*Jimmy-Joe Jones-Johnny, grade 11 student*

## Road-End Irresponsibility

This sunken boat, which sat leaking oil and gas into the lake for at least two weeks, is a good example of why something needs to be done about irresponsible misuse of many road-ends around the lake.

The new draft Zoning Bylaw, which will soon become law, has created a new W-2 Freshwater Conservation Zone:

### Permitted Uses

The following principal uses and no others are permitted in the W-2 Zone:

Activities directed towards environmental protection and habitat enhancement; Passive recreation.

### Prohibited Uses

Privately owned floats, piles, docks, wharves and similar

moorage structures are not permitted in the W-2 Zone

### Interpretation

The W-2 Zone, where shown

on Schedule A (Zoning Map) on the surface of Shawnigan Lake, reaches lakeward for 30 metres from any public road end.



**Sunken boat on one of the West Arm road-ends**

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# Should Shawnigan Incorporate?

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*Shawnigan Focus*



**Shawnigan Gathering: Panel of Experts at Incorporation Seminar**

One of many highlights at the Shawnigan Gathering was the SRA-sponsored discussion about the pros and cons of incorporation. This well-attended Saturday evening seminar comprised a three member panel: David Towner (former Area Director), John Ranns (Mayor of Metchosin), and Gord Horth (Ladysmith Councillor), with

Judith Cullington (Colwood Counsellor) doing an excellent job of moderating.

Shawnigan (Area B) is the most populous area of any Regional District in the province. With a population greater than many municipalities, Shawnigan has only a single elected official, the Area Director, to represent over 8,000 people at the 15-member

CVRD Board. Knowledge of local issues is diluted and decisions of the Board do not always reflect the interests of the community.

Incorporation would mean having a municipal council consisting of a Mayor and several councillors. A municipality would have greater control over the level and cost of services and could more effectively achieve the community vision and values as reflected in the Official Community Plan and associated bylaws.

As reported in earlier Focus articles, several previous studies have presented various options. A 1997 referendum on combining Shawnigan Lake, Mill Bay, and Cobble Hill was soundly defeated. A 2009 Governance Study ended with a report but did not proceed to the next step, which would have been a financial analysis followed by a referendum.

All three members of the panel acknowledged that

incorporation was inevitable at some point. In our governance system it is the natural outcome of increasing development and population growth. There are options though and choices must be made. One large question is whether Shawnigan can go it alone or must we accept amalgamation with adjacent areas.

Mayor John Ranns presented an enviable picture of what Metchosin has accomplished. It is based on their Official Community Plan which clearly states a rural vision. The five member Council contracts out administrative services on an as-needed basis. There is no debt and no deficit financing. Services are correspondingly spartan but there is an emphasis on keeping capital items (like roads) in good repair. Taxes are relatively low and the population apparently is content with minimal growth and development. Applications for re-zoning are discouraged and developers

have mostly given up applying, choosing to live in the area, but develop elsewhere.

Both David Towner and Gord Horth added valuable insight into the issues and choices surrounding this topic. It can be a divisive question which has the potential to influence how it is handled by the Minister responsible at the provincial level. The question of where to draw the boundary can cause much debate. Service levels and costs are naturally of paramount importance to taxpaying property owners. The business community would also want to be heard.

We expect this topic will gather momentum in the coming months and the Focus will be following up with more information as it becomes available.

A video and transcript of the seminar is available on the Shawnigan Residents Association website at: [www.shawniganresidentsassociation.com](http://www.shawniganresidentsassociation.com)

## Shawnigan Lake Adventure



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**Ranjana Basu**

*Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society*

### Kayaking!

Launching from Government Wharf Park, at the north east end of the lake, the route taken around the lake goes in a clockwise direction hand railing the shoreline. From the launch site at the end of Thrush Rd, kayakers will paddle along the eastern shoreline of the lake, past Memory Island Provincial Park towards the southern end of Shawnigan Lake. Once there, paddlers turn north and follow the picturesque western shoreline along to West Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park. From here, paddlers cross the west arm of the lake to Shawnigan Lake Beach Resort and then follow the northern shoreline around to their original starting point at Government Wharf Park.

This is not a race and, for

safety purposes, paddlers renting kayaks are required to remain in a group under the supervision of a qualified kayaking guide. The distance paddled is approximately 15 km and should take between 2.5 and 3 hrs at an easy paddling pace. Kayaks and equipment can be rented for the event from Cowichan Bay Kayaks who will deliver and collect from Shawnigan Wharf Park on the day of the event. Whilst no previous kayaking experience is required, participants are reminded that kayaking can be physically demanding, especially in windy conditions.

That said, **"It's great fun!"**

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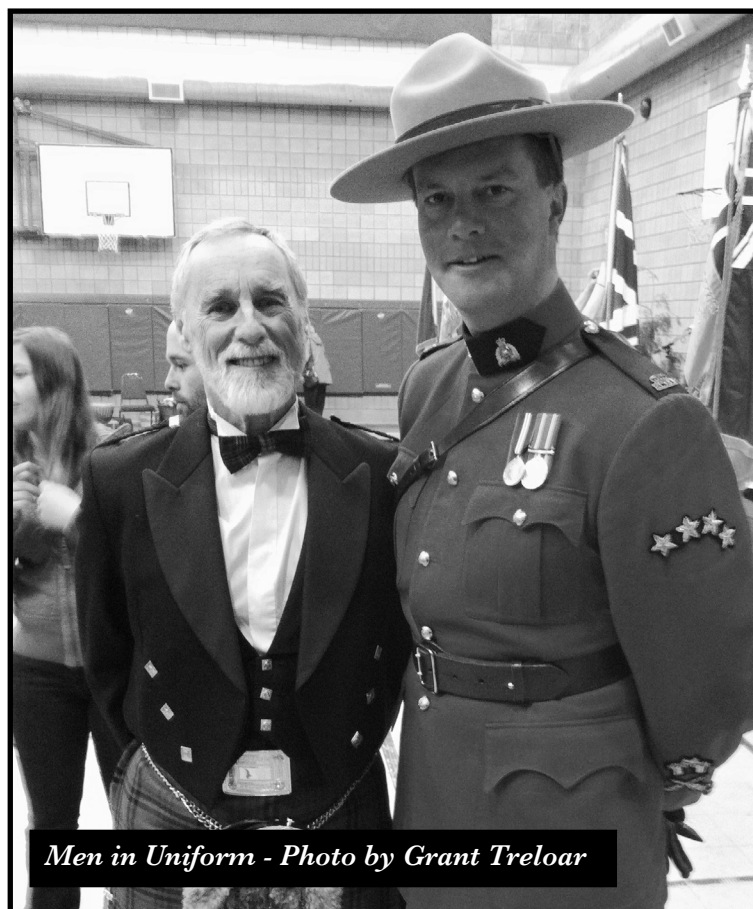


## *The Shawnigan Gathering*

# Local Celebrities



*Young Entertainers - Photo by Sally Davies*



*Men in Uniform - Photo by Grant Treloar*



*Marimba Magic - Photo by Sally Davies*



*Tradeshow Promotions - Photo by Sally Davies*

## Favourite Moments:

One of my favorite moments was to witness Wynnie tenderly hugging Tiny the Turkey. Upon closer inspection I realized the reason, other than that of Wynnie's obvious love for fowl: it looked like our local poultry Whisperer was gently trying to extricate one of Tiny's wings that had got caught in the cage's wiring by uttering sweet nothings in her ear!

*~Cecile P.*



*Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Judith Guichon  
Photo by Sandy McElroy*



*Listening Attentively to Cowichan Elder - Photo by Brent Beach*



## Cirque de Kali Yoga

**Nicola Cusi**  
*Kali Yoga, Owner*

With awe and inspiration (and a bit of fear) I watched on Sunday afternoon the performance of the Aerial Dance troupe of KaliYoga Studio at Shawnigan Lake Gathering. With grace, strength and agility Sophie, Atoussa, Jill and Taylor presented what they have learned so far under the

guidance of teacher Cecelie Dhami. The highlight of the show was certainly Cecelie's daughter Pria, 5 years young, showing off her amazing talent!

Big thanks also to Gary Nottingham, who made it happen by volunteering spontaneously to come with his tricks and tools to attach

the silks safely on the quite high ceiling of the Community Centre Gym!

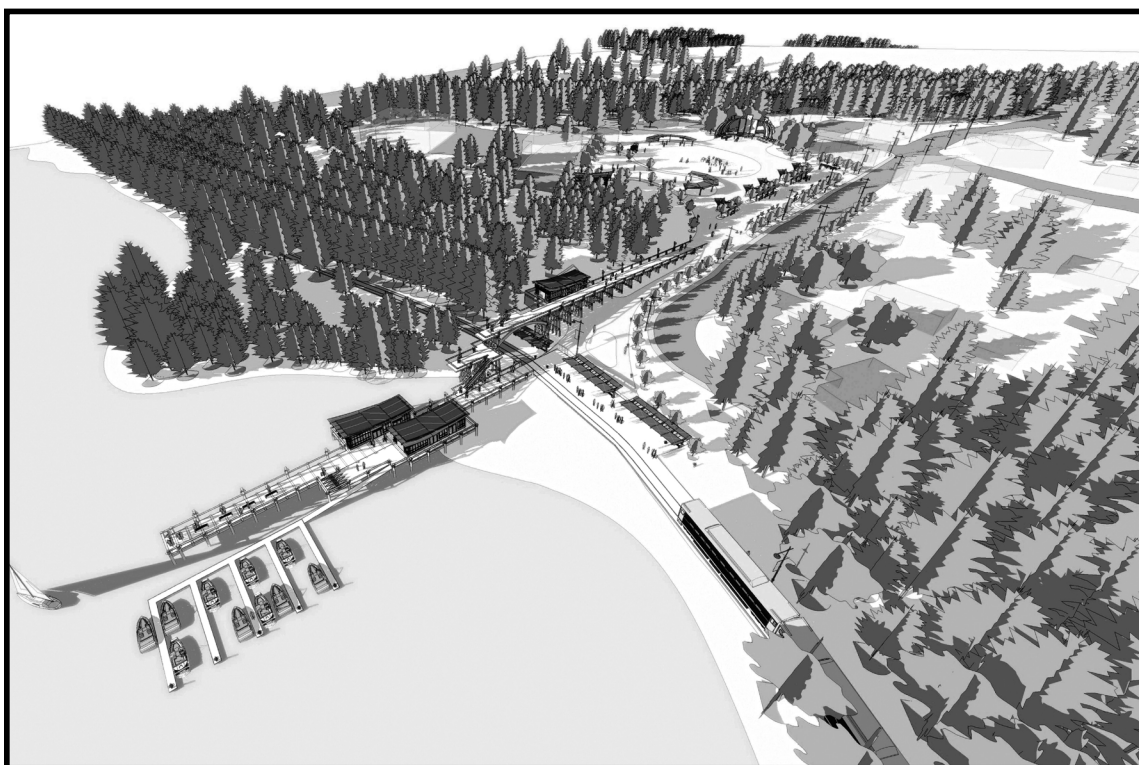
KaliYoga is the first and only to offer classes here in Vancouver Island!

Congratulations to everyone, a truly impressive performance and gratitude to Cecelie, our wonderful teacher!



## Village Development

*Shawnigan Gathering Committee*



A public information session on Village Development was held at the recent Shawnigan Gathering. For the last year, a group of Shawnigan residents has met, almost monthly, to discuss both development and place-making initiatives for the Shawnigan Village. Under the guidance of Architect Christine Lintott, who has given freely of her valuable time, the group has identified some of the challenges and the strengths of the village core. Christine was on hand for this well-attended afternoon session to present some of the ideas that the group has identified and to facilitate discussion. Christine made it clear that nothing has been cast in stone but that the key to a successful vision for our village is to create an overall master plan. With a plan in place, pieces can be implemented over time, as money becomes available, without losing the connectivity and vision of the overall plan. One of the key elements of the

plan is to create a village green space/meeting place on the old Elsie Miles School grounds. Other important elements identified thus far include: creating a feeling that you have 'arrived' in Shawnigan; providing visitors and residents with an immediate visual connection to the lake from the village; creating walkways from the Government Wharf to Mason's Beach; considering ways to create a pedestrian friendly village; establishing features that add to a community 'look' such as wood, stone, water or banners; and providing a pier with small boat moorage for better water access to the village. This process has been open and inclusive from its inception. Everyone is welcome to participate in the meetings and to contribute ideas.

For questions and suggestions, contact Kelly Musselwhite by email [luvlife@shaw.ca](mailto:luvlife@shaw.ca)



*Fire Department Mascot - Photo by Sally Davies*



*Ribbon Dancer & crowd - photo by Grant Treloar*

## Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**Georgia Collins**  
*Shawnigan Gathering Committee*

What an incredible weekend! I am so honoured to live in this community and be surrounded by the people that live here. I want to acknowledge all of those that helped make the first annual Shawnigan Gathering happen (that is all of you) and a special thanks goes out to some of the key organizers and participants. Thank you to Cindy Bertram, Kelly Musselwhite, Melissa Nottingham, Jennie Stevens, Cheryl Bakke Martin, Lynn Weaver, Lori Treloar,

Brandy Gallagher, Kathy Sager, Gaileen Flaman, Sally Davies, thank you to Janet Cundall for the most beautiful, peaceful and inspiring children's area, thank you to Terry, John and Sarah from the Community Centre, and to the entire Nottingham Family for your various contributions! Doug MaKarooff, I thank you especially for inviting Ann Mortifee and Paul Horn into our community for such a moving performance.

This year's Shawnigan Gathering was sponsored by the ENTIRE community and I thank each and every one of you! The support from the Shawnigan Basin Society, Thrifty Foods and Malahat Nation helped to cover the costs associated with hosting the event, and this support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you Bruce Fraser. Your leadership has elicited a greatness in our community that is unmeasurable and unstoppable.



## Take a Hike!

**Robin Massey**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

Miner Road to Quarry Peak view was our chosen path a couple weeks ago. We went up from Miner Road in the Ingot area, where we hopped onto Silvermine Trail and headed upwards.

If you've been following these articles for a while you may have seen me write about this particular trail before, but honestly we just never seem to tire of it. The destined view on this trek is some serious tranquility nestled on a rocky bluff 200m overlooking the valley of Kingburne.

Accessing the start of our route is simple enough by getting to Silvermine Rd from Shawnigan/Cobble Hill Rd where the road splits after the train tracks (Silvermine to the left, Thain to the right) - stay left. Then, take the next left on Coleman and follow the curves, go up the hill and take a right on Ingot

Drive. From Ingot go up and over the hill then a right on Miner Road. Follow to the end turnabout thingy and park.

Right there, you'll see trailhead signs and both trails going right and left are great ones but, for us, as the view seekers we go right up centre.

Once atop the centre trail and landing on a main trail/road, you again have a choice to go either right (taking you through various trails to the Quarry (Kingzett Lake) or left (to a vast network of trails, one leading to the trails by the Kingburne area).

We go left, and after 5ish minutes, took a right up the gravelly trail. Follow this trail about 10 more minutes and as it starts curving steeply upwards there is a smaller game kinda looking trail to your left - that's the one!

There are several branches off

this trail, but if you always stay right you will eventually come upon another road which again gives you a choice of right (down to the Quarry) or left which goes upwards to the bluff. Left and up, we went and when we made it to the smooth rockscape veered around to the right and over

the crest to spill onto the bluff and relish the view!

This trail is not an extremely intense one and can be done by most. The biggest note we can send is that some of the uneven ground is rocky, so wear proper shoes and use hiking poles if you have them. Enjoy!

I stumbled upon this neat story about the Quarry Nature Park to share: <http://www.cvrdbc.ca/index.aspx?NID=157>.

Next month: scrambling up the West side of Baldy Mountain

Robin frolics in Cowichan Valley's viewpoints with The Iron Butts ([www.theomtree.com](http://www.theomtree.com))



## Hinterland Calling: Monsters in the woods?

**Jen Young**

The E&N Railway lies behind my property ... silently ... stealthily ... waiting to rise like a phoenix from the ashes. The mountain behind the E&N, at one time lush with forest and fauna, now lies partially clad with a ripped and torn façade. Angry scarred holes from clear-cutting and blasting due to mining, and timber harvesting mar the face of the mountain. In front of my property, great trucks of heavy steel rumble and rush down the asphalt road at an alarming rate. They transport cargo of gravel, soil,

debris or whatever is deemed appropriate. The scream of the brakes, the smell of the diesel fumes and the dust created are felt on a minutely basis adding insult to the caustic injury that I am forced to endure.

Hollywood then joins the neighbourhood to film Godzilla using the E&N railway. Industry and business really has moved into my neighbourhood. BIG industry! Movie making is BIG BUSINESS. News reports say that this endeavour will make a huge economic impact on our valley and our province. I am led to believe from attending CVRD meetings that the film making industry will bring in \$45 million over the next three years. I understand and appreciate this fact. I also think about the "Monster in the Woods" when I am startled awake at 4:30 a.m. as filming commences.

Now I am verily afraid. For years I have battled and had to suffer the indignities of the local industries with the backup resounders, timber harvesting and blasting to no avail. Add the rumble of trucks as they growl past my house at 6 a.m. or earlier. It is, as if, I live in the Old West and the rules are made for simpler folk with stronger spines.

When the Quarry Monster moved into his hidden lair on the Mountain, into the lush green forests and the watershed on Stebbings Road, no one was really the wiser. Stebbings was an unseen gravel road. The

Mountain had not yet been defaced or defiled. Traffic remained bucolic along the South Shawnigan Lake Road. Admittedly, apparently there were growing pains and the Quarry Monster, like the troll under the bridge, kept his head down and tried to be a good neighbour.

Unfortunately, the lush green forest of stalwart timber and frolicking fauna were displaced when industry really knocked. More mining rights were granted to other Quarry Monsters. The slow bucolic traffic started to increase like rabbits on a University campus. Faster and faster the gravel trucks with pups rolled down the little country thoroughfare. Inquiring minds wanted to know what was happening, where, why, how? Who had control?

I still ponder this notion. Is it really the rock quarries? There are three. One of them has applied for a Permit to use Contaminated Waste for site reclamation. I totally comprehend that, by law, the Company(s) has the right to apply for the Permit, just as they did when they applied to open the site(s). Who then must approve the permits? This is industry. This is Big Business. Will the Contaminated Soil Site make an economic impact on our valley? I contemplate the conundrum and am left lying awake yet again at 4:30 a.m. Who are Monsters of the Woods? Who are they coming to get?



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# Shawnigan Residents Association

Jason Walker  
Director of Administration & Communications

## “Let’s Talk Facts About the SIA Permit”

The SRA has consulted and with experts from Aqua-Tex Scientific, who are leaders in the field of drinking water management and watershed ecology. They have identified a number of technical issues and deficiencies that have not been addressed by the MOE draft permit or SIA and could place the drinking water at risk. The following is an excerpt from the SRA’s letter to the MOE, drawn from the science provided to us:

### Water Quality

The BC and Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines should be referenced, and the most stringent of the guidelines pertaining to the permit should apply.

Effective compliance monitoring will require a clear itemized list of parameters and applicable standards, and should be updated as standards are revised and new parameters of concern emerge with new science.

Many of the water quality standards listed in this permit are actually guidelines in BC. These guidelines should be treated as legally enforceable standards under this permit,

and not as guidelines.

The HWR Schedule 1.2 has a dioxin toxic equivalent (TEQ) to be applied to discharges to the environment or to storm sewers, not to a drinking water supply, and is therefore an inappropriate standard.

The receiving environment monitoring is inadequate to confirm whether the drinking water supply in Shawnigan Lake is affected by the proposed facility.

Should monitoring demonstrate a trend of increasing contamination in the receiving environment, the draft permit does not provide a procedure that the proponents must follow to correct the situation (if it is correctable at all).

Baseline data must be gathered at a frequency and for a duration suitable to fully characterize the background water quality prior to any discharge and to capture a range of natural and seasonal variability including both wet years and drought years.

### Geology

Inadequate information is provided on the rock’s gross structural/geotechnical properties; therefore, reliable conclusions regarding the rock’s primary or secondary porosity

cannot be drawn.

An air photo lineament analysis has not been completed, nor an attempt made to locate the position of known, or apparent normal or thrust faults, relative to the site.

Observations of dry fractures on the site do not contribute useful information on infiltration potential or groundwater availability since the site is likely located in a recharge area due to its high elevation. Importantly, the SIA’s fieldwork was conducted in the middle of a drought.

Until such time as these matters of science have been adequately addressed, the SRA remains of the position that the SIA permit not proceed and that the administrative and legislative processes must be followed to ensure the safety of our drinking water and health of our streams.

The SRA has urged the MOE to fully address the concerns outlined by the scientific and medical health community before any further action is taken on approving this permit.

Visit our website at <http://www.shawniganresidentsassociation.com/> for the full report.



## Boathouse Escapes During Windstorm

A vigorous equinoctial gale ushered in spring this year. This boathouse took advantage of the strong winds and went careening from the West Arm to just north of the Ski Club in its search for a new home.

# May I have a word?

Monica Foster  
Shawnigan Focus

This month, I thought I’d go through some words whose spelling and pronunciation intrigue me. Although I had enough time to prepare a thorough investigation, I left it to the last minute, which I ought not have. There is a slough of information to plough through, and just to rough out an outline takes some time. It’s tough to write sometimes. You feel as though you’re at the trough, but just can’t drink. Or, your idea is like dough waiting to rise, but doesn’t. How often have I fought with words in my mind, wishing I had bought some more time as the deadline looms? I could have feigned an incapacitating cough, or chronic hiccoughs, but the team would have seen through me. I hope this little paragraph that I brought is enough.



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From January to April, Dr. Jon O’Riordan’s second year graduate students studied the Shawnigan Lake watershed as part of their UBC course on “Sustainability, Planning and Governance Approaches to Whole Region Change”. Their work on Shawnigan started with a watershed tour on January 26th and ended with their presentation at the Shawnigan Gathering on April 6th. Each pair of students tackled a different topic: Amanda

Grochowich and Jessica Stuart, Subdivision; Jessa Williams and Krystie Babalos, Water and Waste Management; Kate Kittredge and Megan Peloso, Aggregate and Soil; Brett Dimond and Robyn Hooper, Forestry; and Annie Merritt and Autumn Lotze, Roads. A big thank you is extended to Dr. O’Riordan and the students for all their hard work and for coming to Shawnigan to share their information with the community!

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Average Low	1.4	2.1	1.2	1.4	0.3	2.2	1.0	1.7	0.9
Extreme High	22.2	21.8	15.3	20.5	15.5	22.4	17.1	20.0	16.0
Extreme Low	-11.7	-1.9	-2.6	-2.9	-3.5	-2.0	-2.6	-2.0	-2.5
Precipitation	120.2	142.6	202.7	102.2	160.1	121.4	148.2	89.8	163.0
Days w precip	18	13	23	13	23	15	26	13	25
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- ★ Friday, Mar 1 – Mutual Aid Rope Rescue with Mill Bay Fire Dept
- ★ Saturday, Mar 2 – Water Rescue near Butler Road
- ★ Monday, Mar 4 – First Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Mar 6 – First Responder off McKernan Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Mar 6 – First Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Mar 11 – First Responder in Burnum Park
- ★ Wednesday, Mar 13 – MVI on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, Mar 15 – First Responder in the Village
- ★ Monday, Mar 18 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd

- ★ Monday, Mar 18 – First Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Mar 20 – Hydro Line Fire on Renfrew Rd Saturday, Mar 23 – First Responder off Shawnigan Lk Rd
- ★ Sunday, Mar 24 – MVI on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Mar 26 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lk Rd
- ★ Thursday, Mar 28 – Gas Line Incident on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, Mar 28 – MVI on S Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Mar 30 – First Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Sunday, Mar 31 – First Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd.





## Pay Less Insurance!

**Julie Rosenthal**  
*South Cowichan Community Policing*

Last Month we had the annual South Cowichan Block Watch Captain's meeting at Brentwood. We had over 40 in attendance for a special presentation by Sybille Sanderson of CVRD Public Safety on Emergency Preparedness. We all know now when to drop and cover plus so much more.

For our beloved Shirley Walker, it was her final evening as the Block Watch Coordinator for South Cowichan. She will still be involved but is looking forward to spending some more time on the golf course. Block Watch and the fan-outs will now be managed from the Community Policing Office by Julie Rosenthal. Thank you so much Shirley, for over 15 years of dedication to our community!

Did you know that being a member of a local Block Watch can possibly reduce your home insurance? Check with your insurance company for details because not all insurance companies offer the discount and the requirements are different between companies. Some local residents have saved up to \$200 annually.

This is only one of the many benefits of being part of a Block Watch. Getting to know your neighbours is also a huge benefit! Here are some answers to some frequently asked questions about Block Watch:

How much time does it take to be a Block Watch Captain? It takes about 6 hours to set up the Block Watch and about 6 hours a

year. That is an average of only one minute per day!

What do you expect from me as a Block Watch member? We ask for two commitments when you are a member: 1) To be concerned about your neighbour's property as you would your own and 2) To report suspicious or criminal activity to the RCMP and your neighbours.

Currently we have 11 Block Watch areas in Shawnigan Lake and 3 more are in the process of forming. Come into the Community Policing office today to find out how easy it is to start a Block Watch in your neighbourhood.

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## RCMP Report

Shawnigan Lake Detachment is now entering into the new fiscal year. Planning is well underway for this year's Annual Performance Plan. Policing areas we will continue to focus on include Traffic, Drug Awareness, Aboriginal Policing and Youth.

The past year we saw a significant rise, unfortunately in Domestic Violence in our communities. This typically trends upward during a recession and this past year has been no exception. Our victim service workers are helping in this area to prevent these types of offences from occurring again. We also continue to work with various agencies to identify prolific offenders that move into our community to ensure property crime remains low. West and South Shawnigan Lake continue to have problems with shots-fired complaints, and non-licensed vehicles. We are again working with the forest companies and other agencies to work on these areas. We are hopeful to receive funding for our planned RCMP boat house in April. We are working closely with Shawnigan Lake

School in this regard.

The South Cowichan Community Policing office is approaching its first full year in operation. Julie Rosenthal is the coordinator and is doing an excellent job in promoting programs such as Block Watch, Speed Watch and Friendly phones.

Personnel wise, Cst. Amanda Curwin will be transferring to South Island Traffic Services in May. Cst. Rennard Jo will begin in April. Cst. Jo has previous police experience in Comox and Major Crime in Vancouver. We are also presently in the process of hiring our new public service employee and hope to have him working soon. Operationally and administratively we are getting busier and are pushing for another position both in uniform, and a part time clerk position as well.

Congratulations to Sherry Fortune our long time Detachment Clerk for completing 25 years of service with the RCMP!

Sgt. Rob Webb,  
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## INSPIRE! Celebrating our community!

**Jenny Stevens**  
*Inspire!*

As I sit down to write, I am filled with the warm afterglow of this weekend's successful first annual Shawnigan Gathering, held at the SLCC. Still buzzing with the energy of community collaboration & connection, it is once again confirmed to me that volunteering and getting involved in something bigger than oneself is incredibly fulfilling, and creates such a bond between neighbours! The event was very much appreciated by the many people in attendance, and those who might have missed it (next year's goal is to have much more time to plan, and publicize the event) will hopefully hear through others about all the information shared and the talent and potential of the young people in our community!

Already the word on the street is: "there is a shift in the energy of this village" & "the community seems to be coming alive"... and the positive com-

ments reflect the pleasure that people feel in the opportunity to come together on common ground, and share in the conversation of possibilities, while enjoying the delicacies of our wonderful local restaurants and cafés.

Saturday night, during the event, the INSPIRE! Community Gathering Space held its 2nd opening in its new location, which is already proving itself to be almost too small to accommodate the numbers that are flowing in and out, now that it is at street level and more easily accessed by all. An appreciative audience of all ages enjoyed the latest Art show "Together" and soaked up the musical talents of 3 separate local groups, beginning with the smooth impromptu collaboration between Terry Dheensaw (drum), Peter Shumaker (winds), Robert Cerins (electric guitar) and Byron Weaver (cahon). This was followed by

the delightfully fresh harmonies of duo Holly Collis and friend Shayla accompanying themselves on guitar, and finally the very talented local singer/songwriter Alex McTaggart, who's smooth, warm soulful voice draws on emotions from deep within and left everyone quite spellbound!

It was an impressive mini concert, and all for free, right in the heart of Shawnigan Village! Do come and find out more about how to be involved in all the things happening in your community. If you don't want to miss out on the fun, get your name on INSPIRE's email list! We would love to keep the connections happening!! New workshops coming up in April and May... Artists Books: Sketchcrawl; Wine, Women & A Paintbrush; Musical Improv Night; possible "World Café"... and more!

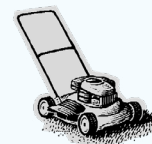
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Shawnigan Lake Triathlon helps to build trails

Sarah Malerby, Race Director  
Shawnigan Lake Triathlon

On May 26, 2013, Shawnigan Lake will host the Subaru Western Triathlon Series 7th Annual Shawnigan Lake Triathlon.

The Triathlon is working in partnership with the South Cowichan Rotary Club to build a strong community connection and to fundraise for local trail building projects.

The Shawnigan Triathlon is launching the first annual Athlete Pledge Program - athletes are encouraged to get pledged by friends and family for their participation and accomplishment in the Triathlon. 100% of all pledges will go to the South Cowichan Rotary Club charity and will be used for local trail and park projects.

Local artist Justin Nakatsuka has developed a stunning limited edition canvas art print of the Kinsol Trestle for the purpose of raising awareness and help with this great cause.

How it works: Athletes who collect a minimum of \$250 will receive one of these unique and limited edition art canvases. In addition, a limited number of these art canvases will be available to public “donors” who make a minimum donation of \$250 to the South Cowichan Rotary club for trail building. If you are interested in obtaining one of these, submit your pledge/donation form soon, before they are gone!

The Kinsol Trestle art work can be viewed at the Shawnigan House Coffee/ Oma’s Bakery building in the Shawnigan Village; donation and pledge forms are available at this location also, or can be requested by email: [kinsoltrestleartprint@gmail.com](mailto:kinsoltrestleartprint@gmail.com)



More information, volunteer sign-up and athlete pledge forms are posted on the triathlon website as follows: [http://www.triseries.ca/shawnigan\\_lake/index.php](http://www.triseries.ca/shawnigan_lake/index.php)

Shawnigan Village Triathlon Festival

The Shawnigan Lake Business Association will be hosting the Shawnigan Village Triathlon Festival, which takes place on Saturday, May 25 in the Village and on the streets of Shawnigan.

There will be hundreds of athletes and local families in the Village from 12 to 4 pm enjoying the festivities, which include the Danone Free Kids Run, Entertainment, Food and Marketplace.

Tables for the marketplace are available to any businesses or organizations for free, and can be arranged by contacting Community Spirit Captain - Rick Restell, of Bonterra Pizza. Email Rick for more information at [rick@bonterrapizza.com](mailto:rick@bonterrapizza.com)

Join the Triathlon Volunteer Team!

If you are not going to be a “triathlete” racer, you

can still join the fun and get involved by volunteering! Volunteers are needed in many areas, so please consider signing up soon.

Athletes tell us how much they appreciate the encouragement and enthusiasm of our volunteers. You might not know that our Shawnigan Triathlon is famous with the out-of-town athletes for the great spirit of our community!

Particularly needed are marshals to help on the bike course on Sunday morning between 7 am and 12 pm. This is a great opportunity for folks who live on the bike course route to be involved close to home.

Residents along the route are encouraged to invite friends/family to set up a “cheer” station. This makes for a fun and exciting way to enjoy your Sunday morning coffee that only happens once per year.

More information and detail on the Triathlon can be found on the website: [http://www.triseries.ca/shawnigan\\_lake/index.php](http://www.triseries.ca/shawnigan_lake/index.php) or email Sarah Malerby, Race Director with your questions at [s.malerby@triseries.ca](mailto:s.malerby@triseries.ca)

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10:10 - 11:10 am dynamic flow		10:10 - 11:10 am dynamic flow		10:10 - 11:10 am dynamic flow	10:00 - 11:30 am hatha all levels Nicola
				4:30-5:30 pm aerial dance beginners	
5:30 - 7:00 pm hatha/all levels Nicola	5:30 - 7:00 pm hatha/all levels with Robin	5:30 - 7:00 pm hatha/all levels Nicola	5:30 - 7:00 pm hatha/all level with Robin	5:30 - 7:00 pm aerial dance intermediate	
7.15- 8:15 pm yoga for athletes	7:15 - 8:45 pm acroyoga Nicola & Pan	7:15 - 8:45 pm dynamic flow Nicola	7:15 - 8:45 pm back care injury prevention	7:15 - 8:45 pm breathing/relaxation every last Fri/month	

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# The Wild Side Rare Sighting

Elijah Fraser  
*Shawnigan Focus*

On a regular excursion on the east side of Cobble Hill Mountain last spring I came across one of the rarest and secretive creatures in our area. I was a bit surprised when my son announced he had found a snake. Not because he had found a snake, but because it was a cold damp day in early spring. I was relieved he had not touched it as it was unlike any snake I had ever seen; not much longer than an earth worm and about a pencil width in diameter; the snake had a bright red stripe down the length of its black body.

Upon returning home and performing some internet research, it became clear that the snake had been none other than the rarely encountered Sharp-tailed Snake or Contia Tenuis. The only recognized species of the genus Contia, it is unfortunately listed as Endangered in Canada, and is on the Provincial Red List (highest risk category), considered critically imperilled. Although

more common in California and Oregon the Sharp-tail is at the northern limit of its range in south-western BC. These hardy few are considered to be vital to the species as they may possess adaptations that help the species survive, especially in response to climate change.

While the juvenile Sharp-tail looks quite distinctive, the adult snake has a handsome chestnut brown colour, with darker sides, and a slightly narrow neck separating the head from the body. Measuring up to 30 cm in length the adult can be confused for a young garter snake however, it can be distinguished by the sharp “horn” at the tip of its tail.

Although the Sharp-tail will thrash its horn from side to side to intimidate predators, it, like the garter snake, is completely harmless to humans. It is really only a threat to small slugs which are its main diet. Unlike garter snakes, female Sharp-tails lay eggs, and the snakes are most active during the cool,

moist conditions of early Spring and Fall.

Spending most of their time under cover, the Sharp-tail is typically found on south facing rocky slopes in small openings in Douglas fir / Arbutus forests. Sharp-tails have been found at only seven locations on Southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Loss of natural vegetation and an increase in predators such as cats is likely a contributing pressure on the species, in one of the most densely populated areas of the province.

To find out more about this rare resident of our area, how to identify them and report sightings, and simple things you can do to protect their habitat, visit [www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/sharp-tailed\\_snake.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/sharp-tailed_snake.pdf).

For a chance to see this elusive creature keep your eyes peeled this Spring, and keeping company with some young inquisitive types can’t hurt.



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## All Candidates Meeting

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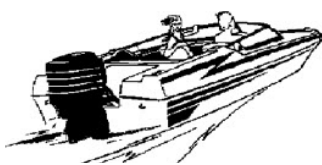
The SRA will be hosting an all candidates meeting on  
**Sunday, May 12th @ 7pm** - in the

**Hugh Wilkinson Theatre at Shawnigan Lake School.**

All Candidates are confirmed. We hope to see you there.

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We would love your feedback

**What three things did you enjoy the most?**

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**What are your suggestions for next year?**

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ★ **Area B Director's meetings**  
1st Monday of each month – 7 pm at SL Community Centre (SLCC)
- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission**  
1st Thursday of each month. 7 pm at SLCC
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**  
3rd Thursday of each month 6:30pm at SLCC
- ★ **Shawnigan Improvement District**  
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association Board meeting**  
3rd Tuesday of each month 7pm - [www.shawniganresidentsassociation.com](http://www.shawniganresidentsassociation.com)
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Business Association**  
1st Tuesday of each month 7 pm, currently at the Village Chipperry
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association**  
4th Monday of each month 7pm. Contact [bburr@shaw.ca](mailto:bburr@shaw.ca) to get on the mailing list. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.
- ★ **Shawnigan Village Development Council**  
As announced. Everyone welcome!
- ★ **Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable**  
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- ★ **Inspire! Arts, Culture and Heritage** has MOVED...come and visit our new Community Gathering Space across the street from Oma's bakery and Shawnigan House Coffee. Info at: [www.inspireshawnigan.com](http://www.inspireshawnigan.com)
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Facebook** group has the objective to be for daily postings of people's stories, news and events on a more personal scale. Please view <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129586433786330/>
- ★ **Malahat Legion:** 1625 Shawnigan–Mill Bay Road - For more info: 250-743-4621
- ★ **Local Talent:** Home-based business directory. Meets 3rd Wed. of month at Inspire!
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum** - Hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11:30-4.  
[www.shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:www.shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca)
- ★ **ALL CANDIDATES MEETING:** Sunday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Hugh Wilkinson Theatre, Shawnigan Lake School.

### Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park Grand Opening

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**Sunday, May 12 11am-1pm**

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the details and answer questions, along with an expert panel of industry professionals. Be sure to bring a pen and paper to make notes.

This event is free and brought to you by the CVRD Environmental Initiatives Division and the Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable. For more information or to pre-register, contact Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi at 250-746-2641, [edy@cvrd.bc.ca](mailto:edy@cvrd.bc.ca) or Melissa Nottingham at 250-743-9283, [Melissa@shawniganwatershedroundtable.ca](mailto:Melissa@shawniganwatershedroundtable.ca)



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