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SALT SPRING ISLAND

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

January 2010

INTRODUCTION TO THE DIRECTORY

The Salt Spring Island Community Resource Directory is a listing of non-profit societies, organizations and groups providing services to the community of Salt Spring Island. Some resources listed may not be available in the community, but are in other communities and available to Salt Spring Island residents.

KEY	
PHONE NUMBER	☎
EMAIL ADDRESS	
FAX NUMBER	
CONTACT PERSON	☺

INQUIRIES AND UPDATES

Please contact Salt Spring Island Community Services if you have general inquiries concerning the Directory. For organizations providing services to Salt Spring Island residents, please contact Salt Spring Island Community Services if information has been missed or requires changes or updates. The Directory is available in a printable format and on websites of numerous Salt Spring Island organizations.

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ADVOCACY SERVICES

Community Information Resource and Referral

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Community Information Resource and Referral service provides intake, brief assessment, crisis intervention, short-term counselling and referral to services for children, youth, adults and families. This is typically a first point of contact for individuals seeking information, counselling or other services.

Office of the Ombudsman

toll free: 1.800.567.3247
250.387.0198

2nd Floor, 756 Fort Street, Victoria BC,
www.ombudsman.bc.ca

If you think a provincial government ministry or public agency has treated you unfairly, the Ombudsman may be able to help. The Office of the Ombudsman receives enquiries and complaints about the practices and services of public agencies within its jurisdiction. Our role is to impartially investigate these complaints to determine whether public agencies have acted fairly and reasonably, and whether their actions and decisions were consistent with relevant legislation, policies and procedures. Our services are provided free of charge.

Representative for Children and Youth

toll free: 1.800.476.3933
rcy@rcybc.ca

Victoria Office
Suite 201, 546 Yates Street, Victoria BC, V8W 1K8
www.rcybc.ca

The Representative for Children and Youth supports children, youth and families who need help in dealing with the child welfare system and advocates for changes to the system itself. Responsibilities of the Representative include advocating for children and youth, protecting their rights, and improving the system for the protection and support of children and youth, particularly those who are most vulnerable. The Representative doesn't work for the government.

Rather, the Representative for Children and Youth is an independent office of the Legislature and does not report through a provincial ministry.

NOTES:

ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES

Adult Alcohol and Drug

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Alcohol and Drug Services provide prevention, education and treatment services for adults where substance abuse is a concern, or where someone is affected by the substance misuse of another. Services include assessment, counselling, case management, referral and follow up to specialized treatment resources. Prevention activities include public awareness and community education regarding substance abuse issues.

Alanon and Alateen

250.653.4288

Salt Spring Island, BC

Alanon and Alateen are self help support groups with the purpose of helping friends, family and teenage children of problem drinkers.

Alcoholics Anonymous

250.537.7573

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Narcotics Anonymous

South Vancouver Island Area of
Narcotics Anonymous
www.sviasc.org

250.537.2790
250.537.2754
saltspringstraightedge@yahoo.com

Narcotics Anonymous is an international, community-based association of recovering drug addicts. The goal is to help anyone seeking recovery from the disease of addiction to find support and fellowship.

Victoria Innovative Services Treatment Approach (VISTA)

1.250.953.3966 ☎

Alcohol and drug services for seniors 55 and older with substance abuse issues.

Youth Alcohol and Drug

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

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Youth Alcohol and Drug Services provide prevention, education and treatment services for youth and families where substance use is a concern, or where someone is affected by the substance use of another. Services include assessment, individual and family counselling, case management and referral to specialized treatment resources. Prevention activities include public awareness and community education regarding substance abuse issues.

NOTES:

Private counsellors are listed in the Lions Directory, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

ANIMALS

Earthanimal Humane Education and Rescue Society

250.538.8003
ears@x-mail.net

205 Starks Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1M3

A registered charity committed to the improved welfare of farmed animals. We promote the compassionate and respectful treatment of farmed animals through our public awareness and education program. We also provide for the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of abandoned farm animals. Our rabbit sanctuary EARS, is a life-long home for our un-adoptable bunnies. We are a volunteer society funded primarily through private donations. Your support is welcome.

Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society

250.537.0051
ccga25@gulfislands.com

270A Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2J1

The Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society is a non-profit charitable society that provides boating and safety education and assistance to marine search and rescue volunteers of the local Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre

250.537.0777

322 Langs Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1N3
www.islandnet.com/~wildlife/

Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre is a non-profit society dedicated to the rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wild animals. Our emphasis is on alternatives to toxic treatments such as homeopathy, herbal remedies and physical therapies. To continue this work, our volunteer staff needs your participation. Animals need safe housing and highly specialized diets. Typical treatment use blood tests, x-rays, medicines and sometimes surgery. The cost of rehab is high and we are funded primarily from private donations.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)

250.537.2123
saltspring@spca.bc.ca

Salt Spring Branch of the BCSPCA
Box 522 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W2
www.spca.bc.ca/saltspring/

We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Help is provided for stray, abandoned or injured animals. Funded by public donation and run by volunteers, the SPCA places adoptable animals in new homes, and offers information on animal care and welfare.

Pet Loss Support Line

1.250.389.8047
patspets@shaw.ca

Pacific Animal Therapy Society (PATS)
Head Office: 9412 Lauries Lane, Sidney BC, V8L 4L2
http://members.shaw.ca/patspets

The Pet Loss Support Line offers emotional support to anyone who has experienced or is anticipating the loss of a pet, for any reason.

NOTES:

BUSINESS GROUPS

Chamber of Commerce

250.537.4223 ☎
chamber@ssisland.com 🖱

121 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T1
www.saltspringtourism.com

Our mission is to promote and improve trade and commerce by providing a viable business climate while complementing the social and natural environment of Salt Spring Island.

Fulford Business Association

250.653.4321 ☎
250.653.4324 🖷
Bruce Patterson ☺

Tourist Information and Visitor Centre

250.537.5252 ☎
saltspring@ssisland.com 🖱

121 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T1
www.saltspringtourism.com

For locals and visitors alike, you'll find a wealth of information about Salt Spring as well as British Columbia. The Centre is open year round and staffed by volunteers.

NOTES:

Most local businesses are listed in the Lions Directory, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES (AGES 6 – 19)

BC Council for Families

toll free: 1.800.663.5638
bccf@bccf.bc.ca

204-259 Granville Street, Vancouver BC, V6H 3H1
www.bccf.bc.ca

The BC Council for Families works to strengthen and support families with education, information, research and advocacy. The BC Council for Families produces 100 publications on subjects ranging from parenting, childhood development, parent-teen relationships, work life issues, preventing family violence, and suicide awareness. The council has a provincial data-base of services for children, youth, families and seniors and a resource centre that is available to the general public.

Centre for Child Honouring

Maureen Moore

191 Long Harbour Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.childhonoring.org

The Centre for Child Honouring promotes the transformation of societies for the greatest good by meeting the needs of their young. Activities include education, communications and awareness, and innovation through creating dialogues and forums.

Child and Youth Mental Health

250.537.9971
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Laura Allen

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

Child and Youth Mental Health services include assessment, counselling and case planning for children and youth with depression, anxiety, family conflict, unmanageable behaviour, or other mental health concerns in home, school or community. The service provides specialized clinical interventions and support and follow up in office or on outreach basis. Staff also provides consultation on mental health issues for others working with children and youth.

Children Who Witness Abuse

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.538.5569
cwwa@iwav.org

Counselling and support for children who have witnessed abuse in their homes. Support is available upon leaving the abusive situation. Program includes support for primary caregivers.

Core Inn Youth Drop-In Centre

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

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250.537.9974
Kirsty Chalmers

The Core Inn, 134 McPhillips Avenue, is a youth centre in the heart of Ganges that provides a drug and alcohol free supportive environment for youth between the ages of 11 and 18. The ground floor of the Core Inn building is home to a drop-in centre and an internet café. The second floor is home base for the SSICS youth team counsellors and the Options for Sexual Health clinic. The third floor is an open space for SSICS youth programming and rental by other community groups offering youth and family activities.

Family Support

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Maryanne Benwood

Family Support Services are provided on an outreach basis to families where children are determined to be in an unhealthy or risky home environment. These children may be in need of protective services or be at risk of removal from the home unless significant intervention and change occurs. The program reduces risks to the children and develops or restores a safe and healthy home. Referrals to this service are made by Ministry for Children and Family Development Social Workers.

Ministry for Children and Family Development (MCFD)

250.544.3300
250.544.3315

Saanich Peninsula & Gulf Islands Integrated Services
103-7851 E Saanich Road, Saanichton, BC V8W 9S3
www.gov.bc.ca/mcf

The Ministry provides programs and services to ensure that healthy children and responsible families are living in safe, caring and inclusive communities. The Ministry's general responsibilities include: Child Protection and Family Development, Adoption, Foster Care, Early Childhood Development and Child Care, Child and Youth Mental Health, Youth Justice and Youth Services, and Services for Special Needs Children & Youth

To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect call 310-1234 from anywhere in BC. After-hours emergencies contact at: 1.800.663.9122

Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA)

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Lynda Laushway

Community Development and Research Society
344 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V3
www.saltspring.com/swova

SWOVA develops solutions to prevent violence and abuse against women and children through education, community development, and research. In partnership with our school district we offer the award winning Respectful Relationships program in schools. We consult with and train other communities to offer school-based violence prevention workshops. There is a resource library available free of charge to the communities in the Southern Gulf Islands. We coordinate community events on December 6th, International Women's Day, and Prevention of Violence against Women month. We create, publish, and distribute materials on issues related to prevention of violence against women and children including our newsletter published twice a year. We serve communities of the Southern Gulf Islands.

School-Based Counsellors

Salt Spring Island Community Services
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Joanne Van Pelt

School Support Services include counselling and support for students experiencing difficulty functioning in the classroom and school environment. Services include counselling, family support, skill development and psychosocial interventions for children and youth. Services are provided to all levels of School District 64 schools. Counsellors work in schools (in and/or outside of regular classrooms) and in the community. Referrals are made by school staff.

Youth Alcohol and Drug

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
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Youth Alcohol and Drug Services provide prevention, education and treatment services for youth and families where substance use is a concern, or where someone is affected by the substance use of another. Services include assessment, individual and family counselling, case management and referral to specialized treatment resources. Prevention activities include public awareness and community education regarding substance abuse issues.

Youth Outreach

Salt Spring Island Community Services
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Trish Nobile

Youth Outreach services include short-term counseling, crisis intervention, case planning, life skills coaching, housing support and connecting youth with school and employment. The intent of the service is to help high risk youth with resources and supports so they may reconnect in a healthy way with family, friends and community.

NOTES:

Private counsellors are listed in the Lions Director, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Adult Alcohol and Drug

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Child and Youth Mental Health

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Children Who Witness Abuse

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

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cwwa@iwav.org

Counselling and support for children who have witnessed abuse in their homes. Support is available upon leaving the abusive situation. Program includes support for primary caregivers.

Community Information Resource and Referral

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Community Wellness For Seniors

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
250.537.4607
connect@ssics.ca
Sharon Glover

Seniors Wellness counselling services include peer counselling, friendly visitors and a telephone reassurance service.

Family Support

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

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250.537.9938
Maryanne Benwood

Family Support Services are provided on an outreach basis to families where children are determined to be in an unhealthy or risky home environment. These children may be in need of protective services or be at risk of removal from the home unless significant intervention and change occurs. The intent of the program is to reduce risk to the children and develop or restore a safe and healthy home. Referrals to this program are through the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Mental Health Nursing

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Marnie Poole

The Community Mental Health Nursing program provides psychiatric/mental health nursing services which focus on reduced hospitalization and increased community case management activities.

School-Based Counsellors

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Joanne Van Pelt

School Support Services include counselling and support for students experiencing difficulty functioning in the classroom and school environment. Services include counselling, family support, skill development and psychosocial interventions for children and youth. Services are provided to all levels of School District 64 schools. Counsellors work in schools (in and/or outside of regular classrooms) and in the community. Referrals to this program are made by schools.

Stopping the Violence Counselling

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.538.5568
stv@iwav.org

This program offers counselling to women who have experienced violence in relationships, sexual abuse or childhood abuse. Services are offered individually and in groups.

Urgent Short Term Assessment and Treatment (USTAT)

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

The USTAT service includes intervention and psychotherapy for individuals experiencing serious and urgent mental health issues. Services are provided in collaboration with physicians, psychiatrists and other mental health practitioners. Service is typically short-term. Longer term service is provided when the referral is part of a physician treatment plan.

Youth Alcohol and Drug

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Melissa Weigel

Youth Alcohol and Drug Services provide prevention, education and treatment services for youth and families where substance use is a concern, or where someone is affected by the substance use of another. Services include assessment, individual and family counselling, case management and referral to specialized treatment resources. Prevention activities include public awareness and community education regarding substance abuse issues.

NOTES:

Private counsellors are listed in the Lions Directory, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (AGE 0-6 YEARS)

Canada Child Tax Benefit

toll free: 1.800.387.1193 ☎

Canada Revenue Agency
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/menu-eng.html

This program provides eligible families with a tax free monthly payment to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18.

Centre for Child Honouring

Maureen Moore ☺

191 Long Harbour Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.childhonoring.org

The Centre for Child Honouring promotes the transformation of societies for the greatest good by meeting the needs of their young. Activities include education, communications and awareness, and innovation through creating dialogues and forums.

Child and Youth Mental Health

250.537.9971 ☎
connect@ssics.ca 🖱
250.537.9974 🖷
Laura Allen ☺

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

Child and Youth Mental Health services include assessment, counselling and case planning for children and youth with depression, anxiety, family conflict, unmanageable behaviour, or other mental health concerns in home, school or community. The service provides specialized clinical interventions and support and follow up in office or on outreach basis. Staff also provides consultation on mental health issues for others working with children and youth.

Child Care Subsidy Service Centre

toll free: 1.888.338.6622 ☎

Ministry for Children and Family Development
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy_promo.htm

This program offers financial assistance towards the cost of child care to families who have low to moderate incomes, access to forms and other relevant information.

Children Who Witness Abuse

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.538.5569
cwwa@iwav.org

Counselling and support for children who have witnessed abuse in their homes. Support is available upon leaving the abusive situation. Program includes support for primary caregivers.

Community Information Resource and Referral

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Jamie Alexander

Community Information Resource and Referral service provides intake, brief assessment, crisis intervention, short-term counselling and referral to services for children, youth, adults and families. This is typically a first point of contact for individuals seeking information, counselling or other services.

Early Learning for Families Strong Start Centres (ELF)

Salt Spring Elementary122 Rainbow Road,
Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V5

Salt Spring Elementary
250.537.9928

Fulford Elementary 203 Southridge Drive,
Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Y9

Fulford
250.653.9223

This program is operated by School District 64 at two sites on Salt Spring Island - Fulford Elementary School and Salt Spring Elementary School. It runs on a drop-in basis and is a parent participatory program designed for children ages 0 to 5. The program operates Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 11:30am with occasional evening events.

Family Place

Salt Spring Island Community Services
120 Park Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2R7
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9176
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Ragnhild Flakstad

Family Place offers a range of supports and services for families with children under six, and community development activities to increase community capacity to support young families. Services to families and children include drop-in parent/child services, structured parenting and play programs and individual parent support. Family Place provides a "hub" for early childhood services on Salt Spring.

Family Support

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Maryanne Benwood

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Kindergym

Community Gospel Church
147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1K3

250.537.2622
250.537.8479
Sarah Thompson
250.537.9970

This preschool activity program operates on a drop-in basis and is a parent participation program. There is a $2.00 drop-in fee. It runs 9:30am to 11:30am Monday and Thursday and follows the annual school calendar.

Ministry for Children and Family Development (MCFD)

250.544.3300
250.544.3315

Saanich Peninsula & Gulf Islands Integrated Services
103-7851 E Saanich Road, Saanichton, BC V8W 9S3
www.gov.bc.ca/mcf

The Ministry provides programs and services to ensure that healthy children and responsible families are living in safe, caring and inclusive communities. The Ministry's general responsibilities include: Child Protection and Family Development, Adoption, Foster Care, Early Childhood Development and Child Care, Child and Youth Mental Health, Youth Justice and Youth Services, and Services for Special Needs Children & Youth

To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect call 310-1234 from anywhere in BC. After-hours emergencies contact at: 1.800.663.9122

Parent/Child Mother Goose

250.537.9176
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Ragnhild Flakstad

Family Place
120 Park Drive Salt Spring Island BC
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

Parent Child Mother Goose is an interactive parent participation early literacy singing and rhyme program for children age 0-5. The program is held several times a year in various locations on the island. There is no cost to families.

Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool

250.537.8445
Lisa Dodd

110 Aldous Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2R7

A "learning through play" licensed preschool with parent involvement serving 3-5 year olds. Prices are reasonable due to parent participation. Program is offered Monday to Thursday.

Salt Spring Island Daycare Society

250.537.2114
ssidc@saltspring.com
250.537.1111
Sherry Moy

381 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V4
www.saltspringdaycare.com

The Salt Spring Island Daycare Society is a non profit, charitable organization providing island families with quality and affordable daycare for 25 years. The Daycare offers a flexible program with a combination of full time and part time spaces for children aged 3 to 5 years. Half day kindergarten care is available. The

Daycare's program encourages social, physical, cognitive and creative skills through a variety of group and individual activities. A fully qualified Early Childhood Educator is on duty at all times. The daycare is open year round with the exception of statutory holidays and Christmas break. Childcare subsidies are available.

Special Needs Child Support

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Joanne Van Pelt

Child Support services are available to assist with the care, supervision and support of children with mental challenges. Services include specialized and individualized child care interventions, respite, and other supports to families with children eligible for service from CLBC.

Toy Library

Family Place
120 Park Drive Salt Spring Island BC
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9176
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Ragnhild Flakstad

Salt Spring Island families may borrow toys and books for children ages 0-6. Service is available at Family Place during drop-in hours. Two toys per family may be borrowed for up to one month.

Tree Frog Daycare

Fulford Harbour Child Care Society
215 Southridge Rd. Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1Y9

250.653.4998
treefrog@ssisland.com
Lisa Bleskie

Tree Frog Daycare is a licensed non profit society with programs for children aged new born to 6 years. The daycare offers full-time and part-time spaces including afternoon kindergarten care and pick up from Fulford Elementary School. Early Childhood Educators (ECE) and assistants provide care and programming in separate infant-toddler and pre-school programs. The daycare is open year round with the exception of statutory holidays and Christmas break. Child Care subsidies are available.

Victoria Child Care Resource and Referral (VCCRR)

toll free: 1.800.750.1868
1.250.382.7000
info@childcarevictoria.ca

Single Parent Resource Centre
2001A Douglas Street, Victoria BC, V8T 4K9
www.childcarevictoria.org

Victoria Child Care Resource and Referral is a quality enhancement program funded by the Government of British Columbia and sponsored by the Single Parent Resource Centre. This service helps families find quality child care and other early childhood development supports across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Contact this service for daycare licensing, training, resources and supports to licensed care facilities.

NOTES:

Private day care providers may be listed in the Lion's Directory, Salt Spring's phone directory.

EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Centre for Child Honouring

Maureen Moore ☺

191 Long Harbour Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.childhonoring.org

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Fernwood Elementary School

150 Fernwood Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1C5
http://web.me.com/fernwoodschool/Site/Home.html

250.537.9332 ☎
rbennett@sd64.bc.ca
250.537.5386 🖷
principal: ☺
Richard Bennett

Located on the North end of Salt Spring Island, we serve students from kindergarten to Grade 5. Our school offers many opportunities for young children to explore their interests. In addition to dedicated classroom teachers and support staff we offer a garden and greenhouse program, choir, sports teams, a student leadership program, and peer helper support. Student learning is enhanced by the use of a Linux based lab which can be accessed from any computer at home, a school librarian and library clerk, student support services staff, and community based counsellors.

Fulford Elementary School

203 Southridge Drive, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Y9
www.fulford.sd64.bc.ca

250.653.9223 ☎
fulford@sd64.bc.ca
250.653.2090 🖷
principal: Shelly Johnson ☺

Fulford School is located at the south end of Salt Spring Island near Fulford Harbour. Our school is set in acres of woods and within easy walking distance of the ocean, lakes and streams. We have 5 multi-grade classes, 1 classroom for student support services, and 1 classroom dedicated to music and drama, a Multi-purpose room and an Art room. Local artists and community members work with our students regularly to share their expertise and passion.

Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning (GICEL)

250.539.0619
gicel@gicel.ca
Michael Dunn

School District #64
Box 496, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.sd64.bc.ca

The Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning is an ecological exploration program connecting people with nature using the unique and wonderful ecosystems of the spectacular southern Gulf Islands. Email or phone for current and upcoming programs.

Gulf Islands School District#64

112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2K3
www.sd64.bc.ca

250.537.5548
250.537.4200
Superintendent: Jeff Hopkins
Board Chair: May McKenzie
250.539.2530

The Gulf Islands School District has eleven schools, seven of which are on Salt Spring Island. The School Board office is located in Ganges, Salt Spring Island. Just over 600 students attend Gulf Islands Secondary, the District's largest school. The school houses a large International Education Program and the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts. The other schools are smaller, one with as few as 6 to 12 students.

Gulf Islands School District Early Success Program

250.537.5548 ext. 68
kakehurst@sd64.bc.ca
Kathryn Akehurst

Elementary Curriculum Coordinator
112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2K3
www.sd64.bc.ca

The Early Success program focuses on our youngest students, providing them with a strong start to school. The Early Success committee and school staff are responsible for projects such as the Welcome to Kindergarten booklet; Ready, Set, Learn Initiatives; developing liaisons with early childhood service providers; and connections with other school district early childhood initiatives.

Gulf Islands Secondary School/ Phoenix Secondary Alternate Program

232 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V5
www.gulfislandssecondary.ca

250.537.9944
giss@gulfislandssecondary.ca
250.537.9512
principal: Judy Raddysh

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) is located on Salt Spring Island in the Gulf Islands School District. Approximately 600 students thrive on the strong academic, athletic, performing arts and computer and traditional technology programs at GISS.

Learning Disabilities Association of BC

South Vancouver Island Chapter
1524 Fort Street, Victoria BC
www.ldasvi.bc.ca

1.250.370.9513
info@ldasvi.bc.ca
1.250.370.9421

The Learning Disabilities Association is a non-profit organization that educates, supports, and advocates for children with learning disabilities and/or attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder and their families. The services include a lending library; parent support; individual and group support; a workshop series; "The Phoenix" (newsletter); courses and conferences. Membership fee is $35.00 per year. There is a rental fee for videos.

Phoenix Elementary School

and Learning Design Partners
163 Drake Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K3
www.phoenixelementaryschool.ca

250.537.1156
ohanson@sd64.bc.ca
250.537.1842
principal: Oscar Hanson

Phoenix School is a small, holistic school inspired by its natural setting, with a deep sense of family, community and society. Phoenix School follows a multi-age teaching philosophy in its two multi-age classrooms: Kindergarten to Grade 3 and Grades 4 to 8. A multi-age philosophy includes a focus on students' individual progress through a developmentally appropriate curriculum.

Salt Spring Centre School

355B Blackburn Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2B8
www.saltspringcentreschool.com

250.537.9130
sscs@saltspring.com
250.537.9132
Erin Porter

Salt Spring Centre School is a non-denominational, accredited independent school located on 70 acres of meadow, garden and forestland in the center of Salt Spring Island. This school offers a wonderful educational opportunity to everyone in the community. To ensure access to any student, bursaries and work-exchange options make the school affordable. We specialize in creative arts, peacemaking skills, and environmental education. School is in session 5 days per week and serves kindergarten to grade 6.

Salt Spring Elementary School

122 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V5
www.sseschool.sd64.bc.ca

250.537.9928
mmullen@sd64.bc.ca
250.537.1397
principal: Marie Mullen

At Salt Spring Elementary School we pride ourselves in being a child centered school. We are a community in which we all teach and learn confidence, open-mindedness, curiosity and respect in a rich, secure and caring environment. The school community is a partnership which includes and involves students, parents, and school staff.

Salt Spring Island Middle School

120 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K8
www.simschool.sd64.bc.ca

250.537.1159
lhalstead@sd64.bc .ca
250.537.4991
principal: Lisa Halstead

Salt Spring Island Middle School is located in the heart of Ganges village, overlooking Ganges Harbour on Salt Spring Island. This school serves grades 6 to 8. The school offers "late" French Immersion, and a regular English program. The school serves all the students of Salt Spring Island, and some students from Pender, Saturna, Galiano, and Mayne Islands.

Salt Spring Island Public Library

Mary Hawkins Memorial Library
129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T6
www.saltspringlibrary.com

250.537.4666
250.537.4666

Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00am until 5:00pm. The library has a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, along with an excellent selection of books

about Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands. The library also has books on tape and CD, videos, DVD's, large print, a children's library and internet access. Many services are available from your computer.

SSI Society for Community Education

250.537.0037 ☎
info@ssicommunityed.com

Box 329 Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9
www.ssicommunityed.com

The SSI Society for Community Education is a non-profit, charitable society dedicated to offering, promoting, and maintaining an array of educational opportunities and experiences for the community of Salt Spring Island. We offer creative evening, daytime, and weekend courses for the community twice each year in spring and fall. Course catalogues are published in the Driftwood in early January and September. New members and ideas are most welcome. Donations are tax deductible.

Salt Spring Literacy Society

250.537.9717 ☎
literacy@saltspringlibrary.com

Mary Hawkins Memorial Library
125A McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T6

A non-profit, all volunteer society, established in 2007, dedicated to the enhancement of literacy on Salt Spring. The Society focused on helping adults who have difficulty reading by providing trained volunteer tutors at no charge. The Society is also working in partnership with School District 64 who is responsible for coordinating district-wide community literacy plans. Privacy assured. Volunteers welcome. Donations are tax deductible.

St John Ambulance

250.537.5474 ☎
Leanoir Hearsey ☺

First Aid Courses offered include: Standard Emergency and CPR and Occupational First Aid Level 1 (WCB).

NOTES:

Private tutors and education specialists may be listed in the Lions Directory, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

BC Ambulance

emergency: 911
administration: 250.537.9711

BC Poison Control Centre

toll free: 1.800.567.8911
www.dpic.org

BC Poison Control Centre provides a 24-hour phone line offering emergency advice and information on the treatment of poisoning or overdose of medications, chemicals, street drugs, or other hazardous or toxic substances.

Child Find

toll free: 1.800.387.7962
childvicbc@coastnet.com
208-2722 Fifth Street, Victoria BC, V8T 4B2
www.childfind.ca

Child Find assists in the search for a missing child, and works with contacts and resources such as parents, lawyers, law enforcement, investigative agencies, media, social agencies, etc. Child Find distributes regular bulletins on missing children and has a number of education and identification programs. The assistance is in finding children aged 18 and under. Children over 18 are considered by special request.

Children's Help Line

toll free: 310.1234
or dial "0" and ask for 1234
www.safekidsbc.ca/helpline.htm

To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect, dial 310-1234 (no area code needed) from anywhere in BC. Anyone who is being hurt or thinks that someone else is being hurt can call this number. Children or youth who are being mistreated at home, at school or anywhere can call for help. Parents, caregivers, teachers and friends can call. If you know a family where a child or youth is being mistreated or if you are afraid you may hurt a child, please call the helpline. All calls are confidential.

Coast Guard

Rescue: 1.800.567.5111
Non-emergency: 537.5813
Marine Pollution: 1.800.889.8852

Copper Kettle Community Partnership

250.537.5863
Cherie Gouvreau

Copper Kettle offers people without homes or shelter, emergency supplies (i.e. tents, sleeping bags, warm clothing, and food). We network regarding other goods and services to fulfill acute needs and provide referrals to other services and advocates. Gift certificates for groceries are also offered. Family to family mentoring and friendly check-in is available for those who are shut-ins. Copper Kettle is a community partnership working with many other groups, associations and non-profits on SSI. A not-for-profit garden helps with food programs on the island. Copper Kettle is a grass-roots group and is supported solely by islanders for the sake of those less fortunate who live here.

Emergency Mental Health Response

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
Lady Minto Hospital
250.538.4800
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974

The Emergency Mental Health service provides a clinical response to emergency mental health situations in the community. The service is provided 4 - 12pm on an on-call basis through Lady Minto Hospital, and is available for phone consultation to the other Gulf Islands. The service works with Lady Minto Hospital and the RCMP, and is part of a region wide emergency mental health response of the Health Authority.

Fire Department

105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC
V8K 2G1

Emergency: 911
Administration: 250.537.2531

Food Bank, Christmas Hampers and Lunch Program

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Gloria McEachern

Food is distributed to needy individuals and families on a weekly basis, in emergencies and at Christmas. Food Bank and Lunch Program are Tuesdays

starting at 10am. Registration for Christmas Hampers happens in early December.

In From The Cold Emergency Shelter

250.537.9971 ☎
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974 🖷
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby ☺

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

In From The Cold provides overnight shelter and a hot meal for people without adequate housing. It operates during times of inclement weather during the winter months (November to March). The shelter opens when the temperature drops below 0 degrees C.

KIDS Help Line

toll free: 1.800.668.6868 ☎

www.kidshelp.sympatico.ca

The KIDS Help Line is a toll-free phone counselling referral and Internet service for children and youth. Professional counsellors provide immediate, caring support to young people in urban and rural communities across the country. The service is completely anonymous and confidential. They don't trace calls, use call display, or ask for your name. They also provide free and confidential Internet support and information services for parents of children ages 0-19.

Lady Minto Hospital

250.538.4800 ☎

135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1T1

A community hospital with 19 acute care beds providing 24 hour emergency services. It also provides for 31 extended care residents.

NEED Crisis and Information Line

toll free: 1.800.386.6323 ☎

Victoria BC

The NEED Crisis Line is a 24 Hour Line available 7 days a week. The Youth Line is staffed by youth, for youth, and is available from 4:00pm – 10:00pm, 7 days a week. NEED provides emotional support, crisis intervention services and community resource information. This is a telephone only support and information service. The line is staffed by volunteers, professionally trained to offer emotional support. While NEED is an English language service, they can help you find support services in your preferred language.

RCMP

401 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K

emergency: 911
administration: 250.537.5555

Salt Spring Island Emergency Management Commission

250.537.1220
Dave Enfield

The Commission manages all aspects of the Emergency Operations Centre for the community in the event of disaster or community emergency.

Salt Spring Island Transition House Violence & Abuse Help Line

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.537.0735
toll free: 1.877.435.7544
ssitransitionhouse@iwav.org
250.537.0736

The SSI Transition House is a 6-bed facility accessible around the clock to women and their children seeking safety from violence and abuse. The house provides temporary shelter, food, emergency clothing and personal hygiene items, crisis intervention, practical and emotional support, advocacy, information and referrals. The Violence and Abuse Help Line is a toll-free access point for women needing to come into the transition house. The Help Line also proves crisis support and information on violence and abuse issues to women throughout the Southern Gulf Islands. This service is for women from all sexual orientations, social and cultural backgrounds and is safe, free and confidential.

Salt Spring Search and Rescue (SAR)

294 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
http://www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/emergency/searchrescue.htm

250.537.0698
saltspringsar@telus.net
Chuck Hamilton

Search and Rescue is a group of volunteers, trained to find and help missing or lost individuals. Members are skilled in tracking, rope rescue, first aid, wilderness navigation, wilderness survival and helicopter safety. The group meets for training every Tuesday from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. To become a volunteer, leave a message or come by the hall on a training night. For emergencies call 911.

Victim Services

Salt Spring RCMP
401 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K
Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

toll free: 1.800.563.0808 ☎
250.537.5555 ☎
Kimberly Lineger ☺

Salt Spring Island Victim Services provides emotional support, practical assistance and referrals and information about the criminal justice system and further protective measures. This partnership between Salt Spring Island RCMP and Salt Spring Island Community Services also provides trauma debriefing and court preparation for victims of crime.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Career Assistance and Resources for Employment (CARE)

250.537.8562 ☎
250.537.9861 🖷

105 McPhillips Ave. Salt Spring Island V8K 2T6
www.careonline.ca

CARE provides free client-focused career solutions and essential tools to guide you back to employment. With onsite and online workshops, self-help resources, and career/employment counselling the CARE Team offers high quality employment services to all unemployed Canadians.

Networks Employment Solutions Program (NESP)

250.537.9971 ☎
connect@ssics.ca 🖱
250.537.9974 🖷
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby ☺

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

Salt Spring Island Community Services works in partnership with Victoria-based NESP to provide this supported employment service. The program assists individuals with mental illness and/or addictions to obtain employment opportunities within the community by identifying prospective employers, facilitating job placements and assisting individuals to become job ready.

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ENVIRONMENT

Cusheon Lake Stewardship

www.cusheonlakestewardship.com

250.537.5188
info@cusheonlakestewardship.com
Tom Volquardsen

This is a group of volunteers that are dedicated to the protection and preservation of Cusheon Lake. It promotes public awareness of how each individual's actions can affect the watershed and explains how each has a role in caring for and protecting the entire watershed. Water protection issues in the Cusheon Lake area are related to drinking water used and recreational purposes. If you are interested, would like to help or would like information please contact us.

Institute of Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA)

www.i-sea.org

250.537.4400
terri@saltspringenergystrategy.org
sustain@saltspring.com

The Institute for Sustainability Education & Action (I-SEA) was created to broaden and deepen the understanding, appreciation, and commitment to sustainability locally throughout the Gulf Islands of British Columbia, as well as internationally. The institute sponsors community workshops, conferences and other events. Consult the website for current program of events and sustainability information.

Island Natural Growers (ING)

A chapter of Canadian Organic Growers
106 Old Scott Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2L6

250.537.5511
Anne Massey

Formed in 1992, Island Natural Growers welcome any Salt Spring Islander who is dedicated to raising animals or growing plants according to natural organic principles and practice. Land protection, land trusting, farm taxation, organic certification, environmental chemicals, heritage and seed and tree preservation are at the top of our action agenda. Members meet quarterly for business and publish a quarterly newsletter to keep all members informed of schedules, activities and issues.

Salt Spring Conservancy

Box 722 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.saltspringconservancy.ca

250.538.0318
ssiconservancy@saltspring.com
250.538.0319

A non-profit society dedicated to protecting the biodiversity of natural habitats and special land features through public education, working with private land-holders who wish to place Conservation covenants on their land, and acquiring and holding environmentally sensitive land, often with government agencies and other conservation organizations. Membership is $15.00 for youth, $20.00 for senior or low income, $25.00 for individuals and $55.00 for business.

Salt Spring Island Energy Strategy

terri@saltspringenergystrategy.org

www.saltspringenergystrategy.org

The objectives of the SSI Energy Strategy include saving energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing air pollution. The Salt Spring Energy Strategy is an island initiative coordinated by the Earth Festival Society, with the help of The Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Island Natural Growers and other island groups. Our sponsors include Environment Canada, VanCity Credit Union, the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District. Visit the website to download The Salt Spring Sustainability Checklist.

Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot

349 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island
Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.1200
recycling@saltspring.com
Peter Grant

The Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot is a central collection site for residents to drop off "blue box" materials including cardboard, paper, plastics and containers. The depot collects other materials from residents and businesses including scrap metal, electronics, drywall, appliances, tires and batteries. Fees are collected for some materials. The Depot is open 10:00am – 4:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday and closed on holidays.

Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement Society

250.537.8983
cell: 250.537.7580
thesalmonladies@saltspring.com
Kathy Reimer

Box 289 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V9
Office: 334 Upper Ganges Road , Salt Spring

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society is a dedicated group of volunteers who work on all the creeks on Salt Spring Island. We operate a hatchery on Cusheon Creek and have projects in all the schools on the Island. If you would like to help or wish further information please call us.

Salt Spring Water Preservation Society

ssiwps@hotmail.com

Box 555 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.ssiwaterpreservationsociety.ca

The Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of SSI's lakes and fresh water supplies. It supports scientific study and research into water resources and promotes public awareness for water protection. The Board of Directors meets monthly and invites public input.

Waterbird Watch Collective

250.537.4515
Nina Raginsky

272 Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2J1

The Waterbird Watch Collective was formed to monitor and document waterbird populations around the coast, lakes and ponds of Salt Spring. Each participant receives a field note kit. Inventories are made on an ongoing basis. The notes are collected quarterly and are used for a variety of national and international scientific studies. There are no meetings, but there are lots of resource people available. We learn more as we observe more, doing our small part for waterbird habitat conservation.

NOTES:

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS)

toll free: 1.800.277.9914 ☎

Service Canada
www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Canadian Pension Plan provides retirement pension, disability benefits, death benefit, children's benefits, and survivor's pension. Old Age Security provides pension, allowance program, allowance for the survivor, guaranteed income supplement, and old age security identification card.

Credit Counselling Society of British Columbia

toll free: 1.888.527.8999 ☎
info@nomoredebts.org

James Bay Community Project Building
47 Michigan Street, Victoria BC, V8V 1S5
www.nomoredebts.org

A non-profit service offering free credit and budget counselling and workable strategies for reducing or eliminating debt, solving money problems, and helping people gain control over their finances.

Employment Insurance

toll free: 1.800.206.7218 ☎

Service Canada
www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/ei/menu/eihome.shtml

Employment Insurance provides temporary financial assistance for unemployed Canadians while they look for work or upgrade their skills. Regular Benefits, Maternity and Parental Benefits, Sickness Benefits, Compassionate Care Benefits, and Fishing Benefits.

Gambling Help Line

toll free: 1.888.795.6111 ☎

www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca

The BC Problem Gambling Help Line is a province-wide, toll-free, multilingual telephone information and referral service.

Income Assistance

toll free: 1.866.866.0800 ☎

Ministry of Housing and Social Development
www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/bcea.htm

Provides employment and assistance (BCEA) for individuals who are in need of financial assistance and are eligible for benefits. A worker is on Salt Spring Island on Thursdays and available at Salt Spring Community Services, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road.

Rental Assistance Program

toll free: 1.800.257.7756 ☎
1.604.433.2218
applicationinquiries@bchousing.org

BC Housing
www.bchousing.org/programs/RAP

The program provides eligible low-income working families with cash assistance to help with their monthly rent payments.

NOTES:

FIRST NATIONS SERVICES

Guide to Aboriginal Services in BC

www.gov.bc.ca/arr/services/guide.html

An on-line resource guide for Aboriginal people in British Columbia. The guide is a provincial resource listing of 800 community-based services and organizations referenced in 1100 entries, most of which are Aboriginal controlled and operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Gulf Island Secondary School's Aboriginal Education Advisory Council

sweinert@sd64.bc.ca
Stella Weinert

http://www.sd64.bc.ca/aboriginal/index.html

The Educational Advisory Council guides and assists the school district with its implementation of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and its use of resources related to aboriginal learning support and culture and language programming.

Indian Residential School Survivors Society

www.irsss.ca

toll free: 1.800.721.0066
24 hour crisis line:
1.866.925.4419
reception@irsss.ca

The Indian Residential School Survivors Society assists First Peoples in BC to recognize and be holistically empowered from the primary and generational effects of residential schools by supporting research, promoting awareness, establishing partnerships and advocating for justice and healing. The Society offers a national toll-free 24-hour support line for survivors of emotional, physical, sexual and/or spiritual abuse at residential schools and intergenerational survivors (family members.)

Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJAR)

250.653.9482
250.538.0077

SSIJAR was formed in June 2001 to draw attention to First Nations issues and to oppose the Provincial Referendum on Treaty Negotiations. In the long term,

SSIJAR aims to promote better understanding and awareness in the community about First Nations people, their history and objectives.

NOTES:

FOOD

Community Garden

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

Community volunteers manage a permaculture demonstration garden on Community Services grounds. Produce is harvested from the garden to supply the Food Bank, other community food programs, and individual community members.

Copper Kettle Community Partnership

250.537.5863
Cherie Govereau

Copper Kettle offers people without homes or shelter, emergency supplies (i.e. tents, sleeping bags, warm clothing, and food). We network regarding other goods and services to fulfill acute needs and provide referrals to other services and advocates. Gift certificates for groceries are also offered. Family to family mentoring and friendly check in is available for those who are shut-ins. Copper Kettle is a community partnership working with many other groups, associations and non-profits on SSI. A not-for-profit garden helps with food programs on the island. Copper Kettle is a grass-roots group and is supported solely by islanders for the sake of those less fortunate who live here.

Food Bank, Christmas Hampers and Lunch Program

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Gloria McEachern

Food is distributed to needy individuals and families on a weekly basis, in emergencies and at Christmas. Food Bank and Lunch Program are Tuesdays starting at 10:00am. Registration for Christmas Hampers happens in early December.

Island Natural Growers

250.537.5511 ☎
Anne Massey ☺

A chapter of Canadian Organic Growers
106 Old Scott Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2L6

Formed in 1992, Island Natural Growers welcome any Salt Spring Islander who is dedicated to raising animals or growing plants according to natural organic principles and practice. Land protection, land trusting, farm taxation, organic certification, environmental chemicals, heritage and seed and tree preservation are at the top of our action agenda. Members meet quarterly for business and publish a quarterly newsletter to keep all members informed of schedules, activities and issues.

Salt Springers for Safe Food

250.653.9612 ☎
Ellie Parks ☺
250.537.0864 ☎
Marian Hargrove ☺

230 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2P8
http://saltspringersforsafefood.com/

Islanders concerned about the impact genetically engineered foods are having on our health, our environment and our economy. We think globally, act and eat locally.

Salt Spring Sanctuary Society

250.537.5269 ☎
Dan Jason ☺
250.537.5677 ☎
Marsha Goldberg ☺

This non-profit society is dedicated to preserving our heritage seeds and plants. Through community involvement, the growing of these plants and maintaining records, we can ensure our most important food crops are here in the future. New members and growers are welcome.

NOTES:

Several local churches provide meals for the hungry on a regular basis or special occasions.

FOUNDATIONS

Greenwoods Foundation

133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z9
www.greenwoodseldercare.com/foundation.supportssi.php

250.537.5561
kjackson@greenwoodseldercare.com
Ken Jackson

The Greenwoods Foundation is an independent non-profit society and registered charity that is committed to raising funds for the sole purpose of improving the quality of life of the residents of the Greenwoods care facility and of Southern Gulf Islands clients who are receiving care services that are based in the facility.

Island Farmers Institute Foundation (IFI)

351 Rainbow Road
Box 661 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3

250.537.4755

Affiliated with the Farmers Institute, by issuing tax deductible receipts, the foundation encourages donations of items for the Bittancourt House Museum or financial aid for education. The goal is to raise public awareness about our food supply.

Lady Minto Hospital Foundation

135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1T1
www.ladymintofoundation.com

250.538.4845
LadyMinto.Foundation@viha.ca
250.538.4870

The mandate of the Hospital Foundation is twofold: 1) To carry out fundraising activities for improvements to medical equipment and facilities at Lady Minto Hospital, and 2) to receive, invest and administer donations and bequests that will also enhance facilities and services and lead to improved medical care at Lady Minto Hospital. The role of management and operations of the Lady Minto Hospital lies with the Vancouver Island, Health Authority (VIHA) and is not part of our mandate.

Salt Spring Island Foundation

250.537.8305
admin@saltspringislandfoundation.org
Box 244 Ganges PO
Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V9
www.saltspringislandfoundation.org

Every year, thanks to the generosity of islanders, the SSI Foundation provides grants to a wide variety of the island's charitable organizations. In 2008, the Foundation distributed over $100,000 in grants to more than 20 organizations. For more information please refer to the website.

NOTES:

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

BC Government MLA

Constituency office:
F-2412 Beacon Ave. Sidney BC V8L 1X4
www.murraycoell.com

1-866-655-5711
Murray.Coell.MLA@leg.bc.ca
250.655-5710

Salt Spring Island is part of the Saanich-North and the Islands riding. This riding is represented by Liberal MLA Murray Coell.

Canadian Government MP

Saanich-Gulf Islands – Gary Lunn
Constituency office:
1-9843 Second Street, Sidney BC, V8L 3C7
www.garylunn.com

250.656.2320
1-800-667-9188
lunnmp@garylunn.com

Salt Spring Island is part of the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding. This riding is represented by Conservative MP Gary Lunn.

Capital Regional District

1-500 Lower Ganges Rd Salt Spring Island
BC V8K 2N8
www.islandstrust.bc.ca

250.537.9144
ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca
250.537.9116

The Islands Trust has a legislated mandate for protecting and preserving the trust area, primarily through land use planning and regulation.

Elections BC

www.elections.bc.ca

toll free: 1.800.661.8683
toll free: 1.866.466.0665

Call to register for the provincial voters list. Phone the office for information or to have an application form mailed out. There is also a link on the website to register on-line. Voters must be Canadian Citizens, aged 18 years and have lived in BC for at least 6 months.

Enquiry BC

toll free: 1.800.663.7867
EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca

Enquiry BC is a provincial call centre that provides services to all British Columbia residents, on behalf of provincial government ministries, Crown corporations and public agencies. Hours of operation for Enquiry BC are 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Income Assistance

toll free: 1.866.866.0800

Ministry of Housing and Social Development
www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/bcea.htm

Provides employment and assistance (BCEA) for individuals who are in need of financial assistance and are eligible for benefits. A worker is on Salt Spring Island on Thursdays and available at Salt Spring Community Services, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road.

Islands Trust

1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2N8
www.islandstrust.bc.ca

250.537.9144
ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca
250.537.9116

The Islands Trust has a legislated mandate for protecting and preserving the trust area, primarily through land use planning and regulation.

Ministry for Children and Family Development (MCFD)

Saanich Peninsula & Gulf Islands Integrated Services
103-7851 E Saanich Road, Saanichton, BC V8W 9S3
www.gov.bc.ca/mcf

250.544.3300
250.544.3315

The Ministry provides programs and services to ensure that healthy children and responsible families are living in safe, caring and inclusive communities. The Ministry's general responsibilities include: Child Protection and Family Development, Adoption, Foster Care, Early Childhood Development and Child Care, Child and Youth Mental Health, Youth Justice and Youth Services, and Services for Special Needs Children & Youth

To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect call 310-1234 from anywhere in BC. After-hours emergencies contact at: 1.800.663.9122

PharmaCare

toll free: 1.800.464.4911 ☎

Ministry of Housing and Social Development
www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/index.html

BC PharmaCare helps British Columbians with the cost of eligible prescription drugs and designated medical supplies.

Salt Spring Transportation Commission

250.537.6758 ☎
bus info: 250.538.4282 ☎

BC Transit
http://www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/ssitransit.htm

Provides affordable transportation to Islanders with bus routes throughout the island including Ganges.

Service BC (Government Agent)

250.537.5414 ☎
Julie.Kelly@gov.bc.ca
250.537.4361 🖷
Julie Kelly ☺

343 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 2V4
www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca/locations/ganges.html

The Service BC office is the spot for all provincial government-related information and documents from marriage licence applications to land title searches and the filing of liens. Property taxes and fines may be paid. Provincial court meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the courtroom at this location.

NOTES:

Many other government services are available and can be found in the telephone directory or on their respective websites.

GROUPS AND CLUBS

Archives of Salt Spring Historical Society

c/o SS Historical Society
129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T6
www.saltspringarchives.com

250.653.4537
Mary Davidson
Lyngard: 250.653.4572
Mouat: 250.537.9445
Newman:250.537.5021
info@saltspringarchives.com

Located in the Windfall Room, Mary Hawkins Memorial Library, McPhillips Avenue Ganges. Open 10:00am - 5:00pm Mondays and 10:00am - 12:00 noon Thursdays.

Farmer's Institute

351 Rainbow Road
Mailing: Box 661, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.ssifi.org

250.537.4755
ssifi@shaw.ca

This is the oldest institute in BC. It is a volunteer organization that provides agriculturally oriented courses, sheep dog trials and runs the fall fair It encourages the preservation of island heritage and community involvement in all projects. Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month.

Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island (GLOSSI)

www.glossi.org

250.537.7773
glossi@saltspring.com

GLOSSI is a social and educational society for gays, lesbians and allies. Objectives include fellowship, information sharing, bridge-building, education and advocacy.

Girl Guides of Canada

BC Provincial Office
1476 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver BC, V6H 1E1
www.bc-girlguides.org

604.714.6636
info@bc-girlguides.org
604.714.6645

Girl Guides: Salt Spring Island

250.537.2437
250.537.2650

Guiding is for girls aged 5 to 17 years. It's a place where girls and women can be themselves, have fun, make new friends and participate in new adventures. Salt Spring Island offers the following programs: Sparks for 5-6 year olds; Brownies for 7-8 year olds; Guides for 9-11 year olds; Pathfinders for 12-15 year olds; and Senior Branches for 15-17+. Adults are always welcome as leaders, mentors, alumni and more.

Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island

250.537.4716
info@saltspringjapanesegarden.com

PO Box 657, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.saltspringjapanesegarden.com

Creating a garden of unity and reconciliation, the Society works for peace, internationalism and cross-cultural understanding. The Society is dedicated to building a public space on Salt Spring Island where the history of Japanese Canadian pioneers is acknowledged.

Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club

250.537.5206
Marv Coulthard

The Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club is open to all residents of Salt Spring Island who own a classic or antique automobile. The club was founded in 2001 to promote friendship with other auto enthusiasts and help in the care, upkeep and restoration of antique and classic cars.

Salt Spring Chess Club

Seniors Building
379 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island

250.537.1304
Conrad Koke
250.537.2809
Ted Baldwinson

Chess players of all ages and experience welcome. Mondays 10:00am - 2:00pm and Thursdays 7:00pm – 10:00pm.

Salt Spring Community 4-H

250.653.9054
Christine Clare-Rein

Salt Spring Community 4-H is an organization of boys and girls, aged 9 to 19, who are interested in developing leadership talents and abilities through practical training and experience in agriculture, home economics, citizenship, personal development and related fields.

Salt Spring Historical Society

129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T6
www.saltspringarchives.com

250.537.2194
Bob McWhirter
250.653.4949
Duncan Hepburn
archives@saltspring.com

The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest in the history of Salt Spring Island and British Columbia; to promote the preservation of historical sites and objects, and to encourage the publication of historical sketches and documents. Through affiliations with the BC Historical Federation, members receive the Association's quarterly and the BC Historical News. The Society meets the second Wednesday of each month, 2:00pm at Central Hall January to May and September to November.

Salt Spring Island 4-H Sheep Club

250.537.2920
Martin Williams
250.538.1900
Sharyl Watkers

The Club is designed for members with an interest in learning the practical management of sheep. Project work promotes skill development and self confidence, instills a sense of pride and cooperation among youth 9-12. The objectives of all 4-H clubs are knowledge, leadership and personal development.

Salt Spring Island Radio Control Flyers

250.537.5427
Alan Dennis
250.537.9117
Meriel Lee

The SS Island Radio Control Flyers are an informal group of radio control model aircraft enthusiasts interested in this sport. All ages welcome. We have a flying field and fly when the weather allows.

Salt Spring Writers and Friends

290 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6

250.537.4155 ☎
Mona Fertig ☺

The group raises money to fund a writing scholarship for a graduating GISS student who wants to become a writer. Occasional reading series are organized. Donations to the writing scholarship welcome.

Scouts Canada

1st Ganges Group

250.537.1881 ☎

Scouts Canada offers the following programs: Beaver's for 5-7 year olds; Cubs for 8-11 year olds; and Scouts for 11-14 year olds.

Toastmasters

www.toastmasters.bc.ca

250.537.8884 ☎
Bob Rogers ☺
250.537.8400 ☎
Rowan Rowell ☺

Toastmasters International is a worldwide organization dedicated to helping people become more effective communicators. Toastmasters helps men and women learn the art of effective speaking and listening, the two most vital skills that promote better self-esteem and enhance leadership potential.

NOTES:

More specific details about groups, clubs and recreation activities are available in a regular SSI Parks and Recreation publication.

HALLS AND RENTAL SPACES

ArtSpring (Island Arts Society)

100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V8
www.artspring.ca

Admin: 250.537.2125
Tickets: 250.537.2102
info@artspring.ca
250.537.8310
George Sipos

ArtSpring is a high quality venue for concerts, theatre, exhibitions and much more! ArtSpring is an 11,800 square foot, two level heavy timber structure boasting a 5200 square foot exhibition/multi-purpose area and a 6600 square foot, 259 seat theatre.

Beaver Point Hall

250.537.3505

1365 Beaver Point Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1W9

Set in beautiful Beaver Point Provincial Park, our charming hall is available for a wide variety of activities. In addition to the annual Christmas Craft Fair and the Bean Supper, we also host weddings, private parties, dances, theatrical productions, art exhibits, meetings and classes. Our fully equipped kitchen is bright and cheerful. The new recreation room is just the place for dance, yoga or art classes.

Central Community Hall Society

250.537.0079

901 North End Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1L7

Central Hall is currently used for the SSI Historical Society, Salty Wheels, Election Polling Station, dances, wedding receptions, The Fritz Movie Theatre and meetings. There are full kitchen facilities.

Croftonbrook Seniors Residence

250.537.2441

132 Corbett Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z8

Croftonbrook affordable housing complex is supported by the Legion, Lions and Rotary service clubs. It has a meeting room for rent which can accommodate up to 20 people.

Farmer's Institute

250.537.4755
ssifi@shaw.ca

351 Rainbow Road
Mailing: Box 661, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.ssifi.org

Islands Farmer's Institute includes an exhibition hall and meeting room with kitchen. The spaces are suitable for weddings, workshops or festivals. Rent part or total facility by hour, day or weekend. The capacity for the meeting room is maximum 70 persons and the downstairs hall a maximum 450 persons. Orchard and outdoor facilities are also available.

Fulford Community Hall

250.653.4415

Fulford Community Hall is the largest community hall on the island, holding up to 300 people for a concert or up to 266 for a dance. Available for weddings, receptions, concerts, dances, craft shows, conferences and recreation. The hall has wheelchair access, a well equipped kitchen, large parking lot and is located 5 minutes from the Fulford ferry. We also operate Drummond Park Children's Playground.

Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club of Salt Spring Island)

250.537.2000
ssilions@telus.net
250.537.2099

103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K8

Log building with a beautiful hardwood floor, 5 minute walk to town, surrounded by greenery. The hall is ideal for small groups or up to 90 for weddings, receptions, private and business social events. There are full kitchen facilities and an outside deck for indoor-outdoor events. The building is wheelchair accessible and there is a new paved parking lot with lots of parking space.

Mahon Hall Community Event and Activity Centre

250.537.0899
info@ssartscouncil.com

114 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V5
www.ssartscouncil.com

Heritage community hall located on the waterfront in Ganges is central to all of Salt Spring Island. Available mid September through May for theatrical performances, dances, exercise classes, workshops and meetings. This hall features one of the finest wood floors for dancing and easy parking.

Meaden Hall (Royal Canadian Legion)

250.537.5822 ☎

120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2P7

This hall's amenities include: 2400 square feet; seats 150+ people; stage; full bar; commercial kitchen; catering; wheel chair accessible entrance and washrooms; beer gardens; dance floor; BBQ's; and picnic tables. This hall is centrally located with lots of parking for weddings, fundraisers, banquets, dances, auctions and reunions.

Salt Spring Island Community Services

268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971 ☎
connect@ssics.ca 🖱
250.537.9974 🖷
Linda Evans ☺

The third floor of the Core Inn at 134 McPhillips Ave is a 1100 square foot studio space for rent. Priority is given to youth groups and activities. Salt Spring Island Community Services may also rent or permit use of other meeting spaces in its' buildings for small groups and meetings.

School District #64

112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K3
www.sd64.bc.ca

250.537.5723 ☎
Kristy Spencer ☺

Details regarding the various auditoriums and other meeting areas within school buildings are available on the School District website.

NOTES:

HEALTH SERVICES

AIDS Vancouver Island

toll free: 1.800.665.2437
info@avi.org
www.avi.org

AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI) is a community-based AIDS Service Organization (ASO) that provides education, support, and advocacy for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and other communicable diseases. The toll-free line is available Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Alzheimer Caregivers Support Group

250.537.5004
Margaret Monro
379 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island V8K 2W1

This group is a volunteer initiative of Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. Group meets Wednesdays from 11:00am -12:00 noon. All are welcome.

Arthritis Support Group

250.537.4607
Sharon Glover

Support and activities are organized as needed.

Brain Injury Disease Stroke Support Group

250.537.2909
Croftonbrook Meeting Room
132 Corbett Road, Salt Spring Island

The Brain Injury Disease Stroke Support Group is a group of people sharing coping strategies with support and humour. Meeting times are 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

BC Bereavement Helpline

toll free: 1.877.779.2223
bcbh@telus.net
www.bcbereavementhelpline.com

The BC Bereavement Helpline is dedicated to the recovery of individuals experiencing grief. The service provides the public and particularly the bereaved with information on how to seek help for themselves or individuals known to them who are in need of assistance through their grief. This is a helpline for referral and support and a community network of support and information.

BC Cancer Agency – Vancouver Island Centre

general enquiries
toll free: 1.888.939.3333
cancerinfo@bc.cancer.ca

2410 Lee Avenue, Victoria BC, V8R 6V5
www.bccancer.bc.ca

The BC Cancer Agency offers comprehensive cancer care including prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, community programs, research and education.

BC Eating Disorders Society

toll free: 1.800.665.1822
edrcbc@cw.bc.ca
1.604.875.3688

526 Michigan Street, Victoria BC,

This toll free number provides information, referrals, and education about disordered eating. The Society serves individuals of any age or gender who have disordered eating issues, as well as their families, friends, and health professionals. There is a resource library of books, videos, educational handouts, and a referral directory.

BC Health Guide

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Vancouver Island Health Authority
www.healthlinkbc.ca

British Columbians have trusted health information at their fingertips with just a phone call or a click away with HealthLink BC.
Easy access to non-emergency health information and services via the phone or website. Translation services are available in over 130 languages on request. For deaf and hearing-impaired assistance (TTY), call 7-1-1.
Any time of the day or night, every day of the year, HealthLink BC is as close as your phone or the web 24/7.

BC Nurse Line

toll free: 1.866.215.4700

This line offers confidential health information and advice from registered nurses. Call BC Nurse Line from anywhere in the province to speak to a registered nurse 24-hours a day or a pharmacist from 5 pm to 9 am daily.

Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice

250.537.2770
saltspringhospice@shaw.ca

Box 521 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W2
Hospice Resource Centre
#202 Upper Ganges Centre

Confidential vigil sitting, one-to-one visits, follow up bereavement care, bi-annual grief groups are available from trained community volunteers. Community education workshops are offered through the year. The foundation offers training, support and ongoing education for volunteers who visit terminally ill patients at home or in the hospital.

Canadian Cancer Society

1.250.592.2244
victunit@bc.cancer.ca
1.250.382.8130

750 Hillside Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1Z4
www.cancer.ca

The Canadian Cancer Society is a national, community based organization of volunteers whose mission is to eradicate cancer and enhance the quality of life for people living with cancer. The Society supports outstanding cancer research, provides reliable information on all cancers, delivers community-based support programs and leads cancer prevention initiatives. It offers confidential information on the cause of cancer, reducing risks, how to stop smoking, and dealing with cancer treatment side effects.

Cancer Information Line

toll free: 1.888.939.3333

A toll-free number operated by trained volunteers who have information and support on all types of cancer for residents of BC and the Yukon.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

toll free: 1.800.563.2642
info@cnib.ca

www.cnib.ca

CNIB is a source of support and information for people affected by vision loss.

Community Midwifery Care

250.537.2243
Maggy Ramsey or Terry Murray

130 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T5
www.communitymidwifery.ca

Pre-natal, post-natal and birthing services covered by BC Medical.

Dial-A-Dietician

www.dialadietician.org

toll free: 1.800.667.3438
604.732.9191
dial@dialadietician.org

Dial-A-Dietician is a free nutrition information line specializing in nutrition information for self-care. Registered dieticians provide brief nutrition consultation by phone. If you need more in-depth counselling, they will guide you to hospital outpatient dieticians, community nutritionists or other nutrition services in your community. Translation services are available in 130 languages.

Eric Martin Pavilion

1.250.598.6021

190-2328 Trent Street, Victoria BC, V8R 4Z3
Vancouver Island Health Authority

This service provides ongoing in-patient psychiatric treatment and case management support for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness for the South Vancouver Island Region including Salt Spring Island. Specialized services include: Schizophrenia Services; Mood Disorder Services; Early Psychosis Intervention; Anxiety Disorder Clinic; Medication Clinic. Services require a referral from a physician. Referrals are processed through Mental Health Intake Services.

Griefworks BC

www.griefworksbc.com

toll free: 1.877.234.3322
person@griefworks.com

Griefworks BC offers on-line bereavement support and information on grief and healing. There is a list of books and videos/DVDs about coping with the death of a loved one that are geared to children; suggestions of activities adults can do to support children who are grieving; and on-line interactive programs for children to learn about healing from grief.

Grief Recovery Program

250.653.4945
Barb Dams

This is a life enhancing program for people coping with the death of a loved one. It is for people with or without religious affiliation. Six sessions provide opportunities to make contact with others experiencing loss and to learn what is happening to you. The program is led by trained facilitators.

Heart and Stroke Foundation

toll free: 1.888.473.4636 ☎

(BC and Yukon)
www.heartandstroke.bc.ca

Heart and Stroke Foundation staff and volunteers are available to answer specific questions about topics related to heart and stroke issues as well as to provide information, advocacy, support and referrals if required. The Foundation's website has a lot of information on healthy eating and getting active. The toll free line is available Monday to Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

HIV Support Group - Gulf Islands

1.800.665.2437 ☎
250.537.7773 ☎

An informal group meets monthly to discuss such things as alternative therapies, spiritual healing and medical support. Confidentiality required.

Home Care Nursing

250.538.4880 ☎

Vancouver Island Health Authority
www.viha.ca

Registered nurses teach, coordinate and administer medications, change dressings and perform other nursing duties.

Home Support Services

250.537.9955 ☎
250.537.9969 🖷

Beacon Community Services
2-137 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2R8

Home Support Services is a non-profit organization providing home support workers to assist elderly or handicapped residents to maintain their independent lifestyle in their own home. Trained workers perform a variety of household and personal tasks on an hourly basis according to need. The support is provided by bonded personal care attendants.

Island Comfort Quilts

250.537.5302 ☎
islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca 🖱

107 Castle Cross Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2G1

Island Comfort Quilts provides a comfort quilt, free of charge, to any islander with a life-threatening disease or injury. Quilts are made of 100% cotton with a soft cotton flannel backing and come with a carry bag.

Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre (IDHHC)

toll free: 1.800.667.5448 ☎
TTY 1.877.667.5488
victoria@idhhc..ca 🖷

300-1627 Fort Street, Victoria BC
www.idhhc.ca

IDHHC is a specialized social service agency providing counselling and support services to people dealing with a hearing loss and their families.

Lady Minto Hospital

250.538.4800 ☎

135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1T1

Lady Minto Hospital is a community hospital with 19 acute care beds providing 24 hour emergency services and 31 extended care beds. It is operated by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

La Leche League

250.537.5163 ☎

Salt Spring Island

La Leche League gives support and information on breastfeeding. There is a phone counselling service, lending library and a monthly meeting. There are opportunities to network with new and experienced nursing mothers. There is no charge for this service.

Options for Sexual Health (The Clinic)

250.537.8786 ☎
toll free: 1.800.739.7367 ☎
250.537.4450 🖷
Sandy Kyle or ☺
Colleen Sladen-Dew

134 McPhillips Ave, 2nd floor, Core Inn
Box 654 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.optionsforsexualhealth.org

The Clinic operates as a branch of Options for Sexual Health of BC. Clinic staff include a physician, nurses and volunteers. In a non-judgemental, supportive atmosphere, The Clinic offers education, counselling, examination and treatment related to sexual and reproductive health. Services include female annual physical assessment, birth control counselling, low cost birth control supplies, sexually transmitted disease testing, pregnancy counselling, and emergency contraceptive intervention. Services are generally covered by MSP. Appointments are recommended. The clinic serves males and females including teens and adults. The clinic is open Mondays 4:30pm– 6:30pm (except holidays).

Public Health

Vancouver Island Health Authority
135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1T1
(behind Lady Minto Hospital)

250.538.4880
250.538.4899
Chris Smart or
Trinda Gajek

Public Health provides services and information on public health issues including pre-natal courses, baby health services, vaccinations and disease prevention.

Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health

2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria BC,
www.queenalexandra.org

1.250.721.6888
info@queenalexandra.org
1.250.721-6715

The Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health is a family-centred resource providing a range of multidisciplinary health care services to children and youth.

Salt Spring Cancer Support Group for Women

250.537.8327
Melynda
250.538.1902
Roz

Many levels of assistance and support are available to women experiencing cancer. Our Island members meet informally to support each other, friends, family and caregivers. All are welcome.

Salt Spring Prostate Cancer Support Group

250.537.4503
John Woodward
250.537.8519
Derek Castle

This is a group for people to come together in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality to share in the support of one another while dealing with prostate cancer. Monthly meetings include speakers, panels and small group discussions. The objectives include emotional support, fellowship, knowledge, information and strength in numbers. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend our free meetings.

NOTES:

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

Abbeyfield Housing Society

250.653.4125 ☎
Bruce Logan ☺

c/o 105 Hilltop Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1V9
www.abbeyfieldonsaltspring.ca/

The Salt Spring Island Abbeyfield Housing Society, and its current board of directors, is now firmly committed to acquiring the necessary land and other resources for building a unique and comfortable Abbeyfield House, on the south end of Salt Spring Island which will also be a focal point of goodwill and friendly contact within the community.

Copper Kettle Community Partnership

250.537.5863 ☎
Cherie Govereau ☺

Copper Kettle offers people without homes or shelter, emergency supplies (i.e. tents, sleeping bags, warm clothing, and food). We network regarding other goods and services to fulfill acute needs and provide referrals to other services and advocates. Gift certificates for groceries are also offered. Family to family mentoring and friendly check in is available for those who are shut-ins. Copper Kettle is a community partnership working with many other groups, associations and non-profits on SSI. A not-for-profit garden helps with food programs on the island. Copper Kettle is a grass-roots group and is supported solely by islanders for the sake of those less fortunate who live here.

Croftonbrook Seniors Residence

250.537.2441 ☎

132 Corbett Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z8

Croftonbrook is an affordable housing complex supported by the Legion, Lions and Rotary service clubs. It has 20 one bedroom units.

Greenwoods Eldercare

250.537.5561 ☎
jtaylor@greenwoodseldercare.com 🖱
Andrew Brown ☺

(Complex Care Facility)
133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z9

A government subsidized facility with 50 beds and 1 short term respite bed for seniors who can no longer be cared for at home and require 24 hour/7 day a week nursing care.

Heritage Place Senior Residence

120 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2Y4
www.heritageplace.info

250.537.1201
admin@heritageplace.info

This residence provides independent living for seniors age 65 or older.

In From The Cold Emergency Shelter

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

In From The Cold provides overnight shelter and a hot meal for people without adequate housing. It operates during times of extreme inclement weather during the winter months (Oct 31 - March 31). This service has been provided in partnership with the United Church and BC Housing.

Lautman Road Community Housing

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
jwilson@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Jai Wilson

Lautman House is a 6 unit rooming house style residence for low income individuals.

Murakami Gardens Community Housing

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
jwilson@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Jai Wilson

Murakami Gardens is a 27 unit apartment that provides affordable, secure, and safe housing for low to medium income individuals and families residing on Salt Spring Island.

Rental Assistance Program

BC Housing
www.bchousing.org/programs/RAP

toll-free: 1.800.257.7756
1.604.433.2218
VanIslandRegion@bchousing.org

This program provides eligible low-income working families with cash assistance to help with their monthly rent payments.

Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB)

1st Floor, 1019 Wharf Street, Victoria BC, V8V 1X4

toll-free: 1.800.665.8779
HSRTO@gov.bc.ca

The Residential Tenancy Branch provides landlords and tenants with information and dispute resolution services.

Salt Spring Community Housing and Land Trust Society (SSCHLTS)

c/o Box 98 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6

250.537.9644
ownhome@telus.net

SSCHLTS is a registered society which acquires and holds land in perpetuity for affordable housing and other community benefits such as agriculture. The society is committed to creating affordable homes for qualified Salt Spring residents and to secure the ongoing affordability of these homes for the community by owning and leasing land to home buyers.

Salt Spring Land Bank Society

PO Box 12, Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2P2

250.653.4573
neddy@saltspring.com
Neddy Harris

The Land Bank is a charitable organization dedicated to increasing the supply of affordable rental and home ownership housing, in order to ensure diversity in our community.

Street Link

Cool Aid Society
102 – 749 Pandora Avenue, Victoria BC, V8W 1N9
www.coolaid.org

1.250.383.1951
1.250.383.1907

Street Link provides emergency services to homeless people in the downtown core of Victoria. Since 1991, it has been located in a downtown location that also houses the Cool Aid Community Health Centre and a supportive housing program. Street Link is not only a shelter, but also provides meals, drop in services, laundry facilities and links to other resources.

NOTES:

LEGAL SERVICES

Dial-A-Law

toll-free 1.800.565.5297 ☎

www.dialalaw.org

Dial-A-Law is a library of scripts prepared by lawyers. It offers general information on a variety of topics on law in British Columbia, but not legal advice. If you need further information, you should consult a lawyer by calling the Lawyer Referral Service toll-free in BC at 1.800.663.1919. Dial-A-Law is a free service that is available in English, Chinese and Punjabi by telephone and on the Internet. Dial-A-Law is funded by the Law Foundation of British Columbia and is operated by the Canadian Bar Association British Columbia Branch (CBABC). You can call Dial-A-Law if you think you may have a legal problem and want practical information on the law involved, if you want to find out about your legal rights and responsibilities or if you want to learn more about the law and the legal system in British Columbia.

Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)

toll-free 1.800.663.1919 ☎

www.cba.org/bc/Public_Media/main/lawyer_referral.aspx

The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) is funded by the Law Foundation of British Columbia and operated by the Canadian Bar Association British Columbia Branch. The LRS program enables the public to access lawyers practicing in the field of law required for the particular situation and provides the opportunity to have a consultation with a lawyer for up to 30 minutes for a fee of $25 plus taxes. Lawyers voluntarily join the service so not all lawyers in British Columbia are registered on the LRS program. After the consultation, the fees to be charged are strictly between the lawyer and the client. The lawyer is not obliged to accept the applicant's case and the applicant is under no obligation to retain the lawyer.

Legal Aid (Legal Services Society)

toll-free 1.866.577.2525 ☎

www.lss.bc.ca

Legal Services Society (LSS) has a range of free services that may help you. LSS is a non-profit organization that provides legal aid to British Columbians. Legal aid services include legal information, legal advice and legal representation. Priority is given to people with low incomes, but many of our services are available to all British Columbians.

Restorative Justice Program

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.653.9885
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Wayne Fraser
Anna Squier
Robert Campsall

The Restorative Justice Program provides an opportunity for offenders of minor crimes to take accountability for their actions and avoid the court system through a diversion program. Offenders will admit guilt and, along with a panel and the victim, become involved in formulating a restitution plan that meets the needs of all involved. Volunteers from the community make up the panel and a case worker is available for supervision.

NOTES:

MENTAL HEALTH

Adult Mental Health Outreach

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

Mental Health Outreach services connect with individuals with severe and persistent mental health issues in non-office environments including peer drop-in activities, community and their homes. Outreach activities include life skills training, health and nutrition, medication management and other skills which contribute to their success living in the community.

BC Mental Health Information

www.heretohelp.bc.ca

toll-free 1.800.661.2121
bcpartners@heretohelp.bc.ca

This is a 24 hour line providing free information, referral and support for mental health and mental illness issues. This line does NOT provide crisis support, however it can refer callers to emergency crisis resources in their communities.

Elderly Outreach

1.250.953.3966

Mental health services for seniors 65 and older. This Victoria-based service does some outreach to Salt Spring Island.

Emergency Mental Health Response

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
Lady Minto Hospital
250.538.4800
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974

The Emergency Mental Health service provides a clinical response to emergency mental health situations in the community. The service is provided 4 -12 pm on an on-call basis through Lady Minto Hospital, and is available for phone consultation to the other Gulf Islands. The service works with Lady Minto Hospital and the RCMP, and is part of a region wide emergency mental health response of the Health Authority.

In From The Cold Emergency Shelter

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

In From The Cold provides overnight shelter and a hot meal for people without adequate housing. It operates during times of extreme inclement weather during the winter months (Oct 31-March 31). This service has been provided in partnership with the United Church and BC Housing.

Mental Health Consumer Support/ Yellow Submarine Drop-in

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

The Yellow Submarine Drop-in provides a safe and supportive environment for individuals with chronic mental health issues to experience peer support and connections. The service also includes focused components including health and self care, leisure and recreation, employment skills and other life skills.

Mental Health Housing

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

The Mental Health Housing service provides a liaison mental health practitioner to assist individuals with a serious mental illness to locate and maintain housing appropriate to their needs. The development of diversified appropriate housing for individuals with serious mental illness is an aspect of this program.

Mental Health Nursing

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Marnie Poole

The Community Mental Health Nursing program provides psychiatric/mental health nursing services which focus on reduced hospitalization and increased community case management activities.

Mood Disorders Association of BC

1.604. 873.0103
mdabc@telus.net
www.mdabc.net

The association provides support and education for people with a mood disorder, their families and friends. This support does not provide professional counselling. Please see the website or phone the main office for information on meetings throughout BC including Victoria.

Urgent Short Term Assessment and Treatment (USTAT)

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Cheryl Bell-Gadsby

The USTAT service includes intervention and psychotherapy for individuals experiencing serious and urgent mental health issues. Services are provided in collaboration with physicians, psychiatrists and other mental health practitioners. Service is typically short-term. Longer term service is provided when the referral is part of a physician treatment plan.

NOTES:

Private counsellors are listed in the Lions Directory, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

ArtSpring (Island Arts Society)

100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V8
www.artspring.ca

Admin: 250.537.2125
Tickets: 250.537.2102
info@artspring.ca
George Sipos

Salt Spring Island's premier venue for concerts, theatre, exhibitions and much more! ArtSpring is an 11,800 square foot, two level heavy timber structure boasting a 5,200 square foot exhibition/multi purpose area and a 6,600 square foot, 259 seat theatre. Visit ArtSpring and experience the best of what Salt Spring has to offer plus the finest in visiting artists. New members are welcome.

Bandemonium Music Society

Box 616 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W2
www.bandemonium.org

250.537.2332
info@bandemonium.org

Bandemonium Music Society is a registered charitable society which operates Salt Spring Concert Band and Swing Shift. For further information about our performances or to join us call or visit our website.

Graffiti Theatre

165 Ontario Place, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2L5
www.graffititheatre.ca

250.537.1283
spotty@saltspring.com
Amanda Spottiswoode

Graffiti Theatre is dedicated to producing entertaining, innovative and thought provoking theatre on Salt Spring Island. Its mandate is to produce theatre of professional standards showcasing the talents of the many experienced actors on the island, as well as inviting off-island professionals to work alongside island talent in a mutually beneficial environment. We maintain a volunteer list and welcome all enquiries. Youth volunteers are apprentices. Whenever possible small honorariums are given. Please see details on our website or feel free to call or email for further information.

Our Island Our World Film Society (OIOW)

PO Box 741, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.saltspringfilmfestival.com

info@saltspringfilmfestival.com

OIOW promotes awareness of local and global topics of social, cultural and

political issues through our annual documentary film festival as well as hosting special film events throughout the year and encouraging documentary film makers in our community.

Readers' Theatre

250.537.5432 ☎
Murray Shoolbraid ☺

Readers' Theatre is a group of people who act with their voices. They meet once a week informally to read plays, poetry or prose. Meetings take place on Mondays at 10:00am at the Library. They also perform publicly once or twice a year, and by invitation to interested audiences.

Salt Spring Amateur Radio Club

250.537.2791 ☎
250.537.5179 ☎
250.537.1235 ☎

Salt Spring Arts Academy

www.saltspringartsacademy.ca

250.537.4294 ☎
info@saltspringartsacademy.ca 🖱
Shelley Mahoney ☺

Salt Spring Arts Academy specializes in dance, voice and the media arts. Dance classes are offered in ballet, tap dance, creative dance and hip hop. Classes are scheduled throughout the year with specialty workshops and summer camps offered on a regular basis. The academy hosts an annual dance recital in addition to other scheduled performances.

Salt Spring Arts Council

114 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V5
www.ssartscouncil.com

250.537.0899 ☎
info@ssartscouncil.com 🖱
250.537.1678 🖷

The Arts Council is a major supporter of the many culture groups in the Gulf Islands. The Council operates ArtCraft - a show and sale of local handcrafted items – held each summer. Membership is open to all island residents.

Salt Spring Basketry Guild

670 Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2E5

250.537.0704 ☎

A group of interested basket makers and collectors with all levels of experience meets monthly. New members welcome. Guild activities include collecting, preparing and using basketry materials, inviting speakers for presentations on basketry topics; having hands on workshops to explore basketry techniques; and participating in social events and retreats. There are also opportunities for

exhibiting members' works.

Salt Spring Community Theatre

250.537.1798 ☎
spiritpoint@uniserve.com
Marit McBride ☺

This is a non-profit society dedicated to the advancement of community amateur theatre. We welcome all newcomers of whatever interests and experience to share their skills with us and to enjoy every aspect of playmaking. Please call for information or membership enquiries.

Salt Spring Concert Band

250.537.1388 ☎
Dawn Hage ☺

Salt Spring Concert Band welcomes students and adults with at least 2 years playing experience and basic music reading skills. Instrumentation includes brass, woodwinds and percussion. We have over 55 wonderful musicians of all ages. Come on out and join this exciting, fun, well loved community band. Rehearsals are on Mondays 7:30pm – 9:00pm in the band room at Salt Spring Island Middle School. For more information, please call.

Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society

www.saltspringjazzfest.org/society

250.653.4630 ☎
Brian ☺
250.653.9763 ☎
John ☺

The Jazz and Blues Society is a purveyor of fine music in the jazz idiom, sponsor of concerts, workshops and an annual jazz festival. Donations help to make it all happen. Tax receipts are issued. Volunteers welcome.

Salt Spring Painters Guild

250.537.9340 ☎
Milan Stevulak ☺

The Painter's Guild meets once per week. Programs and events include instructional workshops and field trips. The Guild hosts an annual exhibition in May, participates in Summer ArtCraft at Mahon Hall and offers a Five-Guild Pre-Christmas sale.

Salt Spring Pipers and Drummers Association

250.537.4283
Jim Ballentyne
250.537.1676
Doug Fraser

Salt Spring Potters Guild

250.537.9988
Anne Byrne

An association of potters at all levels of development from beginners to production potters, artist potters and sculptors, who are organized for mutual support and hold workshops. Potential members are welcome.

Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club

250.537.4441
jgheddle@hotmail.com
http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/About_Us.html

Join us for Scottish Dancing every Monday from September to May, 6:00pm -9:00 pm, at the Anglican Church hall, Ganges. Classes begin in September. New members welcome.

Salt Spring Singers

250.653.9317
Connie Holmes
250.537.2288
Linda Woodley

The Salt Spring Singers are an enthusiastic group of people who meet weekly to sing under the guidance of a skilled director. Concerts are presented twice a year in May and December. The Singers also share in other musical events on the island.

Salt Spring Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

250.537.4282
dogwoodlane@telus.net
Box 201 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V8
www.saltspringweaversandspinners.com

The objectives of the Guild include upgrading the standards of the crafts through the exchange of ideas and techniques. Workshops are offered at all levels of experience. The Guild meets every Thursday at 10:30am at ArtSpring. Membership fees and equipment rental are modest. New members welcome.

Salt Spring Woodworkers Guild

250.537.5301 ☎
Jeannie Paynter ☺

The Guild is open to both professional and amateur woodworkers at all stages of development. Occasional workshops and classes are held and all members are invited to take part in an annual sale in November. New members welcome.

Salty Wheels Square Dance Club

Central Hall
901 North End Road, Salt Spring Island

250.537.5356 ☎
Alan or Marilynne Cunningham ☺

The club was formed in the mid-1970's and continues to be an active club with a dance held every Thursday from mid September to early May at 7:00pm. Visiting square dancers are always welcome to attend our dances. Interested spectators may also come and watch.

Stage Coach Theatre School

100 Jackson Ave Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V8
www.stagecoachtheatre.net

250.538.7494 ☎
office@stagecoachtheatre.net

The School provides training in the performing arts to students 3 - 19 years of age. The School program includes instruction in theatre exploring a variety of acting styles, voice, movement, backstage techniques (lighting, sound, sets and costumes). At the end of each season, students develop performance skills as they showcase their talents on a professional theatre stage.

Swing Shift

Box 16 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island V8K 2W2
www.bandemonium.org

250.755.5135 ☎
250.653.9763 ☎
johnmoore@shaw.ca
John Moore ☺

Swing Shift is a community big band playing classis swing charts from the likes of Duke Ellington and Glen Miller as well as more modern composers. We are mainly an adult group, with a few students, rehearsing 7:30pm – 9:30pm Wednesdays in the Salt Spring Middle School band room between September and June. We play concerts, community events and dances and are also available for private engagements.

Theatre Alive

www.dianahayes.ca/TheatreAlive.htm

250.537.2538 ☎
Diana Hayes ☺
250.653.2377 ☎
Brian Brett ☺

Theatre Alive produces regular literary events on Salt Spring Island, sponsoring reading from world renowned as newly established writers from across Canada. Events are often co-sponsored by The Canada Council, The League of Canadian Poets and The Writers Union of Canada.

Viva Voce!

http://www.tunedair.ca/

250.537.2938 ☎
choir director: Deb Toole ☺

Viva Voce! Is a community choir open to people of varying musical and vocal skills. A joy of singing and communal exploration is the weekly rehearsal goal. We put on two major concerts a year.

Women of Note

250.653.9468 ☎
Linda Quinn ☺

This is an all-female a cappella choir which performs at many community events throughout the year.

WordPlay

250.537.9250 ☎
Ann Stewart ☺
ann.stewart@telus.net

This theatre group puts on public readings of plays several times a year. Any interested performers or for further information, call our number.

NOTES:

More specific details about groups, clubs and recreation activities are available in a regular SSI Parks and Recreation publication.

Private music instruction is also listed in the Lions Directory, Salt Spring Island's phone directory.

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS

Beddis and Cusheon Lake Area Residents Association (BACARA)

250.537.9299 ☎
N. Lyonns ☺

Channel Ridge Owners Association

250.537.9828 ☎
Ron Martin ☺

Isabella Point Residents Association

250.653.4441 ☎
250.653.2021 ☎

South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association

250.653.4954 ☎
Ken Lee ☺
250.653.9967 ☎
Johan Gerrisen ☺
250.653.0045 ☎

NOTES:

SENIORS SERVICES

Blood Pressure Clinic

250.537.4604 ☎

Senior Services Society
379 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V4

Free Blood Pressure Clinic offered. 10:00am -12:00pm on the last Monday of each month except December.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

250.537.5004 ☎
Margaret Monro ☺

Community Bathing

250.537.5561 ☎
1.888.533.2273 (central intake) ☎

Greenwoods Eldercare
133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z9

This service is for those who cannot safely bathe themselves. The program is accessed through assessment by a Home and Community Care Case Manager.

Community Wellness For Seniors

250.537.9971 ☎
250.537.4607 ☎
connect@ssics.ca
Sharon Glover ☺

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

Services include peer counselling, friendly visitors and phone contact for isolated seniors, wellness information and education, and a seniors van excursion program.

Croftonbrook Seniors Residence

250.537.2441 ☎

132 Corbett Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z8

Croftonbrook is an affordable housing complex supported by the Legion, Lions and Rotary service clubs. It has 20 one bedroom units.

Elderly Outreach

1.250.953.3966 ☎

Mental health services for seniors 65 and older. This Victoria-based service does some outreach to Salt Spring Island.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

toll-free 1.800.377.0212
1.250.384.8042

This is a support circle for grandparents who are raising or supporting their grandchildren.

Greenwoods Eldercare

(Complex Care Facility)
133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z9
www.greenwoodseldercare.com

toll-free 1.888.533.2273
250.537.5561
Andrew Brown

A government subsidized facility with 50 beds and 1 short term respite bed for seniors who can no longer be cared for at home and require 24 hour/7 day a week nursing care.

Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association (GISRA)

121 Atkins Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2X7

250.538.1995
meadowbrook@saltspring.com

GISRA is a non-profit charitable society which owns and operates the 37 unit Meadowbrook residence, a supportive-living all-rental seniors' residence serving the people of the Southern Gulf Islands.

Home Support Services

Beacon Community Services
2-137 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2R8

250.537.9955
call 9:00am to 5:30pm
info@beaconcs.ca
250.537.9969

Home Support Services is a non-profit organization providing home support workers to assist elderly or handicapped residents to maintain their independent lifestyle in their own home. Trained workers perform a variety of household and personal tasks on an hourly basis according to need. The support is provided by bondable personal care attendants.

Meals on Wheels

133 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z9

250.537.5561 ext 33
mow@greenwoodseldercare.com
250.537.1124

Hot nourishing meals delivered by volunteer drivers five days a week to the elderly or handicapped. This service is operated by Greenwoods.

Medical Alert/Lifeline

250.537.5848 ☎
250.537.8150 ☎
Kristi Spencer ☺

A personal response medical alert system for seniors.

Old Age Pensioners Organization Branch

170 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC

250.653.4949 ☎
Emily Hepburn ☺
250.653.4710 ☎
C J Hughes ☺

Meeting are held the first Tuesday of every month in the club rooms at Fulford Community Hall. New members are most welcome.

Older Adult Mental Health and Addictions Services Intake

1.250.519.5279 ☎

Vancouver Island Health Authority

Intake and referral for a range of health services within the region for seniors.

Salt Spring Seniors Services Society

250.537.4604 ☎

379 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V4

A drop-in centre with resources, information and a volunteer outreach program for seniors. Services include home visits, telephone contacts, drivers, peer counselling, caregiver support, weekly luncheons, monthly meetings, games afternoons, computer instruction, choir, French and Spanish classes, yoga and art groups. Senior Services Society is a charitable organization with 450 members who help each other and the community with free and volunteer based services.

Senior Information and Health Line

toll-free 1.800.465.4911 ☎

Free health related information for seniors.

Victoria Innovative Services Treatment Approach (VISTA)

1.250.953.3966 ☎

Alcohol and drug services for seniors 55 and older with substance abuse issues.

NOTES:

SERVICE CLUBS

IODE – HMS Ganges Chapter

250.537.2652
Lucile Adderley

The IODE was founded in Canada in 1900 and on the island in 1914. The IODE is a Canada-wide women's charitable organization, non-sectarian and non-partisan, whose aim is to improve the quality of life for children, youth and those in need through Educational, Social Service and Citizenship programs. We welcome new members.

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society

250.537.0643
135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1T1

The Hospital Auxiliary operates the Thrift Shop in Upper Ganges Centre to provide money for the hospital. Everything is gratefully received, except furniture and TV sets. Items that do not sell are sent off island to Victoria. The Auxiliary Society helps in Extended Care, the Hospital and Greenwoods. There is a showcase with crafts and knitting for sale in the Hospital entrance.

Lions Club of Salt Spring Island

250.537.2000
sslions@telus.net
250.537.2099
103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K8

Islanders help us by supporting the Lions Club activities and events year after year. We invite you to join us and participate in our activities which make our community a better place to live. For example: publication of the Salt Spring Directory; our famous Garage Sale held on Fridays and Saturdays; operations of Pioneer Village Seniors housing; partners in Croftonbrook Senior Residence, Handicapped Seniors bus; scholarship programs and many other community services. The Hart Bradley Memorial Hall is the Lions' Cub House where meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, September through June. If you are interested in becoming a Lion come to a meeting or call for more information.

Masons - Admiral Lodge #170 AF & AM

bookings: 250.537.2975
hall: 250.537.4511
secretary: 250.537.4743
506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2P6

Order of the Eastern Star

250.537.9413 ☎
Leslie David ☺

The order of The Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization for men and women in the world. We support several projects and bursaries. Through our generous donations to Cancer Research, funding has been made available for the purchase of much of the equipment in the Terry Fox research lab. Our members spend many hours making cancer dressings which are distributed free of charge to any cancer patient at the request of their doctor.

Rotary Club

Box 513 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W2

250.537.2199 ☎
Martin Hoogerdyke ☺

Rotary is an international business and professional service club of men and women, providing local and worldwide service through various projects. Fundraisers are Muffin Madness and Spooktacular. Rotary promotes high ethical standards for business. Meetings are held at Harbour House Hotel Wednesdays, 11:45am.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92

120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2P7

250.537.5822 ☎
legionbr92@saltspring.com 🖱

Celebrating 70 years on Salt Spring – servicing veterans, peace keepers, their families and our community. Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Membership invited and welcomed from the whole community. No military association required to join. We are a non-profit organization in support of many needs. Open daily for pool, darts, cards, shuffleboard, dinners and BBQ's and many special events in both our lounge and Meaden Hall.

Shrine Club #39 Gulf Islands

250.537.5655 ☎
Doug Wellington ☺

Sixty-three years ago Shriners began their dedication to raising funds for their now 21 hospitals for crippled children, 18 orthopaedic units and 3 burn institutes. All Shriners are members in good standing of the Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

NOTES:

SPECIAL NEEDS

BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

toll free: 1.800.663.1278
feedback@bccpd.bc.ca
www.bccpd.bc.ca

The BC Coalition of People with Disabilities raises public and political awareness around issues that affect the lives of people who live with a disability.

Choices Too Service

225 Wildwood Crescent, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2N7

250-537-1115
250-537-1501
Leah Woods

Choices is a Day Program and Supported Employment program for adults who are intellectually challenged. The program is funded by Community Living BC to assist individuals to develop self esteem, work, and daily living skills. Choices operates a clothing store.

Community Initiatives Day Programming

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Joanne Van Pelt
Annika Lund

Community Initiatives provides day programming for adults who are intellectually challenged. The program provides structured individual and group activities, and assists participants and their support networks to implement individualized plans to promote health, socialization and community involvement. Participants must be eligible for Community Living BC Services.

Community Living British Columbia

220-174 Wilson Street, Victoria BC, V9A 7N6
www.communitylivingbc.ca

toll free: 1.877.660.2522
250.952.4203
victoria@communitylivingbc.ca

Community Living BC delivers support and services to adults with developmental disabilities and their families in British Columbia. It has a board of self-advocates, family and community members as well as staff located throughout the province. We believe that people with developmental disabilities and their families know best when it comes to their needs, goals and planning for the future.

Community Living Summer Program

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Annika Lund

The Summer Program provides a structured activity-based day program for children with mental challenges. Participants must be eligible for Community Living BC Services.

Gulf Islands Families Together Society (GIFTS)

250.537.4744
Donna Diggins

Families formed GIFTS to ensure their sons and daughters were supported to participate in activities of their choice in the community. Support Workers provide assistance and training to individuals to help them develop living skills and participate in employment, volunteer or recreation activities.

Ministry for Children and Family Development (MCFD)

250.544.3300
250.544.3315

Saanich Peninsula & Gulf Islands Integrated Services
103-7851 E Saanich Road, Saanichton, BC V8W 9S3
www.gov.bc.ca/mcf

The Ministry provides programs and services to ensure that healthy children and responsible families are living in safe, caring and inclusive communities. The Ministry's general responsibilities include: Child Protection and Family Development, Adoption, Foster Care, Early Childhood Development and Child Care, Child and Youth Mental Health, Youth Justice and Youth Services, and Services for Special Needs Children & Youth

To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect call 310-1234 from anywhere in BC. After-hours emergencies contact at: 1.800.663.9122

Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association

1860 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2A5

250.653.4979
250.653.9212
Liz Anderson

A registered not for profit organization offering services to promote the well being and education of individuals having physical, intellectual or emotional disabilities through the development of equine skills and structured programs with horses. Volunteers needed.

Special Needs Child Support

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Joanne Van Pelt

Child Support services are available to assist with the care, supervision and support of children with mental challenges. Services include specialized and individualized child care interventions, respite, and other supports to families with children eligible for service from Community Living BC.

TETRA

Salt Spring Island BC

250.537.9351
250.537.9351
Derek Emmerson

TETRA is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities by designing and building special devices to resolve day to day difficulties and to enhance full participation in lifestyle activities. Services are offered without charge except for costs of materials and occasionally travel costs.

NOTES:

SPIRITUAL

Anglican Parish
All Saints by the Sea
110 Park Drive, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2R7

250.537.2171
ssanglican@shaw.ca
250.537.2171

Baha'i Faith
Box 772 Ganges, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.bahai.org

250.537.5188
Tom Volquardson
250.537.5071
Debbie and Bevan Wrate

Baptist Church
520 Lower Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2P6
www.ssibaptistchurch.org

250.537.2222
info@ssibaptistchurch.org
Pastor Murray Archibald

Sunday Worship 10:30am. Youth Group and Sunday School Available.

Bethel Pentecostal Assembly
215 Baker Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2N6

250.537.4143
jesuscomesun@gmail.com

Sunday Worship 10:30am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:15pm.

Community Gospel Chapel
147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island BC
V8K 1K3
www.communitygospelchapel.com

250.537.2622
info@communitygospelchapel.com
250.537.8479
Senior Pastor:
Reverend Chris Cormack
Youth Pastor:
Dennis Molden

Sunday services at 10:00am (Morning Worship and Kids Zone). Home Fellowship groups on Wednesday evenings. Youth Group and youth activity on Fridays at 7:00pm.

Jehovah's Witnesses
276 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC,
V8K 2K6

250.537.9126
250.537.4388
Hans Dobner

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church (Roman Catholic)

135 Drake Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K8

250.537.2150
250.537.2150
Divinagracai Pastor:
Reverend Fr. Anthony

MASSES:		
Saturday	5:00pm	Our Lady of Grace - Ganges
Sunday	8:00am	St. Paul's - Fulford Harbour
Sunday	10:00am	Our Lady of Grace - Ganges
Mon - Fri	9:00am daily	Our Lady of Grace – Ganges
ADORATION:		
Wednesday	9:30 – 10:30am	Our Lady of Grace - Ganges
ROSARY:		
Mon - Fri	8:30am daily	Our Lady of Grace - Ganges

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

221 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1K4

building: 250.537.1986
office: 250.537.9523
family history centre: 250.537.9573
building coordinator: 250.537.1983

Sacrament meetings are held at 10:30am Sundays. The Family History Centre is open 9:30am to 12:30pm Tuesdays and from 7:00pm to 9:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call for other meeting times and programs.

Unitarian Fellowship

ufssi@telus.net

279 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V2
www.saltspringunitarian.com

Meetings every Sunday at 11:00am from September to June in the Seniors Centre.

United Church

111 Hereford Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T3
www.saltspringunitedchurch.org

250.537.5812
250.537.5812
unitedchurch@saltspring.com

Salt Spring Island United Church warmly welcomes everyone to our services and activities: children's programs; inspiring choral music; friendly, diverse congregation; and ongoing educational programs and events. Hall space is available. Church office is open Tuesday to Friday 9:00am until 12:00pm. Historic Burgoyne United Church is located in the Fulford Valley.

NOTES:

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Blackburn Meadows Golf Course

269 Blackburn Road, Salt Spring Island BC,
V8K 2B8
www.blackburnmeadows.com

250.537.1707
clubhouse@blackburnmeadows.com

Blackburn Meadows is a nine-hole links-style golf course and driving range. The first fully organic golf course in Canada, Blackburn Meadows was designed by well-known golf course designer Jeff Shaw. Nestled in a lush valley next to Blackburn Lake, our superb 1608-yard links-style 9-hole course is a challenge for both new and die-hard golfers. The golf course offers Future Links junior golf programs and Junior Golf Camps.

Camp Colossal

SSI Parks and Recreation (PARC)
145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1K3
www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/activity/colossal.htm

250.537.4448
parc@saltspring.com
250.537.4456

PARC offers a summer day camp program for children ages 5 - 12. The camp runs during July and August. The day program includes games, crafts, outdoor exploration and swimming at the pool. Registration begins 8:00am daily at the Portlock Park PARC office except for scheduled off island days.

Canadian Pony Club

www.canadianponyclub.org

250.653.4383
Elaine Fraser

The Canadian Pony Club is an organization run by volunteers for young people up to 25 years of age who are interested in riding, learning about, and/or caring for horses or ponies.

Community Living Summer Program

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Annika Lund

The Summer Program provides a structured activity-based day program for children with mental challenges.

Core Inn Youth Drop-in Centre

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Kirsty Chalmers

The Core Inn is a youth centre in the heart of Ganges that provides a drug and alcohol free, supportive environment for youth between the ages of 11 and 18. The ground floor of the Core Inn building is home to a drop-in centre, an internet café, and several structured groups. The second floor is home base for the SSICS youth team counsellors and the Options for Sexual Health Clinic. The third floor is an open space for SSICS youth programming and rental by other community groups offering youth and family activities.

Fulford Hall Roller Blading

2591 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1Z4

250.653.4415
Brian Finnemore or
Harry Burton

Fulford Hall offers Friday night roller blading for families from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. Drop-in rates are $10.00 per family or $2.00 per child and $4.00 per adult. Roller blades are available on a first come, first served basis and you are welcome to bring your own equipment. Helmets are encouraged.

Island Paddlers

250.537.5646

Island Paddlers is a friendly group of canoeists and kayakers of all levels of expertise. We organize day trips, weekends and longer trips in summer, as well as taking a responsible attitude towards the environment and safe paddling.

Island Pathways

Box 684 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.islandpathways.ca

250.537.5043
250.653.2311
info@islandpathways.ca

Island Pathways promotes a safe, healthy, non-motorized environment by supporting and constructing pathways/bicycle lanes, our "CSA" approved helmet on every child program, educational events and making SSI "bicycle friendly". Please see our website for details and our beautiful accurate local heritage/cycling map.

Rainbow Road Indoor Pool

250.537.1402 ☎
Jim Raddysh ☺

SSI Parks and Recreation (PARC)
262 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1K3
www.recreationexcellence.com/location-saltspring.html

Please consult website or phone the pool for a schedule and current lessons and programs.

Salt Spring Badminton Club

250.653.4613 ☎
Uli or Gail Temmel ☺

Adults and teens, all skill levels welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking shoes. Drop-ins or yearly membership. Thursdays and Sundays 7:30-9:30pm at GISS gym.

Salt Spring Centre of Yoga

250.537.2326 ☎
ssc@saltspring.com 🖱
250.537.2311 🖷

355 Blackburn Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2B8
www.saltspringcentre.com

The Centre was started in 1982 for the practice of Ashtanga Yoga. Programs include Yoga and Ayurveda, Yoga Retreats, Yoga and Creativity and Women's Weekends. All programs include vegetarian meals, accommodation and sauna. Health Treatments are available by appointment. The Centre offers weekly Yoga Asana (postures) and Meditation classes and Sunday Satsang. The Centre is available to rent.

Salt Spring Gymnastics Association

250.537.5610 ☎
Dora Reynolds ☺

www.saltspringgynastics.com

SSGA operates out of Fulford Hall. The association offers pre-competitive and competitive gymnastics to children 6-18 years of age.

Salt Spring Island Dojo

250.653.4722 ☎

Beaver Point Hall and
127 Heidi Place, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1W5

Shorei Kan karate school.

Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club

805 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V9
www.saltspringgolf.com

250.537.2121
golf@saltspring.com
250.537.2126
pro/manager:
Steven Marleau

A challenging full length, par 36, nine hole golf course. Adult and junior club memberships are offered. Junior memberships offer unlimited year round play on the course during designated Junior playing time. Special organized junior group play is scheduled from April to August. Opportunities for off-island tournament play are provided for more experienced Junior members. Since 1998 the golf club has been running the Royal Canadian Golf Association Future Links program which introduces young juniors to the game. Professional golf lessons are also available.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation (PARC)

145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1K3
www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc

250.537.4448
parc@saltspring.com
250.537.4456

PARC (Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission) is responsible for the establishment, ongoing operation and maintenance of all community parks, park athletic fields, public trails, linear parks, waterfront parks, recreations areas and park reserves on Salt Spring Island. PARC is also responsible for Camp Colossal children's day camp program; operation of Rainbow Road Pool; the park Legacy Program; provision of tennis courts in public parks; the Market in the Park at Centennial Park; and support for community groups. Locations and access to all community parks and beaches is available on the website. PARC office is open Monday - Wednesday 10:00am – 2:00pm and Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club

152 Douglas Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2J2
www.saltspringsailing.ca

250.537.5112
250.537.5377

The purpose of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club is to promote cruising and sailing in the Gulf Islands. The club has an active junior training program. Please call for details.

Salt Spring Karate Club

250.537.1155 ☎
rparker@saltspring.com

c/o 141 Salt Spring Way, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2G3

The Salt Spring Karate Club welcomes students and adults from 10 to 100 years old. Learn how to defend yourself while improving your health and fitness. Classes are held at Salt Spring Elementary School. Please call for schedule.

Salt Spring Men's Fastball

250.537.1233 ☎
Blaine Johnson ☺

Salt Spring Mountain Bike Association

250.537.2572 ☎
Bruce Grey ☺

Trail maintenance, bike paths and bicycle race information. Sunday group rides all year round, some off-island trips as well. Everyone is welcome. Bring your bike and ideas.

Salt Spring Power and Sail Squadron

1.250.383.6677 ☎

Box 573 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W2
www.saltspringsquadron.ca

Nationwide, the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's objective is to establish high standards of navigation and seamanship, to provide training in Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, VHF, and Navigation and to promote the safe handling of boats of all kinds. Please call or log on to the website for information relating to the next available training program.

Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club

250.538.0072 ☎

Box 442 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1

The Club was formed in the early 1920's, was reorganized in 1948 after the war, and remains actively involved in fishing and shooting sports. The Club facilities are located on Long Harbour Road and include Trap, Rifle, Archery, Pistol and indoor ranges. The Clubhouse, with full kitchen facilities, is available for members and the public for social functions throughout the year.

Salt Spring Skatepark Society

250.537.4448 ☎
kruurs@crd.bc.ca
Kees Ruurs ☺

Kanaka Skatepark is located at the corner of Aldous and Kanaka Roads, behind the Elementary School and next to the High School.

Salt Spring Soccer Association

Box 712 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W3
www.saltspringsoccer.com

250.537.2882 ☎
Ken Byron ☺

League activity begins in September and ends in April. League activity includes: competitive league teams in Victoria for youth and adults; local league for under 11 years; pre-school program; soccer school; referees' training and coaches courses. Early registration is desirable.

Salt Spring Tennis Association

Box 583 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W2
www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/tennisassocinfo.htm

250.537.5422 ☎
Erica Ross ☺

The Salt Spring Tennis Association was formed to promote tennis; to arrange instruction for beginners and advanced players; and to hold tournaments at every level. Experienced instructors are available for private and group lessons.

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club

Box 203 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V9
www.saltspringtnc.ca

250.653.4782 ☎
Zeke Blazecka ☺

The purpose of the club is to stimulate interest in walking/hiking and related outdoor activities as well as natural history. Walks and hikes are organized most Tuesdays throughout the year except July and August. Activities are announced in the Driftwood on the last Wednesday of each month.

Salt Spring Women's Basketball

250.537.5706 ☎
Kim O'Neill ☺

Women interested in playing basketball, please call. Starts mid October.

Special Olympics British Columbia

250.537.4011
mervsue@telus.net
Merv Anderson

Special Olympics British Columbia focuses on athletic and sports training programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities, cognitive delay, or learning difficulties over the age of 8 years. Volunteers welcome!

Stingrays Swim Team

Rainbow Road Pool
262 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 1K3

250.537.1402
Jim Raddysh

Taoist Tai Chi Society of Pacific Canada

250.537.1871
David Honour and
Tina Mede

Tai Chi is an ancient, gentle exercise system suitable for people of all ages and physical conditions. The slow, gentle movements improve physical mobility, increase strength, stimulate circulation and adjust skeletal misalignments. Instruction is provided by continuously trained instructors. The Taoist Tai Chi Society is an international, non-profit charitable society dedicated to making this beneficial healing art available to all.

The Wall

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

250.537.9971
connect@ssics.ca
250.537.9974
Jamie Alexander

The Wall is an indoor recreational climbing facility. 40 foot walls provide challenges for all ages and skill levels. Access is open to all for evening drop-ins, and special events may also be arranged. Fees are for use of the Wall and include safety equipment and trained supervision.

NOTES:

More specific details about groups, clubs and recreation activities are available in a regular SSI Parks and Recreation publication.

VICTIM SERVICES

Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association

www.saltspringcrimeprevention.org

250.537.5555 ☎
info@saltspringcrimeprevention.org
Kimberly Lineger ☺

The Crime Prevention Association (CPA) mandate is to identify community concerns in the area of crime and to develop and promote activities to reduce crime in the community; to provide community based feedback and consultation to the RCMP; and to engage in education, research and community development to build a safer community. The CPA is a community coalition, with open membership, to which individuals and organizations bring their issues concerning crime and safety.

Victim Services

Salt Spring RCMP
401 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K
Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

toll-free: 1.800.563.0808 ☎
250.537.5555 ☎
Kimberley Lineger ☺

Salt Spring Island Victim Services provides emotional support, practical assistance and referrals and information about the criminal justice system and further protective measures. Victim Services is a partnership between Salt Spring Island RCMP and Salt Spring Island Community Services providing support for victims of crime including crisis intervention, emotional support, information, trauma debriefing and court preparation.

NOTES:

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Fall Fair

250.537.4755 ☎

Farmers' Institute
351 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island BC

One of the oldest, longest and continuously running fall fairs in BC. The Fall Fair takes place in September. Volunteers are always needed and made welcome. Program and entry catalogue available early July.

Volunteer Salt Spring

250.537.9971 ☎
connect@ssics.ca
Gloria McEachern ☺

Salt Spring Island Community Services
268 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
www.volunteersaltspring.com

Volunteer Salt Spring is a website service assisting Salt Spring Islanders in finding meaningful and worthwhile volunteer experiences. It helps local organizations find the volunteers they need by providing a gateway to the community for their volunteering needs. To post your volunteer organization or find out more about volunteer Salt Spring, visit the website.

Salt Spring Island Public Library

250.537.4666 ☎
250.537.4666 🖷

Mary Hawkins Memorial Library
129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T6
www.saltspringlibrary.com

Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00am – 5:00pm. The library has a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, along with an excellent selection of books about Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands. The library also has books on tape and CDs, videos, DVDs, large print, a children's library and internet access. Many services are available from your computer. The volunteer staff will make you welcome and assist in your search.

Salt Spring Search and Rescue (SAR)

250.537.0698 ☎
Chuck Hamilton ☺

294 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2K6
http://www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/emergency/searchrescue.htm
A group of dedicated volunteers, trained to find and help missing or lost individuals. Our members are skilled in tracking, rope rescue, first aid, wilderness navigation, wilderness survival and helicopter safety. The group meets for

training every Tuesday from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. To become a volunteer, leave a message or come by the hall on a training night. For emergencies call 911.

NOTES:

WOMEN'S SERVICES

Canadian Federation of University Women

250.537.8561 ☎
Ursula Livingston ☺
250.653.2424 ☎
Linda Counsell ☺

The Salt Spring Island branch of the CFUW is part of an international organization of women who are university graduates or who have an equivalent qualification. Our purpose is to provide bursaries/scholarships and to encourage higher education for women, as well as promoting friendship and support for members. Monthly meetings feature excellent guest speakers. Special interest groups are an integral part of the club's activities and meet regularly at members' homes.

Children Who Witness Abuse

250.538.5569 ☎
cwwa@iwav.org

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

Counselling and support for children who have witnessed abuse in their homes. Support is available upon leaving the abusive situation. Program includes support for primary caregivers.

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

toll-free: 1.877.435.7544 ☎
250.537.0735
info@iwav.org

Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

IWAV is a non-profit organization providing services throughout the Southern Gulf Islands to women and their children affected by violence and abuse. It operates the SSI Transition House, Violence and Abuse Help Line, Women's Outreach Services, Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women, Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling and "Transitions" Thrift Store. All services are safe, free and confidential.

Outreach Services

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.537.0717
toll-free: 1.888.537.0717
outreach@iwav.org

Women's Outreach Services has a full-time outreach worker, based on Salt Spring, providing a range of support services to women on Salt Spring and the Outer Islands (Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna). Services range from community education to practical and emotional supports for women affected by violence and abuse. Individual and group support services.

Salt Spring Island Transition House Violence & Abuse Help Line

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.537.0735
toll-free: 1.877.435.7544
ssitransitionhouse@iwav.org
250.537.0736

The SSI Transition House is a 6-bed facility accessible around the clock to women and their children seeking safety from violence and abuse. The House provides temporary shelter, food, emergency clothing and personal hygiene items, crisis intervention, practical and emotional support, advocacy, information and referrals. The Violence and Abuse Help Line is a toll-free access point for women needing to come into the transition house. The Help Line also provides crisis support and information on violence and abuse issues to women throughout the Southern Gulf Islands. This service is for women from all sexual orientations, social and cultural backgrounds and is safe, free and confidential.

Salt Spring Island's Women's Institute

250.653.4224
Sherrill Adshead

The Institute's aims are to improve conditions of rural life, to promote the theory and practice of agriculture, to promote home economics, public health, child welfare, education, better schools and cultural activities. The motto is "Service, Self-Fulfillment, and Sociability". Meetings are held once a month at member's homes. New members welcome from all areas.

Stopping the Violence Counselling

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
Box 376 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2W1
www.iwav.org

250.538.5568
stv@iwav.org

This program offers counselling to women on Salt Spring Island who have experienced violence in relationships, sexual abuse or childhood abuse. Services are offered individually and in groups.

Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA)

Community Development and Research Society
344 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V3
www.saltspring.com/swova

250.537.1336
swova@saltspring.com
250.537.1336
Lynda Laushway

The mandate of SWOVA is to develop solutions to prevent violence and abuse against women and children through education, community development, and research. In partnership with our school district we offer the award winning Respectful Relationships program in schools. We consult with and train other communities to offer school-based violence prevention workshops. There is a resource library available free of charge to the communities in the Southern Gulf Islands. We coordinate community events on December 6th, International Women's Day, and Prevention of Violence against Women month. We create, publish, and distribute materials on issues related to prevention of violence against women and children including our newsletter published twice a year. We serve communities of the Southern Gulf Islands.

Transitions Thrift Store

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)
#1- 144 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2T6
www.iwav.org

250.537.0661
transitions@iwav.org
Nancy Boyce

"Transitions" supports and enhances the programs and services of Island Women Against Violence (IWAV). Purchases and goods donated to the store all go toward making crisis and support services available for women and their children in the Gulf Islands. The store also provides shopping credits to our transition house residents and provides them with small household items they may need when furnishing a new home. Volunteers are always welcome.

Voice of Women

250.537.9804 ☎
Maggie Schubart ☺
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Marion Pape ☺

Voice of Women is a national women's group founded in 1960 to work towards world peace, women's issues and environmental concerns.

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