

## whats on at mahon hall

**ARTCRAFT** runs until 14th September. Open daily 10am-5pm

**Kundalini Dance**, a journey through the chakras, with Kaia Mitchell. Starting September 16 7-9pm, call: 250 537 1788

**Stagecoach** School for the Performing Arts children's dance classes return on Wednesdays in September. Call 538-7494 for info.

**Mahon Hall** is available for rental after September 15th with special rates for Salt Spring Arts Council members. Call Trish at 537-0899 for details/availability.

**Salt Spring Community Theatre** presents the comedy "Key for Two" by Dave Freeman and John Chapman on October 17 - 19 and 24 - 26, 2008.

October 31st - **Halloween Family Bash** presented by Stagecoach School. Watch for further details...

## in the news

**Sculpture Garden** - in the grounds of Hastings House, Upper Ganges Road. For more information call Hastings House: (800) 661-9255, or Salt Spring Woodworks: (250) 537-9606, info@saltspringwoodworks.com

**'Stairs'** - New paintings by Stefanie Denz at Salt Spring Woodworks. Opening reception September 18th 5pm-8pm.

New **Diana Dean studio/gallery** opening 27th September 2008 - see [www.dianadean.com](http://www.dianadean.com)

**Photographs** by Megan Manning will be displayed at Salt Spring Roasting Co in September 2008.

Photos: Megan Manning



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# Dean Opens ArtCraft '08

ArtCraft's stellar season of Showcases have included jewelry, bronze sculpture, painting, drawing, basketry and fabric design.



### "Sit. Stand. Run"

In August, we had Graphite drawings by Martin Herbert and terracotta sculptures by Deborah Gainer



**Diana Dean** retrospective opened Artcraft's Showcase series in June



**Peace Banner** by Terri Bibby, part of the fabric Showcase in July

# Art In Class Deadline

by Rineke Jonker

The Artist in the Class Program is looking for literary, performing and visual artists who have the passion and skill to share their knowledge with students in our school community. Our purpose is to give the arts a stronger presence in the everyday life of students by bringing the artists of Salt Spring Island into the classroom to share their skills and to create an awareness of arts in our community.

Interested? For more information please call Rineke Jonker @ 250-537-1923. Or, pick up your application form at the school board office or Acoustic Planet. If you would like an application form e-mailed to you as a word document, you can do so by e-mailing Rineke at [rinekej@telus.net](mailto:rinekej@telus.net). Artist in the Class Program is proudly sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council.

**Deadline for applications is November 3, 2008.**

# Macdonald's Photographs to Show Journey with Huntington's Disease

## "Lorna: Living with Huntingtons"

Galleons Lap will be presenting the photographic work of Shari Macdonald in October 2008. Shari is best known for her open and playful portraits of Islanders, and her work has appeared numerous times in local and off-island publications. This newest body of work will introduce readers to Shari's more serious photographic work, in a project that

will challenge the viewer.

Since moving to the island 19 years ago, Shari's friendship with Lorna Cameron has included a creative collaboration between photographer and model. This collaboration has continued throughout Lorna's relatively recent onset and development of Huntington's Disease, a neurological disorder that has progressively disrupted and changed Lorna's life plans. Shari, as a friend and then also as care-

giver, has watched and helped Lorna Cameron move through the various stages of Huntington's Disease.

This show will combine Lorna's words and Shari's images to create a compelling vision of Lorna's journey.

**The show opens October 3, and runs until October 18 at Galleons Lap, 103 Park Dr, Salt Spring Island. More info: 250 538-0182 [www.glphoto.com](http://www.glphoto.com)**

# Photosynthesis 2008

by Seth Berkowitz

25 island photographers are exhibiting and selling scores of photographs that show their vision of the world, ranging from the pixel level up to stunningly expansive landscapes. This annual event has become a "must do" event of the art season on Salt Spring, and attracts people from Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, & beyond.

A number of photographers who work nationally and internationally will be previewing new work at PhotoSynthesis.

This is an opportunity to see what these artists will

be presenting to the rest of the world in the months to come.

There will also be a selection of images from the Driftwood's recent "Day in the Life" annual special edition.

The exhibition runs until September 2, at ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave, Ganges, Salt Spring Island. Open daily 10am to 5pm, and some evenings. See [www.saltspringphotographers.ca](http://www.saltspringphotographers.ca) for more information.



VW Poetry Van - Brigit Freybe Bateman

**from the desk of ArtCraft** by Vivianne Pearson, Manager

## ArtCraft + Marketing = Prosperity

ArtCraft is demonstrating a dynamic profile on Salt Spring this year. It is very good news despite four challenging trends; rising gas prices, BC Ferry rates, the Canadian dollar at par, and slightly fewer visitors. ArtCraft sales revenues remained steady between 2007 & 2008 June/July term. We are a venue for regional artists and this year we have successfully initiated productive partnerships with small business and corporate sponsors to significantly enhance our style of advertising.

New visitors have been signing and commenting in our Guest Book from Iqaluit, Tokyo, New Zealand and points in between. It is very rewarding for staff and artists to meet the off island customers who visit ArtCraft each summer. The ArtCraft Committee will explore the logistics and cost of an often requested e-commerce option for off island visitors. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome.

This fall I will be doing studio visits/outreach to advance the quality and number of Southern Gulf Islands artists represented.

If you have friends/artists or know of additional craftspeople for ArtCraft please contact the SSAC office.

It is both a great pleasure and privilege to serve the Salt Spring Arts Council, the SSAC Membership and the arts community. I would like to express my deep appreciation toward participating artists for their collective creativity, the ArtCraft Committee for their energy, Trish Wheeler for her invaluable support, and summer student Josephine Duffy. In particular, a thank you goes out to Anthony Matthews who contributed his unique skill set and countless volunteer hours to ensure a vibrant 2008 Showcase series. With all of us working together I anticipate further great strides for ArtCraft.



Four friends: Almira, Shannon, Shivanni and Nicki from the U.K. enjoying their visit to ArtCraft



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## Call for entries

**Oneofakind** - Christmas Show & Sale VANCOUVER November 20-23, 2008. Limited booth space available for glass, ceramic, wood, fashion, and visual artists. Deadline has past, but they will accept late entries. Visit [www.oneofakindvancouver.com](http://www.oneofakindvancouver.com) for more info.

**SSAC Grants Deadline** Oct 31, 2008. Applicants must be residents of the Gulf Islands. Projects taking place December 2008 through May 2009, of cultural benefit to the community. Preference may be given to SSAC members and to events that make use of Mahon Hall. Innovative projects encouraged. [www.ssartscouncil.com](http://www.ssartscouncil.com) (programs/newsletter/page) for further info.

**Artist in the Class** Deadline November 3, 2008. (See page 2)

**TAP** - Call for artists for a juried art exhibition and fair for independent artists called The Artist Project Toronto in March 2009. Deadline: 19 Sept 2008. [www.theartistprojecttoronto.com](http://www.theartistprojecttoronto.com) or call Kim Selman (416) 960 4527 for info.

Get ready for **Wintercraft**, the annual Christmas sale, which runs December 5th to 20th 2008. Deadline in November. Entry forms available soon. For more information call: (250) 537 0899 e-mail: [manager@ssartscouncil.com](mailto:manager@ssartscouncil.com)

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*"Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter. "*

- Oscar Wilde -

*"I've been imitated so well I've heard people copy my mistakes."*

- Jimmy Hendrix -