

whats on at mahon hall

Mondays 5:30 Fusion Fitness
Rani: 250-653-0019

Tuesdays 6-7pm Beginning Adult Tap
Megan: 250-537-8598

Salt Spring Arts Academy:
www.saltspringartsacademy.ca
Tuesday Creative Dance
Wednesday 4:30 - 6 Hip Hop
Thursday 5:30 - 7 Contemporary
Friday 10 - 11:30 Tap for adults

Sunday's 6 - 9 Ballroom Dance
ballroomonsaltspring@gmail

Friday March 12th 1 - 4pm. Lantern
Making Workshops. Register thru
Community Ed.

Salt Spring Community Theatre
presents "Who's Under Where?"
March 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8 pm
March 28th, matinee
A riotous farce by Marsha Kash &
Doug Hughes.

Saturday, April 10, 10 - 4 pm
Antiques & Collectibles Sale.

**For information on renting
Mahon Hall call Trish
at 250 537 0899.
Special rates for SSAC members.**

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Members - List your arts
events on the SSAC Web
Site Calendar! Send your
info by e-mail to: news@
ssartscouncil.com

Art Tuesdays, 7pm (Pot luck).
Contact: Gillian: 250-537-5833 or
gmconnell@shaw.ca for schedule,
venues and topics.

Contemporary dance class with
Robbyn Scott and Anna Haltrecht
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm. Contact
Anna for location. 250-537-5681
anna@bonesforever.com

Income Tax Workshop for Artists
Tanya Sterling on February 21 at Ce-
dar Hill Recreation Centre, Saanich
(250) 475-7121 or on-line at www.
saanich.ca Reonline. Fee: \$25

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ArtCraft Needs You! - Be Part of the Transformation

A lot has happened over the past year to celebrate with our members at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 7th. Those of you who were at our 2009 AGM will remember that we asked for your input through a series of questions. What became really clear in your feedback was that you would like to see the board work towards creating an Art School on the island. At the board's Strategic Planning session last June, we asked ourselves "What do we want the SSAC to look like in ten years?" Based on your feedback the board got very excited and inspired to work towards creating a School for the Arts on SSI. At the end of the day, we had the scaffolding in place that would help us achieve our goal. The AGM will be an opportunity for you to hear what your board has accomplished this year towards achieving that goal and others.

- The membership committee has come up with some great proposals to revitalize and increase membership.
- The Artist in the Class Committee has been renamed 'The Artist in the Community' with a view to expanding its mandate to include more educational opportunities for adults on Salt Spring.
- We are taking a lead role in the Arts & Tourism Initiative.
- We have an exciting fundraiser coming up that should become a yearly event.
- long term fundraising plans in the works.
- Mahon Hall keeps on improving.
- The board has created a slogan, mission and vision statements to be a beacon to keep us focused on our purpose.

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AGM
March 7th, 6pm
@ Mahon Hall

Agenda

- Appointment of Chairperson
- Constitution of Meeting & Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of 2009 AGM
 - Report from the President
 - Treasurers Report
 - Report from Committees and Activities
 - Election of Directors
 - Preparation of Financial Statement
 - Board Initiatives
 - ArtCraft
 - Any Other Business

in the news

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Leslie Corry is showing her work in the Artspring lobby for February.

Paintings by Margaret Briggs called "Saltspring Seen," are on display at Island Savings Credit Union on McPhillips Ave, February -April 2010.

Robbyn Scott is creating a dance work called "**Dwelling, Vertebrae and Other Tales**" (D-VOT) in collaboration with artist Stefanie Denz and 4 SSI dancers. See a sample: March 6th, @ Farmers Institute, during the "**Juicy Amazing Goddess Women's Event**" www.saltspringcommunity.com/2010/first-annual-juicy-amazing-goddess-woman-event.

Martinus Jewelry training dates for 2010: Feb. 27/28, Mar. 13/14, Mar. 27/28, Apr. 24/25. Contact Martinus: 250-538-1730, email: martinus@saltspring.com or: www.martinus-gold.com to reserve a place.

The Academy Presents ... "**Howard and Mimi**" March 12, 13, 14 @ Artspring - wonderful comedy!

March Break Clay Classes at Creative Fire Art Studio (Ages 7 and Up) March 17 to 26, 2010 Contact: Tracy Harrison 250-538-0144 or tracy@creativefirestudio.org

"Patchwork Of Colour" **Salt Spring Painters Guild Spring Show** April 15 - 29 2010 @ Artspring Gallery showcasing the versatility of guild artists as they expand their horizons. Open daily 10 am - 4 pm & some evenings.

Painting workshops with Stephanie Denz. April 16-19 cost \$200.00/ \$225.00 (materials included) Phone: 250-653-2018 or e-mail: denz1@telus.net

The Masterpiece Weekend and GalleryWalk show runs June 18-20th. Friday to Sunday 10 to 5 at Artspring. Info: www.saltspringfineart.com

Leanne Dyck's (Maynely A Mystery), non-fiction story 'Because She Believed In Me' is published in Island Writer Magazine (Volume 7 - Issue 2 - Winter 2009).

ArtCraft 2010 - Deadline for Artists May 10

Artcraft will run from mid June to mid September, 2010. The season opens **Friday June 18 and will coincide with the Masterpiece Weekend.** The Opening showcase features Salt Spring artists Anna Gustafson and Paul Burke.

The showcases for 2010:-
(dates to be confirmed)

1. Anna Gustafson and Paul Burke
2. Gillian McConnell, Megan Manning and Louise Goodman. Painting, photography, mixed media and sculpture
3. Michela Sorrentino and Byungjoo Suh. Painting and ceramic sculpture
4. Carl Shawn McMann, Sculpture metal
5. to be arranged
6. "The One Hundred Mile Basket" - Basketry Show

Interviews for the ArtCraft Manager are in process. With the departure of Vivianne Pearson, its all change for Artcraft. Watch this space for further information.

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- The website is being improved and expanded.
- The Easter Art Tour is getting better every year.

The AGM as a wonderful opportunity for the board to get into a conversation with members regarding how we need to change and grow. ArtCraft is one such area. ArtCraft is suffering from a fundamental stagnation.



Artists!

Artcraft application

deadline is

May 10

forms will be posted on
the website SOON.

www.ssartscouncil.com



**Santa and Helpers,
on Santa Day, Mahon Hall 2009**
Photo: Seth Berkowitz

Santa Day 2009

Santa Day was a roaring success with over 160 children attending. Santa was a great hit as usual, as were the craft tables and hot chocolate. Total cost to the council was around \$100. I'd say that's pretty good bang for our buck! Plans are in hand to make Christmas 2010 an even bigger splash so additional elves will be needed!

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Up & Coming - by Anthony Matthews



"Linda, Haudenasaune/Seneca" - from Eric Klemm's 'Silent Warriors - Portraits of North American Indians' series

East Art Tour

For the 4th annual Easter Art Tour, from Friday, April 2 to Sunday April 4, 2010, the Salt Spring Arts Council is proud to present **Eric Klemm: 2004 -2010**. This feature exhibit to be held at Mahon Hall, will be the centerpiece of the biggest Tour yet with over 40 galleries, studios and special exhibits. Curated by Anthony Matthews, the Klemm exhibit will set a new standard for future Tours and will feature photographs of his entire art photo-related oeuvre, including pieces from his newest series, 'The Italian Journey' premiering at this exhibit.

Membership Committee - by Bob Leatherbarrow

At the 2009 AGM members were asked to suggest new initiatives for the SSAC. The four main recommendations were:

- web based artist directory;
- professional development workshops;
- artist presentations & studio visits;
- new membership categories.

The first three will help members promote their work in an increasingly competitive market. A workshop on introductory kilnformed glass has been completed and others are planned. The new membership categories may include 'collectors, galleries and guilds' and are intended to make arts and crafts on Salt Spring more accessible.

Chair-ity

Two years in the making, and due to the efforts of a large and dedicated organizing committee headed by Georgia Taylor, a virtual who's who of Salt Spring Island artists will come together on May 22nd, in a gala auction event with 60 chairs transformed into Art. With celebrity MC's and auctioneers, a splendid wine and appetizer reception and coffee and desserts served afterwards, this auction is poised to become a must-attend social event. Keep your eyes peeled for the chairs, to be displayed in unlikely places the month before the auction.



"Salt Spring Chair" - Megan Manning

Call for Entry

GRANTS GOING BEGGING!

Despite hard times, there were no applications submitted in the winter 2009 round of SS Arts Council Grants. As a result, up to \$1500 is being carried over to the next round which closes **April 30, 2010**. Details are on the website: www.ssartscouncil.com or call: 250-537-0899

BC Arts Council Deadlines are coming up, check web site for details: www.bcartsCouncil.ca

Simon Fraser University is exploring the feasibility of offering a **Masters Degree in Arts Education** on Salt Spring Island starting in September 2010 and would like to hear from all potential participants. Contact Dr. Stuart Richmond: (778) 782-3163 or: Stuart_richmond@sfu.ca

Canadian Heritage provides financial support for activities organized during 'Celebrate Canada' period, June 21 - July 1. Deadline: February 28, 2010. Info: www.canadianheritage.gc.ca

Gap-Year Travel Photography Competition. Deadline: April 16, 2010, Entry Fee: Free, Entries must be the original work of the author, can be posted or e-mailed. Official web site: www.gap-year.com

"The Human Landscape" Slowart Productions presents a thematic exhibition held at the Limner Gallery in May. Deadline: March 1. **Direct Art Magazine, Volume 17** Competition for publication in Fall/Winter 2010 issue. Deadline: March 31. Entry form: www.slowart.com or email: slowart@aol.com

Through The Looking Glass is an opportunity for anyone with a mental illness to express themselves through art. The show is April 23 - May 22 at Comox Valley Art Gallery. Call: Jeff: 250-334-2385/ Laurie: 250-338-1743/Anh: 250-338-6211

Arts Partners in Creative Development (APCD) deadline for 2010 Programs is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 12. Guidelines: www.artspartners.ca



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Become a Member

Enjoy this newsletter regularly and other great benefits by becoming a member of the Salt Spring Arts Council - Support the arts in your community and apply for membership - individual \$20 - Phone 250-537-0899 for assistance or visit our website www.ssartscouncil.com - New members are always welcome!

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Welcome to all the new & returning members.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the BC Arts Council

Remember to put your Country Grocer register tapes into SSAC's box 93.

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."

-John Lennon-