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Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club

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Annual Strawberry Festival

Tuesday, June 20th

HIKERS, WALKERS, RAMBLERS - all are invited to our annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, hosted by the walkers, at Ruckle Park in the day use picnic area beyond the lower parking lot.

Meet at noon. Bring your own bowl and spoon for strawberries and ice cream, and perhaps a chair or blanket to sit on. Those not working on strawberry preparation and serving are encouraged to enjoy a short hike or ramble before lunch.

Our Website...

... offers a wealth of information for long time members as well as newcomers. Here you will find

- Descriptions of rambles, walks and hikes
- Dates and destinations
- Links to maps and trails
- Guidelines and carpooling information
- Archives with back issues of The Oystercatcher
- and much more!

<https://saltspringtnc.ca/>



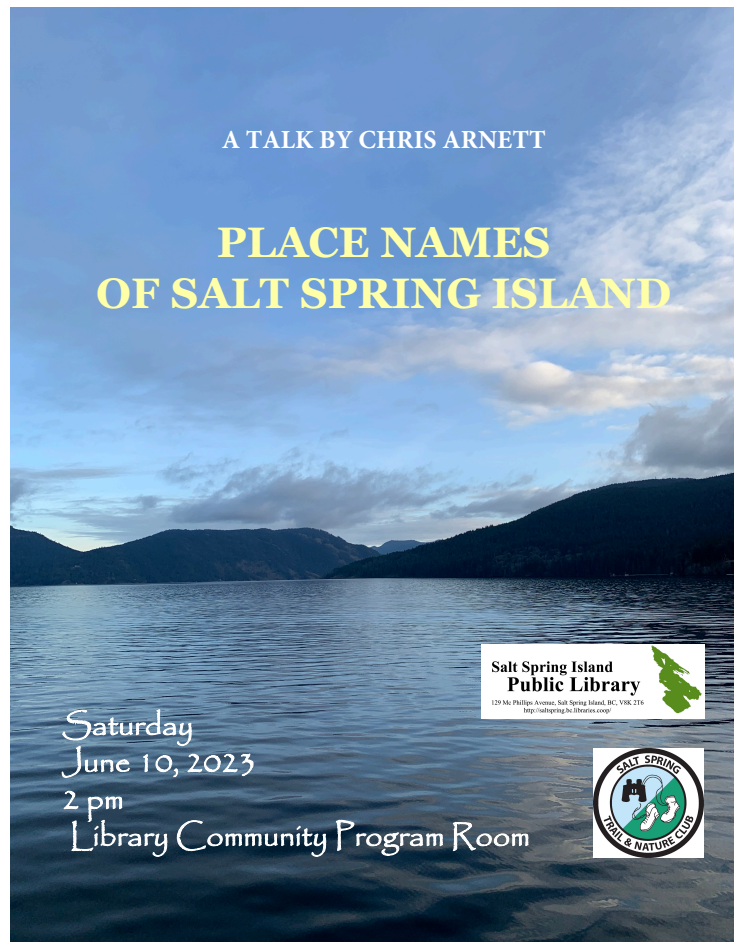
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Saturday June 10:

don't miss this informative and entertaining SSTNC talk in the Library:

Curious about names of locations and places on SaltSpring Island?

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature club is honoured to have Chris Arnett as a guest speaker.

An archaeologist, anthropologist, historian, author, musician, painter, carver, who has lived on Salt spring Island with his family for over 30 years he will share his knowledge of the origins of local place names, both Indigenous and colonial.



SSTNC Donates to Steward in Training Program

Two island organizations interested in nature, are working together to pass on those values to young people.

The Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club recently voted to donate \$2,000. to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. SSNTC Board president, Carron Carson, presented a cheque to the Conservancy's Board chair, Lionel Johnson. "This meaningful contribution will specifically fund the recruitment of volunteers to run our Steward in Training Program," Johnson said.

The Conservancy's Steward in Training Program is offered to all Salt Spring Island students in grades K – 7. Every year students spend a day at one of the island's natural places, engaged in hands-on learning about local ecosystems. Through these hands-on activities, the program helps to develop a sense of place, wonder and curiosity about the natural world thus creating awareness of the importance of preserving Salt Spring's natural areas. To find out more about this volunteer opportunity, check out:

<https://saltspringconservancy.ca/get-involved/stew>

TRAIL NEWS:

Did you know that the Salt Spring Conservancy has some wonderful trails in its nature reserves? Last winter, volunteers of the Conservancy developed a loop trail in the brand new **Creekside Rainforest Nature Reserve**. It is a short trail with little elevation change and takes you through one of the best west coast rainforests on Salt Spring Island. To get there, drive down Beddis Road, keep following the road past the beach area up the hill and turn right on Creekside Road. Half way down that road on the left hand side is the entrance to Jarrod's Grove Nature Reserve. Enter that reserve and after crossing the bridge you soon come to a split in the trail. Stay to the left and you'll end up in the Creekside Rainforest Nature Reserve. The trail is a simple loop trail and takes no more than 45 minutes to hike around. Make sure you keep your dog on a leash since there is wildlife around and that should not be chased by dogs.

Several others of the Conservancy's Nature Reserves have wonderful trails, too. The **Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve** at the top of Sarah Way next to Bryant Hill Park has 1.5 km of trails with beautiful views to the south and west.

Relatively new is the **Howard Horel Nature Reserve** that can be accessed from the end of Mereside Drive. It offers trails that will keep you and your family enjoying the outdoors for a couple of hours.

If you have not yet tried the new **Cupple's Trail** that is worth your time. Drive up Sunset Road and less than a kilometre past the turn off to Southy Point you'll see the little parking lot on your right hand side. Follow the orange ribbons and you can't get lost.

HAPPY WANDERING!

MEET YOUR NEW VICE-PRESIDENT



David Cater has worked as CA in senior finance and/or information technology in various organizations, including in not-for-profits, since arriving in Canada from the UK in 1978. He spent many years with Burnaby Outdoor Club as hiker, trip leader, even organizing kayak trips. David says, “My favourite hikes in Canada & USA have included Cathedral Lakes, Waterton Lakes, Mount Baker, Wells Grey, East Coast Trail & Gros Morn in Newfoundland. In the UK I particularly enjoyed hiking on Yorkshire Moors, Lake District, Scotland and along the Southwest Coastal Trail.” David and his wife Elena, and their dog Denver, are happily involved in different activities in our community.

**SAVE THE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 12
BLACKBERRY
FESTIVAL!**

SAVE THE DATE: FALL FAIR, September 9 + 10
SSTNC is planning on hosting a booth with information, a draw and lots of fun interaction. Can you help by taking a 2 hour shift on those days? Please email: info.sstnc@gmail.com to sign up!

NEW PR/COMMUNICATIONS position

was recently filled by Margriet Ruurs. Margriet has many years of experience as a writer. Together with her husband Kees she has hiked in many countries around the world, including the Cape to Cape Trail in Australia and the Jesus Trail in Israel. She writes a bi-weekly travel blog:

<https://www.globetrottingbooklovers.com/>

If you have any news or suggestions to share, please email Margriet at margietruurs@hotmail.com

