OCTOBER EVENTS

Standard Car pooling rates
$2: Ganges to Duke's Road/Arnell Park/North End or similar short trips
$3: Ganges to Fulford Harbour or similar-length trips
$4: travel on unpaved roads or from Ganges to south of Fulford Harbour or Ruckle Park
$5: when travelling on Musgrave Road, Mountain Road
Off island: $0.30 per km per passenger plus shared ferry costs.

Volunteers are needed to lead hikes on October 6th and October 13th.

We need leaders for October 13, October 20
Please email sspence@telus.net with your walk.

Sunday, October 4th
Hike – Burgoyne Bay; meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00 or at Burgoyne Bay to set out at 1:20. Start out on 20 to join 23, branching to a snack spot, elevation gain 280m; follow 23 to the junction with 21 and backdown.

Tuesday, October 6th
HIKE -Leslie Gardiner will lead a moderate difficulty hike in Bryant Hill Park and Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve via the Bryant Hill Linear Park (aka Connector Trail). Total distance 6km with 300 metres of elevation gain. Numerous ups and downs and lots of fallen leaves making the trails a bit slippery so poles are advised. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool (with $2 for the driver) for 9:45am departure or at the trailhead parking lot for Peter Arnell Park (Stewart Road) for 10:00am start.

WALK – Sheila will lead a walk Merganser Pond in Ruckle Park and beyond to King's Cove and or the big tree. Lunch at King's Cove or Merganzer Pond. The first section of the trail has some exposed roots and rock. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool ($4) for 10:00 am departure or meet at the Ruckle Park gate parking area (the yellow park gate) at 10:30. Distance: about 4 km. Elevation change is minimal (less than 100 metres). Time about 3;5 hours.

RAMBLE – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 and carpool to the far end of Kitchen Rd.
Walk toward the Fulford-Ganges Rd as far as we like, back to the cars and drive to 456 Dukes Rd and eat lunch on my deck or in my basement (weather to decide?)

Sunday, October 11th
HIKE – NB. Note the change. The hike on Sunday October 11 will be in Ruckle Park. Meet at Art Spring in the lower parking lot off Jackson Avenue and McPhillips departing at 1:00 pm, or at the parking area just above the barn in Ruckle Park to set out at 1:20.

Tuesday, October 13th
HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike to Stocking Lake and Heart Lake. Meet at Portlock Park to car-pool, departing at 8:40, to drive on the 9:35 ferry. Follow Hwy 1 to Davis Rd N, turn left and the parking area is just off on the second left (Batty Drive). Good trail up, ascending steadily about 360 m, pleasant forested trail past Stocking Lake leading to a lunch spot on Heart Lake. Descent is steep in parts, poles recommended. Expect to return on the 3:35 ferry. If you have bear spray, please bring it.

WALK – Alison **will lead** will lead our walk the Chris Hatfield Trail out to Cusheon Cove. For lunch we'll backtrack a bit to take the inland trail out to Yeo Point, avoiding the narrow shoreline trail. On our return we may be able enjoy the gentle slope up the old logging road depending whether fallen trees have been removed.

Carpooling ($4) and departure from ArtSpring at 10:00am or meet at the trail head at the end of Meyer Road at 10:30am. Total distance is 3.5 km, elevation gain is 85 metres, walking time about 2 hours.

RAMBLE – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to Canvasback.
Take your lunch.

Sunday, October 18th
HIKE – Howard Horel and Andreas Vogt. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1:00 or at the parking area on Mereside Rd to set out at 1;20. Short steep section to start. The rest of the hike follows a forested trail with a number of short up and down sections rather than any one big climb.

Tuesday, October 20th
HIKE – Alison McNeil will lead a hike on Mt. Erskine starting at Collins Road. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 9:45 or at the trailhead on Collins Rd (700 m after the turn off Rainbow rd) to set out at 10:00. About 320 m climb to the summit (steep to start) on mostly good trail, a couple of stony sections.

WALK – **NB** The parking location for Barb's Little Mountain Road to Wellbury Bay walk is changed.

Park at the Cul-De-Sac at the end of Little Mountain Road. Parking is easier there and it is by the trail head.

Barb with lead an easy walk from Little Mountain Road to the Welbury Bay trails on Scott Point Road. Parking is limited. Carpool ($2) from ArtSpring departing at 10:00 am. From Long Harbour Road turn left onto Quebec Drive, then after 600 metres turn right to stay on Quebec Drive, then in 250 m right onto Quebec Lane. Keep right onto Little Mountain Lane. Park near 195 Little Mountain Road (Lea's cottage) where Barb will meet us. Distance: 3.5 km. Elevation: < 100 metres. Duration: abt 3 hours .

RAMBLE – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to the Labyrinth, ramble around there then drive to Portlock for lunch.

Sunday, October 25th
HIKE – Channel Ridge starting at Merganser. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00 or at the trailhead on Merganser to set out an 1:15. We will take the channel ridge crest trail to John Meyer's bench. and return on mid-level trails.
Tuesday, October 27th

HIKE / WALK – Mushroom Walk for Hikers & Walkers

The mushroom walk will be led by Vail Patterson, a mushroom enthusiast and identification expert living on Salt Spring Island. The walk will be on private property. It's mostly easy terrain with one hill that can be slippery. The walk should last approximately 2 hours and will go rain or shine.

To keep the numbers to a manageable level, this walk is for members only. There are also limited parking spots, so everyone should meet at ArtSpring at 9:50, to carpool. Drivers will be given the address at ArtSpring — it's only a five minute drive from there. Six or seven parking spots are available on a pullover area on the right side of the road.

Vail Paterson works with the Pacific Coast mycologist community to locate and document fungal diversity. Vail is also the moderator of "Mushroom Enthusiasts of Salt Spring Island" Facebook Group. He has found and identified over 300 species of mushrooms on Salt Spring, including 10 species not previously observed.

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