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Newsletter of the Cordova Bay Association

## 'Lot size averaging' a dangerous precedent?

*By Kevin Weir, Chair, CBA Planning Committee*  
A NEW PROPOSAL coming before Saanich Council this summer has awakened Cordova Bay residents to "Lot Size Averaging", a concept not new to planners and developers.

The proposal, by J. McLaren Builders/Developers Ltd., concerns the subdividing of 4645 and 4649 Cordova Bay Road, which are currently zoned RS-18, and would change the zoning to RS-12 for the purpose of creating six new lots, or eight in total. The combined area of the properties is 11,630 square metres or 125,188 sq. ft. which works out at a gross area of 1,453 sq. m. for each proposed parcel.

With a portion of the property set aside for common area shoreline and watercourse protection, the actual lot area of five of the eight lots would be less than the permitted 930 sq. m. so the McLaren proposal calls for an amendment to the Cordova Bay local area plan to allow the average lot size of 930 sq. m. to be used in the calculation where a significant amount of the lot is set aside for environmental protection.

In any case, the area so designated could not be built on due to bank instability and because trees would have to be felled.

In this case Saanich has the motivation to acquire the necessary rights of way for an extension to the sewer system in the area.

Residents claim their septic systems are nearing the end of their useful lives and they have no incentive to replace or replace these systems with the prospect of an extension to the sewer system.

As things stand, the properties proposed for subdivision are outside the Sewer Enterprise Boundary but within the Urban Containment Boundary. Sewer services for areas within the UCB would be provided under the Cordova Bay Development Cost Charge bylaw, although subject to inclusion of the area within the Sewer Enterprise Boundary, a sort of Catch 22.

Who really benefits from "Lot Size Averaging"? It allows a developer to include unbuildable areas in the calculation of subdivided lots in order to make a profit based on the economic price for the land. The municipality on the other hand wins praise for fulfilling its obligations and mandates. The increased tax base doesn't hurt either. The residents of the proposed subdivision will gain a sewer hook-up while giving up some privacy. A win-win situation all round, right?

The proposed sewer system opens up development opportunities for at least two large lots south of the properties to be subdivided. Saanich Planning has estimated that up to 10 additional

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# Why monster homes are invading Destrube Place

*By Roger Stonebanks, CBA President*

MONSTER HOMES and secondary suites are words that set alarm bells ringing in all Saanich communities. Monster homes, twice as big or more as neighbouring houses, are legal if they comply with sizes set out in the zoning bylaw. In Saanich, rental secondary suites are illegal. In the case of monster houses, secondary suites have turned out to be as large as 1,700 square feet. This really amounts to duplexing a single-family house.

It's up to us if we want to control these two aspects—by persuading Saanich council to change the rules in the present bylaws and by complaining to the municipality where there are offences under existing bylaws—for example, rental secondary suites. A third option is for concerned residents to get together and petition council to downzone their neighbourhoods.

Many residents, I suspect, have no idea just how large a house can be built on in-fill lots, depending on lot size. The common RS-12 zoning in Cordova Bay permits a maximum house of 7,179 square feet. The less-common RS-10 zoning allows a maximum 4,682 sq. ft. of house. An empty in-fill lot or a lot where the existing house is demolished can therefore sprout a big new house which is totally out of keeping with its neighbours. The neighbourhood has no influence because the property owner is complying with the zoning bylaw.

When subdivision occurs and involves rezoning there is at least a public hearing with neighbourhood input and a council vote on the proposal. If you attend one of these public rezoning hearings be sure to ask how big a house is permitted. The public notice of a hearing issued by Saanich only refers to the lot size.

To learn just what house size can result in your neighbourhood, first ask Saanich planning department what the zoning is for your property. Then ask what the maximum permissible house size is and compare it with your own. You may be as shocked as I was when I discovered that armed with only a building permit we could replace our

1,600 sq. ft. bungalow in the RS-18 zone with a house of 4,556 sq. ft. Before our neighbours get alarmed I must say that we are not going to do this. But the point is that we could unless the rules are changed. The next owner of our home might not share our hesitation.

At Destrube Place residents in that neighbourhood with homes in the 1,800 to 2,400 sq. ft. range were horrified to find one house of close to 5,000 sq. ft. being built. The truly frustrating part is that this is legal under the zoning bylaw and nothing can be done to stop this monster. The residents have, however, served written notice to Saanich and the new property owners that they will not tolerate single-family houses being used for rental accommodation contrary to municipal bylaws. They will insist that Saanich enforces its bylaws.

The Cordova Bay Association is learning from the Destrube Place experience and is trying to prevent it happening again. Our planning committee, headed by Kevin Weir, has been expanded and is looking into all aspects of monster houses, secondary suites and bylaw enforcement policies. We have drawn some encouragement from a communication from Mayor Frank Leonard in which he told the CBA that he has instructed Saanich planning department to report to council on (1) the history of the “additional kitchen” clause in the zoning bylaw and the possibility of removing it, and (2) the history of the 667 square metre (7,179 sq. ft.) allowable house size in the RS-12 zone in Cordova Bay and the options for reducing this number. The two-kitchen clause has been interpreted by some as a form of approval for illegal rental secondary suites.

Mayor Leonard has asked for public input and some members of council have supported reducing the maximum sizes of houses in various residential zones.

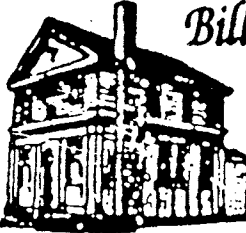
The CBA planning committee needs to hear from you now. Please phone Kevin Weir at 658-8533, or email him at [KevinWeir@telus.net](mailto:KevinWeir@telus.net). His postal address is 768 Westbury Rd., V8Y 1G7.

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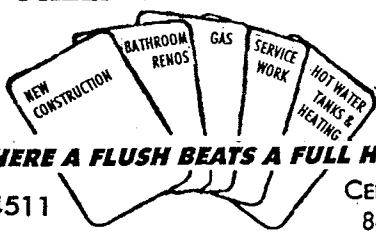
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## Developer abandons Haro Strait windmills

TONY DUGGLEBY, who planned to build 50 giant wind turbines located in Haro Strait to produce electrical power, cancelled the project in late August in the face of public outrage.

The \$300-million wind farm, stretching from James Island to Zero Rock, would have been 2.5 kilometres off shore, visible from beaches and all homes with a water view from Gordon Head to Cordova Spit. Cordova Bay would have been right in the centre of this stretch of the affected coastline.

Typically, these turbine towers are 80 metres tall, with the vertically-mounted blades increasing the height by another 40 metres as they revolve.

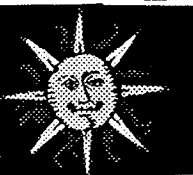
There were many obstacles to Duggleby's Sea Breeze Energy Inc. project, not the least of which was Sidney Island property owner Dianne Ledingham who is building a retirement home relying on solar power since there is no Hydro on the island. A *Times-Colonist* interview with Ian Dutton quoted her as saying she would fight this "monstrous" proposal to the end.

Not surprisingly, the Cordova Bay Association added its strong opposition to the project, with letters going to Saanich Council, and the provincial government.

As a first step, Duggleby was authorized to erect a tower housing instruments to measure wind velocity and consistency. There would eventually have had to be an environmental assessment to determine the effect of the turbine towers on the marine environment.

Before abandoning the plan Duggleby stated he was confident the towers would be found to be environmentally benign although he admitted their appearance was really the main issue in the opposition they aroused.

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Margaret notes with regret the death of Joan Gehring on August 19. Joan was a keen and reliable volunteer. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Dr. R. Sutherland who is recovering from a serious fall.

New volunteers warmly welcomed are: Zhian Wang, Michelle Wille, Sandy and Heather Crisp and Marylou Pollard.

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## Popular beach access to reopen after repairs

THE BEACH access next to McMorran's Restaurant should be open to the public by the time this issue of *The Cordovan* reaches you. Damaged by a late winter storm the access required major repair work including new concrete steps. The survey and design work involved had to be fitted into the busy schedules of Saanich's Engineering and Public Works Departments.

## Horse manure draws angry letter from local resident

THE FOLLOWING letter from Ms. Hazel Williams, who lives on Menawood Place, was addressed to the Mayor and Saanich council members with a copy to *The Cordovan*.

My husband and I live in the now beautiful village of Cordova Bay. The landscaping makeover is beyond my expectations and I appreciate the careful planning and hard work that went into the project.

Alas I am appalled at the great dollops of horse manure one has to walk around. It's disgusting that cyclists, walkers, parents with strollers and schoolchildren have to dodge this mess.

I am referring to the Lochside footpath at Mattick's Farm and the concrete path at the perimeter of the elementary school.

I would like an amendment to the bylaw, regarding defecating on public walk paths by horses. Owners of dogs may be fined if they fail to remove their dog's poop.

In some countries horse-drawn carts which travel on public roads/paths wear a "poop" bag which is fastened by a harness to the horse's rear end. I would recommend that any horse owner travelling on public pathways make use of this device on their horse. For the life of me I don't understand why this hasn't been addressed before. It seems to elementary and the offenders should be more considerate of others who use the pathways.

I don't believe humans are allowed to defecate on public paths, but are horses held in higher esteem than humans? It would seem so.

An information sheet, intimating the intentions of the Mayor and Council, could be pinned on convenient trees at rider's eye level and high enough to be out of the reach of vandals.

I would like to be informed of the council meeting when this is discussed. I require adequate time to have a letter printed in *The Cordovan* local paper to inform local residents.

*Editor's note: The Cordovan has received no information on council's reaction to this letter.*



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**Fifth Tsartlip  
Scout Group**  
By Dr. Brian Carr-Harris

## A dream fulfilled

ON JULY 3, at 6:30 a.m. London time, 12 local Scouts, Venturers and five leaders landed at Heathrow airport to begin a 219-day adventure to be remembered for a lifetime. Sponsored by the 5th. Tsartlip (Cordova Bay) Group, led by Brian Carr-Harris, Roger Hind, Bruce Minkley, Sandra Bell and Peter Martin, the group first headed for the *Lord Amory*, a Scout hostel ship anchored in the Thames near Greenwich.

After three nights aboard they continued their London stay at Baden Powell House, having seen three major museums, two plays (*Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Globe, and *Les Miserables*), Greenwich, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Monument to the great fire of London in 1666, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.

Using various forms of London transport, including a cruise up the Thames to Westminster, they concluded their London travels with a spectacular view from the London Eye (the world's largest Ferris wheel), a spirited session at Hyde Park Speakers' Corner, Evensong at Westminster Abbey and an opportunity to see Churchill's War Rooms and No. 10 Downing Street.

From London their travels by hired vans took them initially to Windsor, Portsmouth, Longleat (through the monkey grove), Glastonbury, Wells, the Cheddar Caves at Wookey Hole and Bath.

A priority for several of the boys included the Warhammer factory and museum near Nottingham and Sherwood Forest. Then on to York to walk on the medieval walls, do inner city shopping and see the newly-renovated Viking Centre, the historic York Minster or cathedral and the



*CORDOVA BAY Scouts and leaders received special permission to pose outside Prime Minister Tony Blair's residence at No, 10 Downing St. in London. The street is now barricaded with steel gates and heavily guarded against the risk of terrorist attacks.*

famous national train museum.

A Sunday picnic and Scout's Own on Hadrian's Wall was followed by ice cream, piping and song on the Scottish border.

Leaving the vans in Edinburgh, the boys were next transported to Blair Atholl, site of the 10-day World Scout Jamboree. Here they camped alongside historic Blair Castle with their Scottish hosts and 500 other Scouts and leaders from 15 nations around the world. The persistent clouds, rain and mud in no way affected spirits at this world-famous international event in which our group, along with others, provided entertainment and samples of native foods.

Their numerous and varied daily activities included sailing, biking, excursions to Perth and Pitlochry, fishing, backwoods cooking, electronics and tours of the castle.

When it was over our lads concluded their U.K. experience with a four-day stay in Scottish homes as guests of local Scouts they met at the jamboree. They returned home in late August somewhat fatigued but with indelible memories. Two years from now it may happen again. The cost? About \$2,700 each, including airfare, food, admissions, clothing and luggage. The hard work of these Scouts and their parents and the generosity of many individuals and businesses made this trip of a lifetime possible.

## Lot Size Averaging *continued from page 1*

lots could be created subject to rezoning to RS-12. How long will it be before other property owners catch on? About a millisecond, especially for those with large acreages along Cordova Bay Road and elsewhere who will seek the same privileges as in this subdivision proposal.

Are we treading on dangerous ground for Cordova Bay by adopting the precedent of "Lot Size Averaging"? This is a community where we have maintained a general standard of larger lots to maintain its rural character and charm. Councillors and ordinary residents alike should be aware that these decisions will affect the outcome of Cordova Bay indefinitely.

Council will debate lot size averaging "where significant portions of a site are set aside for environmental protection." at a committee-of-the-whole meeting in September. This will be followed by a public hearing in October into lot size averaging for the proposed eight-lot subdivision at 4645/4649 Cordova Bay Road.

## New Stop sign arouses controversy

AFTER SEVERAL accidents and more than two years of efforts by residents, the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee and the Cordova Bay Association the intersection at Lochside Drive and Claremont Avenue is now a four-way stop.

However, in a letter to *The Cordovan*, Mrs. Barbara Waldner, who lives on Wesley Road, questions the wisdom of the move. "This can create a very dangerous situation," she writes. "Was anyone in our area consulted about this...? I can only imagine what it will be like when there are slippery conditions on Claremont hill going down or coming up. Are there others who feel this way...and what can we do about it?"

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF CORDOVA BAY

By EDWIN HIPSEY

### Donated soccer balls find a good home in Third World

JUNE gave us a chance to welcome guest speaker Max Halber of Victoria Goods For Cuba who kept us very interested in his group's work to collect and sort many of the articles that we, as a very fortunate society, discard as unusable. There are many less fortunate individuals in this world who can make use of these articles — books, out-of-date computers, beds, clothing, household items. The list is endless.

Due to freightage problems we were unable to send all of the soccer balls so kindly donated by the Cordova Bay Soccer Club to Kosovo. However, we were able to donate the remaining balls to a caravan that Max was instrumental in organizing for the youngsters in Cuba. Five of the balls are off to El Salvador to a friend of the club, Alvera Morena, who is now living there.

Our Cake Man, Mickey Stevens reminds us that he is ordering a batch of Kiwanis cakes for Christmas. If you want one of these delicious cakes for the holiday season contact Mickey at 727-3625.

At our July 24 meeting we were pleased to have a visit from both the Oak Bay and Esquimalt Clubs. Also in attendance was our current Lieutenant-Governor Beulah, who introduced the incoming Lt. Governor, Vanna Wells of the Oak Bay Club.

The guest speaker of the evening was a delightful young lady, Jenny Davis from the Life Cycles project. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating awareness and initiating action around food, health and urban sustainability in the Greater Victoria community. One of the subjects mentioned was the Victoria Fruit Tree project where volunteers equipped with a couple of ladders harvest fruit from private trees that would otherwise go to waste. The fruit is then distributed among the home owners, food banks and community organizations. The group also hosts preserving workshops so that community members can enjoy fruit the year round.

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60 More or Less: This Seniors' group meets at 12 noon on the first Thursday of each month for lunch and an interesting program. The cost is \$3.50 and everyone is welcome.

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After such a spirited public meeting and with almost all our members being paid-up members of the Community Hall Association we look forward to assisting in some manner to update, renovate and activate interest in the Community Hall and its future possibilities. Although we are a small club we have managed to support a lot of activities but could do so much more if we could get more members from the Cordova Bay area. We welcome anyone over 18 interested in helping others. Come and meet us at 6:15 p.m. on the second or fourth Wednesday of each month at the clubhouse in Lochside Park.

## Hallowe'en mask-making workshop for kids returns

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION is pleased to repeat the popular free Hallowe'en mask-making workshop for kids after last year's success.

Open to children between the ages of 8 and 12, this year's sessions have been adjusted to avoid any clash with other activities such as soccer. Sessions will be held at St. David by the Sea Anglican church on three Saturdays — October 5, 12 and 19. The early sessions will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. with the later sessions from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Participants can register for either the early or late sessions but must be available for each of the three sessions they register for as the masks they create are completed in three stages.

Each workshop is limited to 25 children to allow paper-mache artist Denise Duncan to devote personal attention to each participant. Denise would welcome five parents volunteering to assist per shift as last year and invites adults to come and join in the fun.

The Bruce Hutchison branch library will once again display the finished masks for one week and masks will be available for pick-up prior to Hallowe'en night.

For information and to offer donations of materials please phone Denise Duncan at 658-0921. Materials needed include paint brushes, masking tape, glue, string, ribbon, wool, sequins, feathers, plastic flowers, scissors, art knives, small plastic containers, and tempera or acrylic paint.

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## New owners offer venue for fine food and entertainment

"OUR objective is to create a place for the people of Cordova Bay and surrounding communities to go for fine food and entertainment without having to drive into downtown Victoria," says Chris Dollard, co-owner of the new Wickard's Restaurant located in the former Bodega Grill and Cordova Express Restaurant.

Chris and partner Matt Wickham combined their names to identify their concept of a place with a warm, casual atmosphere offering fine dining. After searching for an ideal location they acquired the business assets of Cordova Enterprises Ltd., operators of the previous restaurants on Cordova Bay Road.

While Chris Dollard has operated businesses in the retail and computer consulting industry for over 20 years, he comes to the restaurant business as a wholesale career change. His partner Matt Wickham was a high school teacher in Duncan for several years and before that taught English in Japan. However, he worked in the restaurant industry for many years while attaining his degree from the University of Victoria.

Chris and Matt recruited Stan Funk, a long-time friend of Chris' older brother, as chef. Stan, who is also a professional photographer, has been cooking for more than 30 years and was instrumental in starting the original Kettle of Fish restaurant in the Vancouver area in the 1970s. With a wide and varied background in cuisine he brings his skills and experience to creating a unique Continental-style menu at Wickard's.

According to Chris, one of the most popular dishes at Wickard's has turned out to be Colonial Rice, a mixture of various meats and vegetables laid on a bed of rice and topped with an extraordinary Thai-style curry sauce. "Stan has also created a number of five-star dishes such as Steak Madagascar with green peppercorn sauce, Steak Rossini, Halibut Almandine and Chicken Supreme," he adds. "We have paid extra attention to utilizing the best ingredients we can find, including free-range chicken, wild salmon which is not farmed, rib-eye steak and fresh oysters from Vancouver Island."

Chris and Matt plan to offer various entertainments such as live music, jam sessions, dinner theatre, wine tastings and more.

In September Wickard's will open a morning coffee garden with baked goods, espresso/cappuccino/latte beverages, teas and juice. Local, national and international newspapers will be available for customers to enjoy with their morning beverage and croissant.

## **Cordova Bay beach was a focus for family fun**

IN THE LATE FORTIES Cordova Bay was very much a beach-oriented community. Permanent residents and summer campers and cottage dwellers in the sunny basin east of the railway tracks all had easy access to the beach. In the days before Cordova Bay Road became overloaded with traffic, creating a barrier to the waterfront, the beach was the focus of family activities and recreation for everyone in the village area.

As Myrtle Dyer's column in a 1956 issue of *Spindrift* recorded, the move for a community hall to augment beach activities gathered momentum in 1947. "The building fund for the new hall was opened with a donation of \$10 from Doug Howard and another of \$11.90 from C. Howorth. Plans for the new hall centred on building in the school grounds with the help of the Board of Education.

"George Ross reported that the ladies who had the hot dog and pop concession on Klondike Nite had gathered together as many children as they could — about 40 — the following night and given them a party on the beach to use up the leftovers. The 20th of August saw an adult club beach party in front of McMorran's with hot dogs and coffee, a sing-song and films. Over 80 attended and the cost of the affair was \$12.68.

"Special thanks were given to Lillian Ross for the use of her kitchen and to the ladies in charge of refreshments.

"A committee consisting of Miss Carter, Elmer Knight, Hilda Andrew and Ken Genn reported that a magazine for the club would be a good thing, to be printed and the cost carried by advertising and the club treasury. The seeds for *Spindrift* were being sown." —*Spindrift*, "Nine Years Ago," September 1956.

"Douglas Fletcher reported on the La-

bour Day sports which saw 50 competitors and 28 events at a cost of \$6.55. The meeting voted to endorse a pro-rec group for the season. The fee was to be \$1.00 and the group was to be responsible for the transportation home of the instructress after classes.

"Quarterly dances and monthly card parties were due to begin in October.

"Mr. Ken Genn offered the suggestion that the club have an emblem. A motion was carried that the club hold an open competition and offer a prize for the best entry.

"Reginald Sinkinson and Charlie Howorth had drawn up a brief ready to mail to the transportation committee of the Coach Lines with a view to gaining better and cheaper service."

—*Spindrift*, "Nine Years Ago," October 1956.

"Members of the Community Club assisted the PTA Hallowe'en party for children by showing films, thanks to Don Lotzer and Douglas Fletcher.

"The Boys' Club was reported to be without a leader since the marriage of Allan Pottage. Noel Andrew undertook their leadership as well as basketball for both the Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

"Concern was expressed over the discontinuance of library services to Saanich residents. Miss Scholefield, teacher at the school, explained that in the past years over 1,000 books had been supplied to the schools and another 1,000 to the teachers and these would be sorely missed. A letter was drafted to be sent to Saanich council protesting this."

*Spindrift*, "Nine Years Ago," November, 1956.

In the next issue, Gwen MacPherson will continue her review of Myrtle Dyer's column "Nine Years Ago," appearing in the 1957 issues of *Spindrift*, the community newsletter.



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## Cordova Bay Elementary School

# School planning councils formalize old philosophy

THE CREATION of the new School Planning Councils (SPC) will be a way to formalize what already exists at Cordova Bay Elementary School, says Principal Mark Knight.

The 2002-03 school year will be a transition year for School Planning Councils. Once established, the SPC, consisting of three elected parents, a teacher and the principal, will provide yet another opportunity for consultation with staff and the Parents' Advisory Council on school goals, the annual school plan, finance and general staffing information, he adds.

Cordova Bay School has a proud history of working closely with parents to establish school goals, guidelines, procedures and direct support for students and staff, says Mr. Knight. Parents who regularly attend monthly meetings of the Cordova Bay School Parents' Advisory Council know that the many PAC volunteers are very committed to the school and PAC programs. Their efforts to support the staff help make Cordova Bay School a great place to learn, he adds.

In spite of recent financial challenges facing school districts and schools, Cordova Bay School continues to offer excellent programs and support for all students, says Mr. Knight.

At present school administration and staff members work closely with representatives of the Parents' Advisory Council to set goals, establish professional opportunities to support these goals, discuss budget issues and participate in a number of other school committees. This partnership is well supported by school staff and parents. Having parents and staff directly involved keeps stakeholders informed, raises interest in school issues and provides ownership for accountability efforts.

"At Cordova Bay School we accept the challenges that face us this year," says Mark Knight. "We know that with the help of our dedicated staff, the PAC and the new SPC, Cordova Bay School will continue to be an excellent institution."

# Cordova Bay artist holds studio show

IRENE KHURANA'S Cordova Bay Road studio will be the site of a free art show on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Irene works in soft pastels, graphite and water-colour on paper and her themes are inspired by nature and the beauty of the human body.

Irene was born in Switzerland where she studied architectural and graphic design. She worked as a commercial artist in Switzerland and Canada and since completing a visual arts degree at the University of Victoria has worked and experimented in a variety of media with a special emphasis on drawing.

"My interest lies in capturing the moment of discovery by envisioning the transient physical presence and spirituality of the subject matter," explains Irene. "Recently I have also been exploring and using ancient Chinese watercolour techniques, working on rice paper with Chinese brushes, pigments and ink."

The artist has recently exhibited at the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery at the University of Victoria, at the annual Sooke Fine Arts Show and previously at the Fran Willis Gallery in Victoria as well as in Geneva, Switzerland.

Fran Khurana volunteers as a docent and tour-guide at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and says she enjoys teaching art to people of all age groups, from two years old to 90. Drawing workshops and general art classes are offered to small groups in her studio, morning or afternoons by appointment. She can be reached at 658-3345 or by email at khurani@shaw.ca.

Her studio, where the show is taking place, is at 4904 Cordova Bay Road.



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*Circulate a photo and description of your pet to the  
neighbours.*

### What to watch when adopting pets

ALMOST every TV newscast these days features animals offered for adoption, especially dogs. But how risky is adopting a pet that might have been abused? Here are a few guidelines.

Don't focus on purebred animals. Being a purebred is no guarantee an animal is mentally or physically superior to the mixed breed. The value of shelter animals is directly related to the dog's capacity to become a loving member of your family. Mutts can be love sponges.

Be wary of taking an animal that seems fearful or shy. The safest animal to select is the one who is comfortable amidst the din of the kennel and also in the quiet area.

Try to find an animal that is interested in everybody passing the cage, not just you. Some dogs respond to someone who reminds them of their original owner. This instant rapport may trigger the same unacceptable behaviours that led to the dog being put up for adoption.

It's wise to take your new pet to your veterinarian for a wellness exam. You should take any medical records that came with your new friend, such as details of recent immunizations. While most pets adopted from shelters are generally healthy, a veterinarian can detect potential problems that may not be apparent to the untrained owner. Your pet can be tested for external and internal parasites, for example. Sometimes a simple deworming is all that is needed



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