

DECEMBER 2020

SALT SPRING ACCOMMODATIONS GROUP



It's here!

THE HOLIDAY ISSUE

'Tis the Season...

TO CELEBRATE ON THE ISLAND

It's officially the last month of 2020! Are we merry yet? It's been an unusual year for many of us, so we hope that you all have a wonderful December and holiday season. The weather outside may be frightful, but we've still found some things that are delightful.

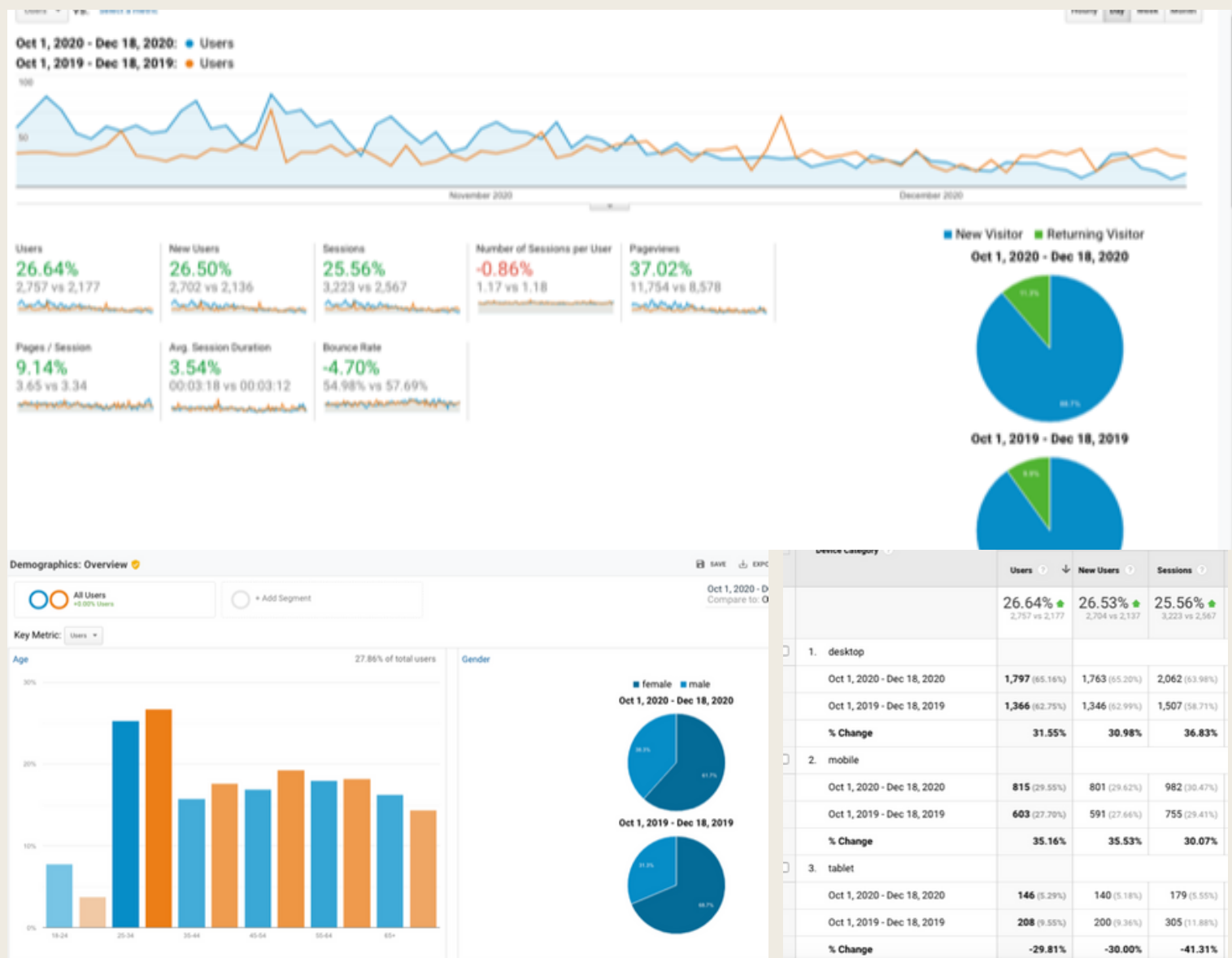
Read on for more things to do and see on Salt Spring in December!



Stats from SSAG

A SNAPSHOT OF WEB TRAFFIC

Here are the stats from Oct 1 - Now. (Compare 2020 with 2019) for SITE USERS, AGE DEMOGRAPHICS AND GENDER, DEVICES: DESKTOP VS. MOBILE



Things to Do

Farm Stand Holiday Tour

Have you ever been on a farm stand crawl? Now's the perfect time, since a group of locals are participating in one this season. Farm stands will be decorated in their seasonal best by the Dec. 5-6 weekend. Crafts and other items will be for sale at those spots on the Dec. 13-14 and Dec. 20-21 weekends. For a map and more information, head over to the [Farm Stands, Farmers, and Foodies of Salt Spring Island](#)



Holiday Walks from Salt Spring Pet Friendly

The Winter Holidays can be a great time for family Holiday Walks. Check out the [Salt Spring Pet Friendly Website](#) for island hikes to walk and beaches to stroll on. And if you have furry babies in your family, we let you know where the leashed and unleashed areas are! SSPF is a not for profit offering to the community and our on island guests. If you would like to support our efforts to educate islanders and guests on Salt Spring Island beach, farm and hike pet etiquette, our home page has a donate button for financial support. May your holiday time be safe and joyful!



May your Holydaze
be joyful
and Pawsitive
Love
Diego and Frida

Events

Dr. Henry extended the COVID-19 restrictions until January 8th, 2021, which prohibits social gatherings and events. more information can be found [here](#).

Christmas Bird Count with Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club

Beginning on Christmas Day in 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition--a "Christmas Bird Census"--that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count. These efforts have allowed hobbyists and scientists to monitor population trends and to get just a little closer to nature during the Christmas season. Interested? Head over to the listing [here](#).

Salt Spring National Art Prize



Online Happenings

Christmas with Scrooge

Feel like you need a little Scrooge in your life? The Online Screening of the 2017 production can be viewed by donation by emailing: saltspringscrooge@gmail.com

Online Yoga Classes

There's still a chance to do some yoga before 2020 ends! Jayne is currently offering online classes [here](#). The focus is on poses that build your immunity to keep you healthy during cold and 'flu season, and soothe your nervous system. Expect chest openers, inversions, standing poses, restorative poses – as well as pranayama (the yoga of breath) to relax the brain, reduce stress, and boost the immune system.

Notices

It's a great time to support our local businesses!

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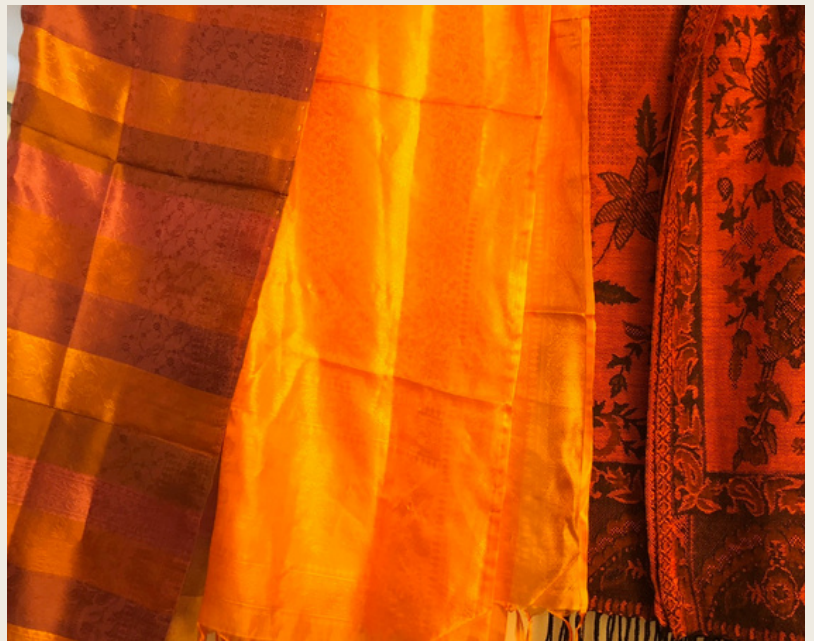
Christmas time is upon us once again. This year is a tough one for many people, so I would like to offer you a special deal. When you buy a Gift Card with a value of \$100, you will receive a Gift Card for yourself for the value of \$30 to be used any time in the coming spring. When you buy a Gift Card for the value of \$200, your Gift Card will be \$60 to be used anytime in the coming spring. Starting the week of Dec 15th until Dec 24th, I will have a special on pedicures and manicures. You will be able to get a pedicure for \$45 (regular price is \$58) and a manicure for \$25 (regular price is \$38) *Excludes the use of Gift Cards for this special. Thank you! Appointments: 250-537-8807



Scarves & Shawls

Jayne Lloyd-Jones has a selection of beautiful silk, wool and cotton scarves, woven by a women's cooperative in India. If you'd like to arrange a personal appointment to view the scarves and shawls or take a look at them online--they make great gifts! She can be reached at:(250) 538-1716.

Prices range from \$25 to \$45 and all proceeds go to the cooperative. This is a good time to support artisans who have lost their income through COVID-19.



The Saturday Market

Did you know that there are still some dedicated farmers at the Saturday Market every week? Here's some of the participating farms: Heyday Farm, Foxglove Farm, etc. It's great that we still have local seasonal veggies in December, so let's show them support if you can!

Member Profile

Kutatás Wines

Mira Tusz and Daniel Dragert collectively have decades of experience in the wine industry. In 2014, they left the Vancouver Island wine scene to explore New Zealand and its wine industry with plans of staying long term. In the Spring of 2015 an opportunity to lease a vineyard in North Saanich, Vancouver Island, became available and they quickly departed New Zealand for this new adventure. Kutatás Wines was born! Kutatás is a Hungarian term for experimentation, research, or quest. With tribute to a Hungarian heritage, it represents a wine making ideology that embraces both inquisitive, and risky, hands-off winemaking, as well as a life-long quest to make the best wines possible. As Kutatás began to grow, it was clear they needed a long-term solution for their production. They had looked at a number of properties on Salt Spring Island, and were familiar with a vineyard just north of Ganges that was in need of much TLC. In 2018, Mira and Daniel purchased this vineyard, and began the slow process of bringing it back into balance, and health, as well as transitioning their own lives to the Island. Committed to both sustainability and quality, 95% of their production is from vines they hand tend personally, and only from grapes that originate from either Salt Spring or Vancouver Island. Throughout 2020, the Kutatás tasting room/patio was open weekends for tastings, bottle purchases, and picnics. As the worries of 2020 begin to fade into history, hopefully hours will expand, and the tasting room will continue as a destination for both locals and visitors to enjoy!

www.kutataswines.com

