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SALT SPRING ACCOMMODATIONS GROUP

FALL NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES FROM SSAG

Mark your calendars: The SSAG AGM and Member Meeting is almost here!

Earlier this month, Thanksgiving kicked off the holiday season here on Salt Spring Island. With November rapidly approaching, it's time to savor the autumn's last hurrah: trees decked out in reds, gold, and orange, as well as the bounty of late harvests. Our island home still has a lot to offer before winter hibernation! Check out our latest events, notices, member profile, etc. in the following pages. But first here's some important updates from our team at the Salt Spring Accommodations Group.

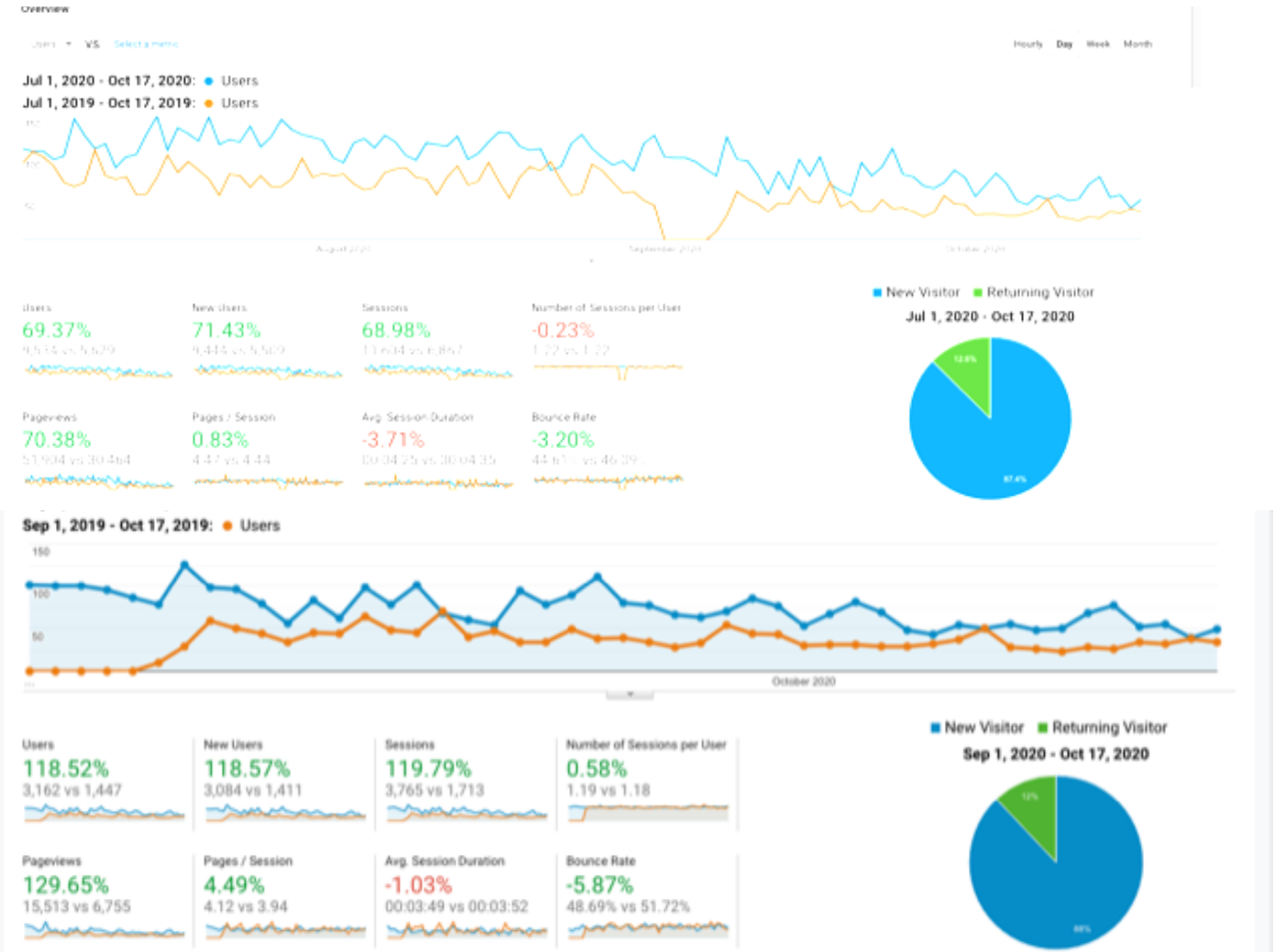
SSAG AGM and Member Meeting

Topic: SSAG Member Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 2, 2020 05:00 PM PST

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 869 8668 8972
Passcode: 596129

Questions? Email saltspringinfobook@gmail.com



SSAG Site Analytics

Good news for October- it looks like we are up over 80% in the number of users compared to last year for the time period starting from August 1st until now.

NOTICES

Marriott Guestroom Furniture Liquidation

Need Furniture for your venue?

The Furniture Kings of Saskatoon are starting to remove about 50 room's worth of goods. Then there will be more rooms, up to 226 rooms in the following weeks. We expect to have everything out and sold by mid December.

Here is [the link to the primary ad](#) showing most of the items.

This furniture is in great condition for used hotel furniture so it's not the kind of opportunity that comes along every day. I hope we can find some people that will get some great value from this project. Thank you.

Regards,

Rory Perron

Customer Service Furniture Kings (Saskatoon)

306-230-4177

Lions Club Garage Sale

At long last, the Lions' Club Garage Sale has finally reopened! You can find recycled treasures galore every Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 12pm at the Hart Bradley Hall at 103 Bonnet Ave.

*Please note, pick- up service is no longer offered. Donations can be made during Garage Sale Hours only.

For more information, contact:

Tel: 250-537-2000 Fax: 250-537-2099

directory email: lionsdirectory@telus.net



Events

HARBOUR HOUSE

TICKETED DINNER & MUSIC SERIES

Call 250-686-4692 to book your table!



NOV 6TH: THE K-TONES

Versatile, dynamic and uniquely entertaining, The K-Tones provide listeners a unique musical experience while offering something for everyone from their diverse and extensive repertoire. From easy listening and ballroom dance styles to spotlight presentations The K-Tones cover it all with taste, elegance and panache...a one-of-a-kind experience not to be missed. **Dinner: Steak Sandwich, salad & fries.**

NOV 13TH: DAVID CARL TRIO

David Carl is a performing songwriter offering his music as a solo act, in a trio or with a full band. David writes and performs in the traditional Americana/Canadiana Country-Folk style of storytelling through song. **Dinner: Hearty house-made chili in a soft bread bowl. Vegetarian and Gluten-Free options available.**



NOV 20TH: MARIANNE GRITTANI TRIO

Folk/Roots artist Marianne Grittani will be joined by Rose Birney & Michael Lurincic. Their musical arsenal includes guitar, ukulele, mandolin, octave mandolin, harmonica, 5 string bass and tight three-part harmonies. They are a delight. **Dinner: House made lasagna with layer upon layer of local goodness.**



NOV 27TH: SUZANNE GAY

Saltspring artist, Suzanne Gay, is a talented pianist and vocalist, fusing diverse musical styles of classical, jazz, soul, blues and world music to offer a beautiful variety. Her interpretations, compositions and sultry voice are sure to calm and delight the senses. **Dinner: Creamy Sea Food Fettuccine. Vegetarian and GF options available.**



Events

Collaborations In A Time of Covid: Writers and Artists of Salt Spring

October 16 - November 1 (Monday-Saturday 11am-3pm, Sunday 11am-2:30pm) This exhibit of local artists will showcase some extraordinary artistic talents in combination. Curated by Margaret Day, visual artists are paired with writers and charged to create collaborative work. What happens to the creative process when visual artists and writers work in concert? This show will display the results of these interesting duets. ArtSpring – Gallery, 100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island.



Saturday Market

Last call for the Saturday Market! The Saturday Market has been operating in a limited capacity on Saturdays from 9am - 4pm with modified protocols to meet safety standards set by the Provincial Medical Health Officer. Regular markets are planned to operate every Saturday until October 31, 2020.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Wednesday November 11, 2020 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Centennial Park Cenotaph - Centennial Park, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T9

Lest We Forget. Join veterans in Ganges to remember the sacrifices made by thousands of Canadians preceded by a parade mustering at the Post Office at 10:30am and followed by an open house at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92.

Resources

The Salt Spring Arts Council would like to share:
[COVID Crisis Resources + Information for Artists](#)

As we grapple with the realities of this strange new world, our lives suddenly disrupted by COVID-19, we believe that creativity and the arts remain a powerful balm to the soul. Click on the link above for more information!

Holiday Prep:

Need to make a booking for your holiday gathering? Check out these local venues that are taking reservations for groups:

Hastings House:

Open through the end of December.
Contact: events@hastingshouse.com

Harbour House:

Now accepting reservations for Crofton Ballroom or our Woodley's Restaurant.
Contact: events@harbourhousesi.com

Mahon Hall:

The hall can be rented at reasonable rates for theatrical performances, classes, workshops, fundraisers, meetings, weddings and other private events.
Contact: info@ssartscouncil.com

Beaver Point Hall:

Perfect for weddings, concerts, dances, and other special events and meetings.
Contact: beaverpointhall@gmail.com

Fulford Hall:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic only very small, short time rentals are available.
Contact: fulfordhall@gmail.com

Member Profile

Between the Covers B & B

When Kees and Margriet Ruurs first came to Salt Spring Island for a job interview, they fell in love with the island, its people, and especially the lavender farm they viewed with a realtor.

"We had often dreamed about running a B&B," Margriet recalls, "We lived in the Okanagan for many years and often talked about having a B&B." They had lived in many places, including the Yukon, Alberta, and several American states. Their 27th move was to their island home, which they hope will be their last.

The house is ideal for a B&B with its private access to rooms, a hot tub on a deck overlooking a lavender field, and its proximity to town. Thanks to Island Pathways, guests can follow a walking path right into Ganges.

"We are both avid readers," explains Margriet, who is also the award-winning author of over 40 books for children, "and so we decided on a booklovers' theme." One of her latest books is the picturebook biography of Robert Bateman, another well known island artist.

Between The Covers Booklovers' B&B offers a unique place to sleep, surrounded by books that can be traded, taken, and read.

"Many of our guests come because of the books," says Kees, adding that a couple of regular guests work for bookstores and often bring new books to leave behind for the next guests. "We've had publishers, retired librarians, and writers who come for solitude and many others."

There is no TV in the guest room, just shelves of books in all genres including books by local authors like Patrick Taylor, Bruce Logan and Sarah Grindler.

Between The Covers used to have two large suites but due to Covid-19, the couple decided to downscale to just one suite. It's a large, sunny room with a queen size Tempur-Pedic bed, a private driveway, private entrance, private bathroom and all the conveniences for a relaxing island stay.

"We get many return guests," says Margriet, "including relatives of local residents who don't have the space to accommodate them. Guests have come from all over the world in the past, but of course this year everyone is from within BC. And, hopefully, things will return to normal in the near future so that many visitors can, once again, come and enjoy the hospitality at *Between The Covers*".

