

Why the name *SHALE*?

Because, although sandstone erodes into the most wonderful forms, it's shale that contains the fossils.

Because shale is finely layered—like the leaves of a book...or a very good journal.

Because on both Gabriola and Mudge, shale is the oldest thing there is—the shale lies underneath the sandstone.

Because *Flying SHINGLE* is the name of a Gabriola newspaper, and there once was a newspaper on Gabriola called the *SANDSTONE News*.

Because shale is just dried-up mud—a bit like history is sometimes.

And because, and this is a personal one, *SANDSTONE* has long been used by the arts community on Gabriola. Why not something for people who are interested in the sciences too? Or better still, both? After all, the shale on Gabriola is seldom without interfingerings of sandstone.