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News & Community

First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

We are excited to open the season on **Wednesday, October 7**, with a presentation by Annie Scott, Director of the Jefferson County Library District. The presentation will be from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Beach Club. Annie holds an MS in Library and Information Science from Drexel University and brings over two decades of leadership experience spanning a range of library models: privately funded, municipally funded and governed, and her favorite: special district libraries like ours. Throughout her career, Annie has focused on positioning libraries as trusted civic anchors rooted in their communities while connected to broader cultural life.

Her presentation topics will include:

- Statistics of the library district use throughout East Jefferson County
- Bookmobile Story—how it continued servicing after losing the bookmobile in an accident in 2025 and finding/outfitting a replacement
- A brighter, greener library—the LED conversion and solar carport initiative
- Digital equity navigation, cooperative partnerships with area school and public libraries, and mobile service to rural communities
- How residents can engage with, use, and support their library district

There will be time allotted for Q&A as well.

A salad buffet will be provided at this luncheon along with plates, napkins and cutlery. Coffee, tea and cookies will be included. Please RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or sign up at either the Bay Club or Beach Club no later than **Friday, October 2**.

There is no charge to attend the luncheons. Instead, we ask that you bring a donation in the form of cash or a check made payable to the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA), and/or non-perishable food such as condiments, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, boxed pasta, and hygiene products.

Food donations must be unopened, undamaged and unexpired.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next luncheon on **November 4**.

Pet Day Celebration 2026

Bring your family and pets!

This free, pet-themed event, hosted by *Pet Emergency Group*, offers a variety of activities for the entire family, including the four-legged members. The fun and festivities will be held on **Saturday, September 12**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim.

According to Pet Emergency Group's Event Coordinator, Cheyenne Tuller, "PEG is thrilled to be hosting Pet Celebration Day this year. It promises to be a fun, free, family event with something for everyone and a great way to celebrate the incredible work of our local animal rescues and pet businesses."

Attendees can participate in a variety of FREE all-day events, including:

- Food and drink
- Balloon Animals
- Pet Photo Booth
- Friendly Farm Animals
- Pet Playground
- 40+ vendors, including local art, pet services, and animal nonprofits
- Raffles and Prizes

Plus, a schedule of special events:

- Nose Work Demonstration
- K-9 Police Dog Demonstration
- Pet Costume Contest
- Meet the ER Vet

For more information about Pet Day Celebration 2026 or Pet Emergency Group, please visit: petemergencygroup.org/ or email info@petemergencygroup.org.

Upcoming Events at Flagler State Park

Get ready for some fascinating presentations by the *Friends of Fort Flagler* at Port Ludlow's closest state park, located on Marrowstone Island.

Who Are the Orcas That Frequent Our Local Waters?

Rebecca Berger dives deep into Bigg's Orcas, sometimes called transient orcas, that are frequently sighted in the Salish Sea. Their diet, feasting on seals and sea lions, socialization, and social structure are very different from our resident orcas. This presentation will be given on **Wednesday, September 23**, 4 – 5:30 p.m. at Fort Flagler Recreation Center on Wansboro Road.

Critters of the Salish Sea: Underwater Photography

See amazing views of our underwater world by accomplished photographer, Larry McGaughey. Larry is a retired environmental engineer, a diver, and volunteer at the Port Townsend Maritime Science Center's aquarium. His presentation will be given on **Saturday, October 10**, 4 – 5:30 p.m., at Fort Flagler World War II Theater, located at 10541 Flagler Road.

Learn more at friendsoffortflagler.org. Click on "Resources" to find 2026 Events, and sign-up to attend. Check the site from time-to-time, as events can be added. Presentations are free for members, and most presentations are \$5 per person for non-members. You can become a member for \$20 annually for one individual or an entire family.

East Jefferson Rotary Car Show

The East Jefferson Rotary Car Show is back again this year in Port Ludlow. The show will be on **Saturday, September 26**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the parking lots adjacent to the yacht club. Cars of all makes and vintages are welcome, so bring your Allard or your Yugo and display your garage queen. Typically, the fire department and the sheriff's department also bring vehicles for display. Food, music, and family fun will be available. See our flyer on display at local businesses to note the many local sponsors underwriting the show and supporting the Rotary Club's fundraising for local projects. Register your car for \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. Spectators are encouraged to donate \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Celebrating Fall

with the Port Ludlow Garden Club

Age gracefully! Learn how to combine bold brushstrokes of color, unexpected accents, and intriguing textural layers to create rich, autumnal scenes that you will look forward to every year.

If you missed Karen Chapman's eloquent presentation on deer-resistant design last year, we are fortunate enough to have this talented, sought after designer, award winning author, popular multimedia presenter, experienced horticulturist, and master gardener inspire the Port Ludlow Garden Club yet again and to share the fun of gardening with us all. Learn how to design your garden for a vibrant harvest display.

Her articles and designs are featured in major publications including *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Garden Design*, *Sunset*, and *Fine Gardening*. She will again have books for sale and accepts cash or credit cards. Attend this meeting on **Wednesday, September 9**, 11 a.m., at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. Guests are welcome for a \$5 donation. Refreshments, coffee, and tea provided. Please RSVP to portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

Port Ludlow Photographers Meeting

On **Monday, September 28**, 10 a.m. – noon, the Port Ludlow Photographers will meet in the classroom at the Bay Club. The meeting is open to anyone and is free. Topics of discussion will include the installation of the photo exhibit at the Bay Club, followed by viewing and discussing photographs submitted by participants. There will also be an overview of DxO photo editing software by passionate photographer Bill McGrath and, if time permits, a demonstration of using layers in photo editing.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information, contact Aven Andersen at aven1936@live.com.

Martha's Book Group - *Bewilderment*

Richard Powers's follow-up novel to his Pulitzer Prize winner, *The Overstory*, is *Bewilderment*, published in 2021. In this story, Theo, an astrobiologist seeking

clues about life on other planets, is widowed and becomes a single parent raising his nine-year-old son, Robin, who has been diagnosed as having a neurodivergent disorder. Challenges abound as Robin does not do well in a normal classroom. Theo must find ways to help his son adapt and fit into society without drugs. Join the members of Martha's Book Group as they discuss Powers's novel during their **Tuesday, September 8**, meeting.

Martha's Book Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bay Club starting at 4 p.m. New readers are always welcome. For more information about books to be discussed this fall contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org.

Andy Basabe Named Executive Director of Sustainable Connections

Sustainable Connections is pleased to announce the selection of Andy Basabe as its new Executive Director, effective September 7, 2026. Basabe brings significant nonprofit leadership experience in Whatcom and Skagit counties. He founded *Vamos Outdoors Project*, a nonprofit serving Latine, Migrant, Multilingual, and Newcomer youth and families by expanding access to outdoor recreation and environmental education throughout Whatcom and Skagit counties.

"Andy brings the leadership, vision, and collaborative spirit needed to guide Sustainable Connections into its next chapter," said Bruce Tabb, Chair of the Sustainable Connections Board of Directors. "His nonprofit leadership experience, commitment to community partnership, and ability to bring people together make him uniquely qualified to advance our mission. We are excited to welcome Andy and look forward to the impact he will have in strengthening our organization and the communities we serve."

For more than two decades, Sustainable Connections has worked alongside our community to support a thriving regional economy rooted in sustainability and connection. Under Basabe's leadership, the organization will continue to strengthen this foundation while pursuing future innovation and local impact. The organization remains committed to working with communities across Northwest

Washington through its five core programs, helping make this place a vibrant place to live, work, and do business.

"I'm honored to join Sustainable Connections and build upon the remarkable work that has already been accomplished," said Andy Basabe, incoming Executive Director. "I believe our greatest opportunities come from bringing people together around practical solutions that strengthen communities, create economic opportunities, and care for the places we call home. As the incoming Executive Director, I look forward to building bridges with communities that have not always been included in the work toward a more sustainable future. This is a 'yes, and' approach - one that values collaboration as we work toward a regenerative economy that benefits everyone."

Sustainable Connections expresses its deep appreciation for the leadership of co-founder and former Executive Director, Derek Long, whose 23 years of service helped shape the organization's role as a trusted partner and catalyst for positive change. His leadership has provided a strong foundation for the organization's next chapter.

***The Boys in the Boat* at Dine and Discover**

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler

The Boys in the Boat, a New York Times best-selling book and then a popular movie, tells the story of the men's Olympic rowing team that won the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. What makes it especially interesting is that the team competing was from the University of Washington and made up of young men from poor, working-class families. At the center of the story is Joe Rantz, a boy without a family, from Sequim. Join us at the Beach Club on **Monday, October 5**, at 5:30 p.m., when Judy Willman, Joe Rantz's daughter, will share Joe's story in a way no one else can.

This is our first Dine and Discover for the 2026-2027 season. Sign-up sheets will be available at the front desk at both the Beach and the Bay Club by **Wednesday, September 9**, and will be removed on **Friday, October 2**, or sooner if we reach our maximum.

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This event is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. Whatever dish you sign up to bring, please make it large enough to serve 8-10 people. If bringing an appetizer, please bring one that can be easily served by our volunteers. Dips do not work well. Some of us have dietary issues, so please put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, nightshades, fish, or shellfish. You will also need to bring your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), placemats if desired and a plastic bag to put your dirty dishes in to go home. We provide coffee/tea/water. If you would prefer something else to drink, you're welcome to bring your beverage of choice.

Admission is \$5.00 per person payable at the door. This covers the cost of the facility, coffee/tea, banquet permit, and the honorarium we provide to the speaker. If you sign up but are unable to attend, please let us know as no-shows can significantly affect the food selection. Questions or suggestions - call us at 360-437-8091. Many new people have moved into our community this summer. Consider inviting one or two of them to join you. We look forward to seeing you there.

September Events at the Jefferson County Library District

It's September, and we've got an exciting list of events and activities lined up! Visit jclibrary.info/events for the full Jefferson County Library District events calendar.

Meet the author of this year's adult summer read on **Wednesday, September 2**, 4:30 – 6 p.m. With stories and images from his recent book, *Close to Home: The Wonders of Nature Just Outside Your Door*, Thor Hanson reminds us to appreciate the remarkable biodiversity that surrounds us every day. *Registration required.*

Looking for more stories? Author and translator Barbara Sjöholm will read from her new landmark translation of Sámi folktales, *Sámi Folktales from the Near and Far Worlds*, on **Wednesday, September 9**,

5 – 6 p.m. This is the first time these 300 traditional stories are being told in English.

Join WSU Master Gardeners for a talk and Q&A session on “Furry Garden Pests” on **Saturday, September 12**, 12 – 1 p.m. Afterward, head to the next room to ask any other gardening questions at the WSU Master Gardener's Plant Clinic, from 1 – 3 p.m.

Let's get spinning with Introduction to Spinning Wool with a Drop Spindle on **Monday, September 14**, 2 – 5 p.m. Fiber artist Dean Hyden will talk about the structure, properties, and types of wool fiber, discuss wool preparation, demonstrate drop spindle and spinning techniques, and more! *Registration required.*

Want to learn more about the library? Join us on **Thursday, September 24**, 4 – 5:30 p.m. for Welcome to Your Library! Whether you're new to the library, or have been a patron for a while, please take advantage of this event and learn about all the resources that are at your fingertips.

Visit the Jefferson County Library at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Visit the 19th Annual Whatcom County Farm Tour

Sustainable Connections, an organization with a goal to advance a regenerative local economy, invites the community to celebrate local agriculture during the 19th Annual Whatcom County Farm Tour, taking place **Saturday, September 12**, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Whatcom County is located east of the Olympic Peninsula in northern Washington state. It's a beautiful ferry ride out of Port Townsend, then a drive up Whidbey Island, and across Deception Pass Bridge.

The Whatcom County Farm Tour is part of “September Eat Local Month,” Sustainable Connections' annual month-long celebration of the farmers, fishers, food producers, chefs, and businesses that help feed our region. Now in its nineteenth year, the Whatcom County Farm Tour has spent nearly two decades connecting community members with the people

who grow, raise, and produce local food. Thirteen farms are participating this year.

From aquaponic and indoor vertical farming to dairy, livestock farms, flower growers, and community-based agricultural projects, this year's tour showcases the remarkable diversity of Whatcom County agriculture. Visitors can see firsthand how local food systems are adapting to new challenges while honoring the values that have sustained farming communities for generations.

"People are increasingly curious about where their food comes from and who grows it," says Jessica Gillis, Food & Farming Program Manager at Sustainable Connections. "The Farm Tour creates an opportunity for meaningful connections between farmers and community members. Visitors can ask questions, learn directly from producers, and gain a deeper understanding of the work and care that goes into building our thriving local food system."

For many participating farms, the event is also an important opportunity to build relationships with customers and strengthen support for local agriculture. By purchasing directly from farms and learning about regional food production, visitors help sustain local agriculture and contribute to a more resilient local economy.

The Whatcom County Farm Tour is a free event, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per group to help with event costs. This event is open to all ages. Advance registration is encouraged. Community members interested in supporting the event can also volunteer.

Learn more, register, and view participating farms and food trucks at sustainableconnections.org/whatcom-county-farm-tour/. Sustainable Connections is thrilled to share this opportunity with community members and visitors while they meet their farmers and dive deeper into our local food system in Whatcom County.

Learn Why "It's ALL About Soil!"

Healthy gardens start with healthy soil. Gardeners, growers, and anyone interested in cultivating thriving plants are invited to attend "It's ALL About Soil!" on **Wednesday, September 2**, 6 p.m., at Finnriver Farm

& Cidery in Chimacum, and **Thursday, September 3**, 6 p.m., at Quimper Grange, Port Townsend. Suggested Donation: \$10-\$15. All are welcome; no one turned away for lack of funds.

The WSU Jefferson County Extension Master Gardener Program is proud to host James Cassidy, Oregon State University soil scientist and researcher. He will deliver an engaging presentation on the remarkable role soil plays in our everyday lives. Learn how soil forms, how it stores water and nutrients, what the nutrients are, and why soil is fundamental to life on Earth. Along the way, you'll gain a new appreciation for the ground beneath your feet and the critical importance of soil conservation worldwide.

This event is for everyone: farmers, gardeners, and curious humans alike. No one leaves unsoiled!

A rockstar turned scientist, Cassidy has served as Faculty Advisor for the OSU Organic Growers Club (OSU's Student Farm) for more than 20 years. His enthusiasm for teaching and soil science makes this a presentation you won't want to miss. A suggested donation of \$10 to \$15 will help support community gardening education programs. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) 2026 Second Quarter Report

Water Treatment and Distribution Updates

The second quarter included completion of OWSI's Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) rate adjustments within Schedule X of the tariff. Following a public comment period, the revised tariff became effective June 22, ensuring specialized services are recovered fairly while maintaining the long-term financial sustainability of the utility.

Protecting Port Ludlow's drinking water remains one of OWSI's highest priorities. Thank you to the many customers who completed their annual backflow assembly testing by the June 1 deadline. Your participation plays an important role in safeguarding our public water system. Customers who remain out of compliance after the Independence Day holiday may be subject to service disconnection in accordance with our UTC-approved tariff.

Our Cross-Connection Control Specialists continue conducting follow-up inspections from this year's customer surveys. While many require only documentation, others require on-site hazard evaluations to verify proper backflow protection. These inspections will continue throughout the year.

The second quarter also marked one of OWSI's busiest regulatory reporting periods. Staff completed the annual Cross-Connection Control Report, Water Use Efficiency Report, UTC Annual Report, and Consumer Confidence Report. Both the Consumer Confidence Report and Water Use Efficiency Report are available on the OWSI website.

Finally, thank you to the homeowners who volunteered to participate in this year's lead and copper monitoring program. Your participation is essential to meeting state and federal drinking water requirements, and the results will be published in next year's Consumer Confidence Report.

Sanitary Sewer System Developments

Several important improvements were completed at the wastewater treatment plant this quarter, including installation of a new fine screen at the headworks, replacement of four aging chlorine contact chamber valves, and continued installation of new actuators on large underground process valves. These upgrades improve reliability and extend the life of critical infrastructure.

Engineering also continues on OWSI's Phase 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Working with BHC Consultants, OWSI has updated both the General Sewer Plan and the Operations and Maintenance Manual while advancing design of new aerobic digesters. The project is now approximately 30 percent complete, with construction bidding anticipated in 2027.

Residents recently received notice of OWSI's annual sewer rate adjustment, which will first be reflected in the August billing cycle. Like utilities across Washington, OWSI continues to experience rising costs associated with regulatory compliance, infrastructure renewal, and maintaining a highly trained workforce. This adjustment supports continued investment in reliable wastewater treatment and long-term system sustainability.

OWSI also continues its long-standing partnership with Rayonier and the Washington State Department of Ecology for beneficial biosolids land application. Work is underway on a new 20-year agreement that will provide long-term stability for this important environmental program.

Looking Ahead

During the coming quarter, OWSI will continue expanding availability of its vacuum truck services while advancing the Phase 1 wastewater treatment project. We also encourage residents to participate in the Port Ludlow Village Council Utility Committee and watch for details on OWSI's Annual Town Hall, anticipated for late September or early October.

Jefferson County Announces Passage of Parks and Recreation Levy

Jefferson County voters have approved Proposition No. 1, the *County Parks & Recreation Levy*, during the August 4, 2026, Primary Election. The measure was placed on the ballot by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners through a Resolution adopted on April 27, 2026. It will be effective, pending certification of the election results, by the Jefferson County Auditor's Office August 18.

The approved levy lid lift will establish a dedicated six-year funding source for Jefferson County parks, recreation, community centers, the County Fairgrounds, and the 4-H Youth Development Program. It authorizes a regular property tax rate of \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation for 2027. This amount will be used to compute the levy changes for 2028 through 2032. The County estimates the levy will generate approximately \$2.1 million in 2027 to support parks, recreation, and community services that are provided by Jefferson County but are not mandated under state law. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are exempted from this portion of the County general levy.

"We've received a clear mandate, asking the county to prioritize and support youth, elder and family programming, community spaces to convene and play, and preservation of our rural character through parks,

agricultural education, and outdoor recreation,” says District 1 County Commissioner Heather Dudley-Nollette.

Public Works Director Eric Kuzma adds that “by passing this levy, our community has demonstrated how deeply it values Jefferson County Parks and Recreation. With this sustainable funding secured, we now have a strong foundation to ensure our facilities and programs will thrive for years to come.” The revenue generated through the levy will be administered in accordance with Washington State law and the provisions approved by the voters.

Jefferson County extends its appreciation to all residents who participated in the election and to the Jefferson County Auditor’s Office Elections Division for administering the election process. For additional information about the levy, visit Jefferson County’s Parks and Recreation Levy webpage: co.jefferson.wa.us/1969/parks-rec-levy.

Master Gardener Volunteer Training

WSU Jefferson County Extension is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program. This class is an opportunity to expand your gardening knowledge while making a difference through volunteer service. The program welcomes gardeners of all experience levels who are eager to learn and share research-based horticultural information with others.

The training program combines self-paced online learning, live Zoom presentations, and in-person classes beginning in **October 2026**. Participants will explore a wide range of topics, including soils, insects, plant health, pruning, sustainable gardening practices, and food production, while learning from WSU educators and local experts.

Upon completion of training, participants provide volunteer service through educational outreach, community garden projects, food bank gardens, the Jefferson County Seed Library, and other programs that support local residents and promote environmentally sound gardening practices.

Applications are open now. To allow sufficient time for the interview process and required background

check, applicants are encouraged to submit materials by **Friday, September 25**. Registration closes **Wednesday, September 30**. Tuition assistance is available.

For more information or to apply, visit the Jefferson County Master Gardener Training webpage at extension.wsu.edu/jefferson/mg-home/master-gardener-training/ or contact Bridget Gregg at bridget.gregg@wsu.edu.

Jefferson County Declares High Fire Danger

The Jefferson County Fire Marshal and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs are tasked with safeguarding our community against hazards to life and safety from dangerous conditions associated with fire, protecting residents, firefighters, emergency responders, community assets, and property.

Due to current atmospheric and field conditions, a **declaration of high fire hazard** is now in effect. In coordination, County Fire Chiefs and the County Fire Marshal agree that conditions warrant this declaration.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources reports that hot, dry weather has elevated wildfire danger statewide, with fine fuels such as unirrigated grasses and brush fully cured and ready to ignite, and no significant precipitation forecast in the coming weeks. Washington remains under a statewide drought emergency declared earlier this year.

During a **declaration of high fire hazard**:

- Use of charcoal briquettes is prohibited, except for commercially made listed and labeled barbeque devices located and used at a residence. JCC 8.72.040(5)(c)(i).
- Target shooting outside of gun ranges, and use of exploding targets or incendiary ammunition is prohibited. Hunting is allowed in open areas. JCC 8.72.040(5)(c)(i).
- The discharge, manufacture, sale, storage, or transportation of fireworks is prohibited. JCC 8.75.040(2).

- Outdoor burning is restricted; no recreational burning (campfires).

This declaration is in effect until atmospheric and field conditions fall to an acceptable level for a length of time to determine that the threat has lessened, and that risk to residents, property, and emergency responders has subsided to acceptable levels.

Plan Ahead for Fire Rescue Fest

Mark your calendars to attend East Jefferson Fire Rescue's (EJFR) 5th Annual Fire Rescue Fest on **Saturday, October 10**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in front of Fire Station 1 on Lawrence Street in Port Townsend.

There will be demonstrations of past and current emergency response techniques including bucket brigades, fire hose competitions, technical rescue demonstrations, cooking safety, and more. Other agencies participating with EJFR include the Department of Emergency Management, JeffCom 911, local radio station KPTZ, Washington Poison Control, Jefferson County Sheriff, Port Townsend Police Department, and more.

This year's National Fire Prevention Week theme is "Charge into Fire Safety - Safe Charging Is a

Superpower," focusing on preventing lithium-ion battery fires. Information will be provided on properly charging your cellphone to avoid fires and safe ways to charge tools and scooters.

Informational and Educational Programs for the Port Ludlow Community

by Gil Skinner, SBCA

The following programs are **open to all Port Ludlow community residents**. Programs are at the Bay Club unless otherwise noted), 120 Spinnaker Place, and begin at 1 p.m. Programs are **free of charge**. Topics and speakers from a multitude of backgrounds are offered for residents. As important as it is to continue to strengthen the body, it is just as important to continue to strengthen the mind.

September is a full month of interesting programs starting with Thor Hanson, an internationally acclaimed speaker, and ending with David Brownell our resident First Nations' expert. In between we will have Rachel Clark discussing Resident Southern Killer Whales, Jefferson Healthcare, and our second road-trip, this one to the Port Townsend Museum and Rothschild House. Big month and hoping you join us. Now the particulars.

September 3. Thor Hanson's research and conservation activities have taken him around the globe. Hanson is a Guggenheim Fellow, a Switzer Environmental Fellow, and a sought-after public speaker and media figure. He co-hosted the PBS Nature series *American Spring Live*, and has appeared as a guest on programs ranging from *Fresh Air* to *On Point*, *Science Friday*, *To the Best of Our Knowledge*, *The Splendid Table*, *The Current* (CBC), *Naked Scientists* (BBC), *WIRED Currents*, *Clear+Vivid* with Alan Alda, and *The UnBelievable* with Dan Aykroyd. Hanson is the author of *Close to Home*, *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid*, *Buzz*, *The Triumph of Seeds*, *Feathers*, and *The Impenetrable Forest*. Honors for his books have included The John Burroughs Medal, The Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science, The AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize, and three Pacific Northwest Book Awards. His writing has been translated into a dozen languages. This is a program not to be missed!

2026 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Communities served include: Port Townsend, Cape George, Kala Point, Marrowstone Is., Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Irondale, Port Ludlow MPR (North and South Bay), Paradise Bay, Beaver Valley, Bridgehaven, Mats Mats, Shine, South Point and other areas located within our boundaries.

July Alarms

Fires	21
Rescue/Emergency Medical	357
Non-Emergency	46
Hazardous Condition	22
Service Call	62
Other	4
Total Alarms	512

July Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	223
Non Transports	112
July CARES Contacts	119

September 8. For years, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) has been surrounded by confusion, conflicting headlines, and concerns. Dr. Asif Luqman of Jefferson Healthcare's OB-GYN Clinic will separate myth from evidence. He will talk about how our understanding of hormone therapy has changed, who may benefit from it, what the real risks are, and why many are reconsidering a treatment that was once widely misunderstood. Whether you're approaching menopause, already past it, or simply want to better understand the latest science, this presentation will offer clear, practical information to help you have an informed discussion with your own doctor.

September 10. Jefferson County Historical Society ROAD TRIP! Free tour of both the Port Townsend Museum and Rothschild House with accompanying presentations. Meet at the museum at 1 p.m.

September 17. Rachel Clark, a science and nature writer, will make a presentation about our beloved Southern Resident Killer Whales and how they are entwined with the challenges we face in today's world. Her talk includes a short reading from her book, *The Blackfish Prophecy*, which has been endorsed by Jane Goodall.

September 23. David Brownell is back to discuss *Ediz Gigantus - History or Mystery?*

Ediz Gigantus is the resident sea serpent of the North Olympic Peninsula.

Zentangle All-Day Retreat Coming September 12

"The Power of Zen with a Pen"

Meet, connect, and learn from each other!

This month, the Port Ludlow Tangle Club is sponsoring a one-day retreat on **Saturday, September 12**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Bay Club. Workshop presenters Alice Clive, Susie Hunter, and Joan Chapdelaine, will guide participants in learning many new tangles as they create a ten-and-a-half-inch-square paper "crazy quilt."

A tangle is a structured pattern based on just five basic strokes. The Zentangle Method is fun, easy to learn, boosts focus, and helps busy people like you



and me unwind while discovering a creative reservoir we never knew we had. The power of Zen with a pen! The day will also feature door prizes, freebies, and time for lunch (bring your own). The registration fee for members is \$25; non-members, \$35. Contact Certified Zentangle Teacher, Alice Clive, to learn about availability and more details at: foureyes22@outlook.com.

New Exhibitions at the JCHS Museum of Art + History

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) is pleased to announce two new exhibitions at the Museum of Art + History this fall, celebrating the work of regional artists and makers.

Opening **Saturday, September 5**, in the Ferguson Gallery, *Understories* presents a collection of sculptures by artist John Strohhohn. Spanning more than a decade of carving wood and stone, the exhibition explores the dialogue between artist and material, with each sculpture responding to the natural character, history, and possibilities of the wood or stone from which it was created.

Working from his studio in Gardiner, Strohhohn embraces the unique qualities of each material rather than imposing a predetermined form. His sculptures reveal stories embedded in the grain of wood, the character of stone, and the creative process itself, inviting visitors to consider the relationships between nature, craftsmanship, and artistic expression.

Also on view is *Home/Made: Port Townsend's Community Printshop* which opened August 1 in the Wilson Gallery and remains on display through **Thursday, December 31**. The exhibition showcases work by members, students, and instructors of the Port Townsend Community Printshop, a volunteer-run collective art space that provides equipment, education, and community for artists working across a wide range of printmaking techniques.

Featuring prints that span traditional and contemporary approaches, *Home/Made* celebrates the Printshop's role as an important creative resource and gathering place for artists in our community. The exhibition is supported by the Port Townsend Arts Commission.

Together, these exhibitions highlight two distinct approaches to making art: one rooted in the intimate process of carving natural materials, the other in the collaborative spirit of a community print studio. Both reflect the remarkable creativity of artists living and working on the Olympic Peninsula.

The Museum of Art + History is located at 540 Water Street in downtown Port Townsend and is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, visit jchsmuseum.org.

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Features & Stories

The PL Friday Market Rolls On

It's not easy starting a new food and artisan market, but the brand-new-this-year **Friday Market**, located at Port Ludlow's small downtown, continues to thrive, bringing us local offerings of specialty foods, fresh produce, and artisan wares. As of this writing, regular food vendors at the market include weekly stands from Pane d'Amore Bakery and Zack's Little Creperie (and if you haven't sampled the offerings from these folks, you're definitely missing out). In addition there are bi-weekly booths from Three Peas Farm and Gray Fox Farms, who bring everything from fresh produce and eggs to specialty items such as homemade jams.

In addition, the market boasts of visits from a long list of vendors including Laurie's Flower Bouquets and Plants, Anne's Stained Glass Art, and Susan Cole with vintage estate sale offerings. A host of other booths showcase everything from enameled birds to intuitive healing, to specialty jewelry and (would you believe?) whimsical gnome heads. As if all that wasn't enough, the market also hosts tables manned by the Port Ludlow Village Council plus Friends of EJFR.

According to market organizer Kandice Crusat, locals especially like to stop by these non-profit stations to chat, while many visitors to the area are drawn in by the signs posted around Port Ludlow each Friday. Says Crusat of the weekly markets, "All of our visitors are delighted to find such a fun selection of local food vendors, and arts and crafts."



Photo by Kandice Crusat

So take advantage of this local offering while you can. This year's Friday Market will run through **September 25**, with its regular hours of 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Porch Talk with Brad Hart

by Doug Pulling, Staff Writer

Ludlow Point Villages recently celebrated a farewell to Brad and Polly Hart, recognizing the immeasurable contributions they have made to the neighborhood since arriving twenty years ago. There was hardly anyone in attendance who had not been touched by their generosity, resilience, and kindness during their years in Port Ludlow. Both Brad and Polly are talented and creative people who have built an adorable home in our community. This article focuses on one aspect of their sundry occupations: the art of Brad's bonsai.



Brad Hart with his bonsai collection

When they were young, in their 20s, Brad and Polly were window shopping at Christmas time. They saw a display featuring a bonsai where a little fir was shaped to a point, reminding Brad of a tiny Christmas tree. He wondered how it was done, that a tree could be miniaturized. "I'd like to make some of these," he thought, with a confidence to fabricate that has marked his artistry in years since, in woodworking, metal working, and gardening. "I went out and bought some trees, four or five of them, and cut them here, cut them there, and they all died." Not watered enough, or too much, wrong soil, poor drainage. "It was hard to get the gist of it," he says, "because there is a lot to know."

Challenged by the process of this living art, Brad found a school for bonsai artists an hour away

from his Simi Valley, CA, home. He began to study with Roy Nagatosi, an internationally recognized Bonsai Master, at the Fuji Bonsai Nursery in Sylmar, California. With help from his educators, he designed a space in his back yard where the developing plants would have a chance to thrive. He began his own bonsai garden at home, and using the techniques he'd learned, soon had specimens thriving.

After 10 years at his hobby, Brad had filled all the spaces in his garden where he could safely keep his delicate plants. He had to give some away to make room for the new plants he was starting. Then he decided to sell some of them. Soon he had a booth at a farmers' market in Ventura, and every Saturday morning was selling a few plants. When the Ventura market was closed one Saturday, Brad got a tip from the market manager that, "Santa Barbara would love to see your product."

On his first trip to Santa Barbara, Brad discovered there was a booming market for bonsai there and soon was selling plants to Julia Child, David Carradine, and other notables in the area. With Polly's encouragement, Brad continued his dedication to bonsai cultivation, marketing in Santa Barbara what he was able to create outside his daily work schedule.

When he was able, Brad scoured the countryside from Morro Bay to Thousand Oaks for diverse trees to use for his art. He would carefully dig up the young plant, bring it home to his nursery, and do the pruning and shaping necessary to set it on its journey towards being a unique artistic creation of nature. Once he traveled into the desert near Palmdale, and on a hike into the arid landscape, discovered a California juniper, an evergreen noted for its twisted growth, and interesting bark and cones. Brad brought this home to Simi Valley and nursed it into a distinctive specimen, among the pride of his collection.

In 2005, after Brad retired from his job as a sheet metal technician, he and Polly decided to move to Port Ludlow. Polly's father lived here, and his reports of the mild climate were sufficient to convince them to escape the heat of the Simi Valley.

So it began, the migration of 25 years of bonsai art, and the establishment of the lovely new home the Harts created on Camber Lane, in Ludlow Point

Villages. Polly took an evening job at the Port Ludlow Inn, and for years was the cheerful evening face of that desk. Brad could be seen for a part of nearly every day in his garage, carving wooden ornaments, making cabinets and tables, forging knives, and finishing projects for neighbors. He was never alone there as his blond retriever, Callie, stayed by his side until she sauntered down the driveway to greet a visitor. When he wasn't in the garage, Brad was in the nursery forming his latest bonsai creation, many taken from their Pacific Northwest environment.

That juniper he brought in from the desert? It flourished in Simi Valley for ten years. Brad was proud of it. After arriving in Port Ludlow, he shared his development of this tree with another bonsai artist, Dan Robinson of the Elandan Gardens in Bremerton. On hearing this, Robinson remarked, "Don't be disappointed. It's not going to make it up here."

"And he was right," Brad says. "In two years, that tree died. Some do, no matter the care."

The Harts have decided to return to California to be closer to their daughter. Yard work and home maintenance here in Port Ludlow have become increasingly difficult for Brad. "So now, it's time for me to change, and go back where I came from and have our daughter come first. Same with Polly." Another move for the Hart bonsai collection is underway. Some of the specimens are forty and fifty years old. "I'm not sure how my trees are gonna do that (survive the move), because I'm taking trees that were more for this area on the road to Ventura. A cool breeze from the ocean there might be OK. But I'm a little nervous about it!"

Looking back on his time in Port Ludlow, Brad reflects, "It is a dream of a place. I'll never forget it. People welcome you here. If somebody says hello to you, they mean it, you know?"

Postscript: With elaborate crating designed by their neighbor, Randy Triplett, to protect each plant's place in a U-Haul, the Harts successfully transported the entire bonsai collection to their new home in Camarillo, California. The last obstacle to the move, the Agricultural Inspection Station at the Oregon-California border, was traversed uneventfully. The station was vacant of personnel.

A Call to Those We've Lost

by Karen Griffith

A new wind phone has been installed in Port Ludlow in the copse of trees to the east of the Village Market. The Voice did a quick piece on the plans for this in May, but it's now installed, and here's the scoop:

A wind phone is a telephone not connected to any wires. That's okay because its whole purpose is to let you "call" your loved ones who have passed on. More specifically, it is a space and a handset for people who wish to speak their grief, thoughts and memories aloud to someone who has died. The primary purpose is to give people a way to say things they never got to say to a loved one. It offers a tangible and symbolic ritual for processing grief, which can be a powerful and moving experience.

The concept was started by a Japanese man in 2010. Itahu Sasaki lost his cousin who he was very close to, and he installed a rotary phone in his garden, not wired to anything. Here, he felt connected to his beloved cousin. The next year, the big tsunami hit the coast of Japan sweeping thousands of people to

their deaths. He dusted off his wind phone and placed it in a public place for all to use.

There are now over 400 wind phones around the world. Community members are invited to sit on a bench in this beautiful grove of trees and "talk" to their loved one. For more information see mywindphone.com.

Our Port Ludlow wind phone was constructed by local craftsman Ed Galfre and placed in the spot by the market with the help of Al Gleich and Bill Trafton.



Judy McKay who worked with Griffith to make the Port Ludlow Wind Phone a reality.

Photo by Karen Griffith



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Arts & Entertainment

The Ludlow Falls Mural: Art That Brings a Community Together

by Laura Axiotis, Guest Writer

What started as a simple art project to give back to the community has become something much more. The mural painted on the pump house at the base of Port Ludlow Falls, has transformed a utility building into a welcoming landmark – one that not only celebrates the beauty of Port Ludlow but also brings people together in unexpected ways.



Ludlow Falls Mural

Inspired by the work of the volunteers on the trails committee, the Port Ludlow Art League envisioned a mural that would blend the pump house into its surroundings while creating something the community could enjoy. Members of the art league submitted designs to a panel of local business owners who unanimously voted on a design. Volunteers researched the dos and don'ts of mural painting techniques and completed the mural in August.

Once the painting began, something unexpected happened. People walking the Ludlow Falls trails stopped to watch the artists at work. Some stayed for just a few minutes, while others lingered to ask questions about the mural, the art league, and Port Ludlow. In addition to locals, visitors from across the United States and even from other countries, shared stories about where they were from, what brought them to Port Ludlow, and where they were headed next. They admired the artwork, photographed the mural, and asked about the trails, local restaurants, and the marina. Visitors from nearby towns were so inspired by the project that they asked how to become a member

of the art league.

The mural has evolved from a colorful utility building to a gathering place, a conversation starter, and a warm welcome to everyone who visits Ludlow Falls. It reminds us that art doesn't just beautify a place – it creates connections between people.

Come join us at the Ludlow Falls pump house on **Saturday, September 19**, noon – 2 p.m. for the official unveiling of the mural. We'll be celebrating not just what's painted on the building, but the conversations, friendships, and shared sense of community that has grown from this art project, one brushstroke at a time. The entrance to Ludlow Falls is next to the Port Ludlow Associates corporate headquarters at 70 Breaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information about the Port Ludlow Art League, please visit portludlowart.org.

Sound Community Bank Art Exhibit – Turn, Turn, Turn

This September, members of the Port Ludlow Art League will fill Sound Community Bank with artwork celebrating the warm, vibrant colors of Fall.

The public is invited to attend a reception for the artists on **Wednesday, September 9**, 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. Come say hello to the artists, discover what makes the art league special, and enjoy delicious refreshments with us.

The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.



Fall Beckons
by Melody Todnem

Port Ludlow Art League – Jeweler of the Month

Featured Artist – Pam Bauer

Pam is endlessly inspired by the natural world, captivated by the breadth of colors, patterns, and textures she discovers from forests to shorelines.

After moving to this area several years ago, Pam became fascinated with the ocean ecosystem. She often incorporates natural elements found on her beach walks, especially stones and shells from the beaches of Port Townsend and beyond. She strives to highlight the beauty created by forces of nature and to galvanize a sense of wonder and appreciation for the wild around us.

During **September**, Pam's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at portludlowart.org.



Necklace by Pam Bauer

The public is invited to attend a reception for Pam on **Wednesday, September 12**, 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The bank is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Performing Arts' Season Opener – Abby Posner and the Big Fall

Join us at the Bay Club on **Saturday, September 26**, at 7 p.m. for Port Ludlow Performing Arts' concert with Abby Posner and the Big Fall.

Some performers pick an instrument but Abby Posner picked most of them. Posner fell for music growing up in Colorado, then sharpened that instinct at the California Institute of the Arts. What began as a passion has become a two-decade career as a touring performer and an award-winning writer, with credits that reach past the concert stage. She has composed

music for television and appeared on multiple shows. When Ken Burns' landmark *Country Music* documentary needed a promotional film, Posner — a genuine multi-instrumentalist — set everything else down and let the banjo do the talking.

Posner's three CDs feature her own original songs that are deeply rooted in Americana.

Never content to stay in one lane is what makes her live show with The Big Fall worth the ticket. The set glides from modern folk into powerhouse blues and then into fiery rock with a few surprises along the way. It's the kind of show that starts with an audience politely listening and ends with a room full of fans — which is what happens wherever she plays.

Posner's writing carries the same range as her playing. The songs are lived-in and specific, the arrangements muscular without ever burying the lyric, and the band knows exactly when to lean in and when to get out of the way. It's a rare blend of a conservatory-trained player with the chops to go anywhere, paired with a songwriter's discipline to go where the song needs her. To learn more about Abby, please visit abbyposner.com.

Our thanks to underwriters Gil Skinner, Terri Ross in memory of Lanny, and to the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation, our corporate season sponsor.

To purchase tickets, please visit portludlowperformingarts.com. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow.



*Abby Posner
and the Big Fall*

Northwind Art — September Exhibits and Classes

New art from 16 makers is circulating through Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery this month. On view now through **Monday, September 28**, the

Migration exhibit brings together cast glass, gouache, collage, and mixed-media creations by Kate Flores, Carolyn King, Loran Scruggs, and Mary O'Shaughnessy.



La Bordadora Otomi
by Carolyn King



A Place to Rest
by Kate Flores

Showcase Exhibits

On display now through **Monday, September 7**, is *Showcase 2026 Round 2*. Twelve participating artists include: photographer Kerry Tremain, ceramist Aleta Anderson, painters Jeanne Toal and Marian Morris, printmaker Kelli MacConnell, and jewelry silversmith Sarah Calautti.

Showcase 2026 Round 3, running **Thursday, September 10** through **Monday, January 4, 2027**, presents a range of art forms, including glass mosaic, printmaking, photography, and fiber art from a new set of a dozen Northwest artists.

Jeanette Best Gallery is open Thursdays – Mondays, noon – 5 p.m. During the First Saturday Art Walk, the gallery is open until 8 p.m. For information about gallery shows, events, and artists, visit northwindart.org.

New Northwind Art Ceramics Studio

This season brings the opening of the new Northwind Art Ceramics Studio at Fort Worden State Park. The debut date will be announced on northwindart.org and in the organization's e-newsletter. To subscribe to the news bulletins, send an email to northwindart.org.

Northwind Art School

Northwind Art School offers a variety of art and craft courses and workshops.

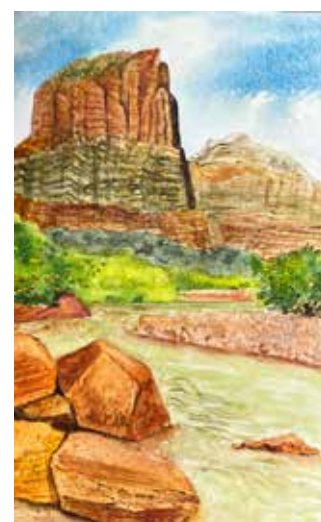
- Fashion Sewing for Beginner to Intermediate Sewists, **Saturday, September 5**
- Pacific Northwest Abstract, **Saturday, September 12**, and **Sunday, September 13**
- Plein Air Painting: Alla Prima, **Saturday, September 19**, and **Sunday, September 20**
- Fabric Maché Bowls, **Saturday, September 19**
- Fire and Glass: Intro to Enameling, **Saturday, October 3**

For information about classes, visit northwindart.org. Northwind Art School is at the Fort Worden State Park campus in Buildings 306 and 324 at 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend.

September Classes

Watercolor Class – **Friday, September 4**, 10 a.m. – noon at the Bridge Deck

Join us for a class with artist, Pamela Raine, to complete the *Canyon Hues* watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org



Canyon Hues
by Pamela Raine

Acrylic Paint Class – **Saturday, September 12**, 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Bridge Deck

Join us for a fun class with artist, Shirley Bomgaars, to complete the *A is for...* acrylic painting. Enjoy breakfast sips & nibbles. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.



A is for ...
by Shirley Bomgaars

The Bridge Deck is located adjacent to the Beach Club parking lot at 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow.

Labor Day Art Fair at The Port Ludlow Inn

Mark your calendars for a vibrant showcase of arts and crafts at the Labor Day Art Fair on **Sunday, September 6**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Inn. Local artists and makers will display a wide variety of work, making it the perfect opportunity to find one-of-a-kind treasures, including jewelry, paintings, woodworking, ceramics, textiles, and cards.



Labor Day Art Fair

The event will span both the cozy interior of the Inn and the scenic outdoor grounds with live music from the Stringalongs, offering the perfect backdrop for the festivities. The Inn's Fireside restaurant will be open for those looking to purchase a delicious meal or a quick bite.

Admission is free, and it's a great opportunity to support local artists and makers while enjoying one of the area's most beautiful venues overlooking the marina and the Olympic Mountains. The Port Ludlow Inn is located at One Heron Road in Port Ludlow. For more information, visit portludlowart.org.

Bayside Art Gallery Hosts Peninsula Art Friends Exhibit

Bayside Art Gallery will host a new exhibit this fall featuring Peninsula Art Friends, a celebrated collective of local Olympic Peninsula artists. The exhibit runs **September 13 – October 31** on the second floor of the historic Old Alcohol Plant Inn.

The exhibit showcases a dynamic selection of original water-media paintings and fine art. Utilizing watercolor, acrylic, and mixed-media techniques, the collection captures the region's unique landscapes, flora, fauna, and local life.



*Sunny Day at Salt Creek Beach
by Georgianna Seko*

“We are thrilled to feature Peninsula Art Friends at the Bayside Art Gallery. Their artworks reflect the natural beauty and creative spirit of the Olympic Peninsula, making this exhibit a perfect fit for our community-focused gallery space,” said Art Curator Christopher Forrest.

A reception for the artists will be held on **Sunday, September 13**, 5 – 7 p.m. The community is invited to attend, view the vibrant artworks, and meet the artists. To learn about Peninsula Art Friends and the featured artists, visit peninsulaartfriends.com.

Proceeds from artwork purchases directly support Bayside Housing & Services, a non-profit organization providing transitional housing and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County.

The Bayside Art Gallery is open daily, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at 310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock. For information about the gallery, contact Christopher Forrest at cforrest@baysidehousing.org, or visit baysideartgallery.com.

Photo Exhibit at the Bay Club

During September, the Port Ludlow Photographers will be displaying their photographs in the Bay Club Gallery. This exhibit features members' photographs that demonstrate their photographic abilities. Hopefully, the exhibit will provide viewers with inspiration for what to do with all those images taken with smartphones and cameras. The exhibit will also include images the photographers captured on a field trip to the Jefferson County Indian Island

Park and will show how photo editing can restore and enhance images. Displayed images have been taken with smartphones, DSLRs, and mirrorless cameras and printed on a wide variety of media such as paper, metal, acrylic, fabric, coffee mugs, and photobooks.



Majorette Before & After

The Port Ludlow Photographers is a group of people interested in improving their photography and sharing their knowledge and skills with others. They meet in the classroom at the Bay Club on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m. – noon. The group and meetings are open to everyone who is interested in photography, regardless of their photographic experience. There are no dues and no formal organization.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information contact Aven Andersen at aven1936@live.com.

Gallery News – Customer Appreciation Month

September is Customer Appreciation Month at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. With over 100 member artists, our gallery offers the perfect selection for your home décor, upcoming celebrations, and hostess gifts. As a special thank you this month, you can choose a free customer appreciation gift for every \$30 you spend.

Don't forget to explore our new Corner Gift Shop section, featuring a wide variety of cards and budget-friendly gifts for everyone.

Stop by today to discover local art and claim your rewards!

The gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Port Angeles Field Arts & Events Hall – September Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, September 2, 7:30 p.m. | Duane Betts & Palmetto Motel**
 Duane Betts ignites and brings an evolution to the Southern rock tradition. Backed by Palmetto Motel, Betts delivers a dynamic show filled with searing guitar solos, heartfelt storytelling, and a mix of classic influences with fresh energy. Tickets: \$24.50 - \$44.50.
- Sunday, September 6, Noon | Free Jazz Sunday**
 Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of live music, ocean views, and our specialty mimosa and Bloody Mary bar. Guest to be announced soon. Free event, but donations are appreciated.
- Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. | The Lion King Sing Along**
 Belt out the lyrics to this Disney classic in a special sing-along event. Suggested donation: \$10.
- Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m. | Ian Maksin: Beyond Neoclassical**
 Acclaimed one-man cello orchestra, composer, and multilingual vocalist, Maksin performs his instrumental music as well as songs from his collection in 43 languages. Adult tickets: \$29.50 - \$44.50. Youth tickets: \$19.50.
- Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m. | Annual FORE the Arts Golf Tournament**
 Join us for our Swinging FORE the Arts golf tournament at Cedars at Dungeness in Sequim, WA. All proceeds support programming and operations at Field Arts & Events Hall that enables us to fulfill our mission to be a home for arts and events that bring people together and strengthen our community. Individual registration: \$125,

Team of four registration: \$450.

Sunday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. | Luca Stricagnoli Candlelight Concert

One of the most unique guitarists in the world, Luca invented the Reversed Triple Neck Guitar and the Reversed Slide Neck. These instruments have contributed to the modern evolution of acoustic guitar. Adult tickets: \$30 - \$50, Youth up to 18 tickets: \$15.

- **Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m. | The Roots Project with Martha Redbone & Aaron Whitby**

Redbone and Whitby present *The Roots Project*, a journey through American music, storytelling, and shared cultural memory. The ensemble weaves together folk, blues, gospel, and soul with indigenous musical traditions to create a sound that is timeless and contemporary. General admission: \$44.50, VIP table for four: \$220.

- **Friday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. | Frankie Moreno Trio in the Thomsen Club**

Joined by his brother, Tony Moreno, on bass and his son, Giovanni Moreno, on drums, the trio delivers a high-energy performance featuring new arrangements of their biggest hits and fan favorites. There are two dinner shows with tickets at \$59.50 - \$69.50. There is a two-item food and beverage minimum per person.

- **Saturday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, September 27, 5 p.m. | Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour**

From over 400 entries submitted to the competition, award-winners and audience favorites are selected to play in theaters around the world. Traveling to remote vistas, analyzing topical environmental issues, and showing audiences adrenaline-packed action sports, the Banff World Tour is an exhilarating and provocative exploration of the mountain world. Adult tickets: \$34.50 (one night), \$53.20 (two nights), Youth up to 18 tickets: \$20 (one night), \$40 (two nights).

For more information, please visit fieldhallevents.org. To purchase tickets, please visit fieldhallevents.org/tickets. Field Arts & Events Hall is located at 201 W. Front Street in Port Angeles, WA.

Open Studio Invitation

The Port Ludlow Art League invites you to gather with fellow makers at The Port Ludlow Inn on **Wednesday, September 16**, from 1 – 5 p.m. Whether you're putting the finishing touches on an acrylic painting, knitting mittens, or sketching an idea, bring your work in progress and join the fun. This free gathering is the perfect chance to work on your projects alongside fellow makers in a supportive and inspiring atmosphere.

Bring your current project and whatever supplies you need to create. This is a 'come as you are' opportunity for makers of every level, from those just beginning their creative journey to seasoned professionals. Port Ludlow Art League members will be on hand offering conversation, encouragement, and suggestions.

When it's time for a break, The Fireside Restaurant will have its full lunch menu, happy hour specials, and drinks available for purchase.

Come for creativity and stay for the community. We can't wait to create with you.

The Port Ludlow Art League is dedicated to nurturing a vibrant, inclusive arts community on the Olympic Peninsula. To learn more about workshops, events, speakers, and exhibits, visit portludlowart.org.

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Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

SBCA Happenings

by Carolyn O'Keeffe, President; SBCA Board of Directors

Welcome to September with cooler evenings and the return of rain. Our hearts go out to residents across Washington state who have suffered devastating losses of homes, properties and businesses due to wildfires.

Here are a few updates to our 2026 – 2027 projects:

We will begin the asphalt resurfacing in the Bay Club front area this month. The current schedule for resurfacing is **Monday, September 14**, through **Wednesday, September 16**. The Bay Club will be closed on those days to allow for the resurfacing and curing of the asphalt, and restriping of the road and parking spaces. We will be sending out e-blasts to everyone as we get closer to the project date.

The new lockers for both the men's and women's locker rooms arrived damaged upon delivery at the end of July. We declined acceptance of these lockers and ordered new sets. We hope to install them early to mid-September.

Our landscaping crew continues to tweak and make small modifications to our new plantings as well as to the sprinkler system. Some of our new plants didn't survive the shock of planting. They have been or will be replaced in the next few weeks and months.

Our pool project this fall will be to clean out the pool drains and replace them with a system that will allow us to clean them out more easily. We will also replace the hot water heater and electrical panel in the pool pump room.

We launched our new website in August after months of planning and tweaking of the new format.

I want to give a shout-out to our Activities Committee that has been hard at work providing great experiences for our SBCA members. We have a superstar, renowned international naturalist Thor Hansen, presenting on **Thursday, September 3**. We are doing a road trip to the Port Townsend Museum

September and Early October SBCA Important Dates

Thursday, September 3, 1 – 2 p.m., Thor Hansen, internationally known naturalist***

Friday, September 4, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m., Pancake Breakfast benefitting Backpacks for Kids**

Tuesday, September 8, 1 – 2 p.m., Dr. Asif Luqman of Jefferson Healthcare - Hormone Replacement Therapy

Thursday, September 10, 9:30 – 11 a.m., SBCA Board Monthly Meeting **

Thursday, September 10, 1 – 2 p.m., Port Townsend Museum and Rothschild House ***

Thursday, September 17, 1 – 2 p.m., Rachel Clark: Southern Resident Killer Whales ***

Friday, September 18, 5 – 7 p.m., Members Food and Dance Friday: Ribs and sides from MoChili, with music by Budapest West.**

Wednesday, September 23, 1 – 2 p.m., David Brownell: Sea Monsters of the PNW***

Friday, October 2, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m., Pancake Breakfast benefitting ECCHO**

Every Thursday at 4 p.m., Members' Lounge**

To keep informed of all dates and times, please visit sbca.club.

** All SBCA members and their guests are welcome.

*** All Port Ludlow residents are welcome.

and the Rothschild House on **Thursday, September 10** for our presentation. For those who love ribs with all the fixings, and music, please join us on **Friday, September 18** for an evening of great food from Mo Chili BBQ and music with Budapest West, our local band. Our favorite local historian, David Brownell, will be presenting, *Sea Monsters of the PNW*, on **Wednesday, September 23**.

Our Health/Fitness Committee continues to provide workshops and training on how to best use our new weights equipment. We hope you've had time to

try out the new equipment and to attend any of the training provided by our H/F team.

We continue to work with our insurance broker to find an insurer that will provide coverage for our SBCA HOA and Club. Stay tuned for updates.

Enjoy September, everyone! Let's hope for continued sunshine and cooler nights this month, with only a few days of smoky skies.

Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Mike Wilson, General Manager

As we head into the final days of summer, I have been thinking back on my first summer at the Beach Club and what a wonderful season it has been. The Beach Club has been full of life with the joyful calls of "Marco Polo!" echoing across the pool and the smiles, laughter, and energy of our youngest members. There is something special about seeing families enjoy simple summer moments together. The outdoor pool season has been terrific, and members can expect the pool to remain open through **Thursday, October 15**, weather permitting.

We were also fortunate to host two successful summer events this year. In June, we gathered for our annual Ice Cream Social, and in July, we enjoyed Sound Advice Band at our *Music on the Lawn*. These events take a great deal of effort from our staff and volunteers, but the appreciation from our guests and all the smiling faces make all the work worthwhile.

We would love to welcome more members who are willing to lend a hand. Later this year, we plan to include a volunteer sign-up form in the Budget Mailing. If you are interested in helping, please return the form to our office, or stop by and talk with Kim at the front desk about volunteer opportunities at the Beach Club.

As always, if you have questions or comments or about the on-going work at the Beach Club, you can reach me at 360-437-9201 or gm@lmcbeachclub.org.

LMC and the Beach Club

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Email: gm@lmcbeachclub.org

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Visit lmcbeachclub.org for more information about your North Bay HOA

Village Council

Time to Vote for your Port Ludlow Village Council Directors

Listed below are the candidate statements for those running for a Village Council Director position. You will be receiving a green postcard in early September explaining how to vote, an invitation to our Annual Meeting on **October 1**, and major accomplishments of the PLVC in 2025-2026. Please watch for this postcard and remember to vote. We are YOUR Village Council. Kindly support us with a donation as you vote. Thank you.

Nancy Bamberg-Jones

I have always had a lot of energy and been ready for a challenge. I have learned valuable lessons within each chapter of my life. I listen and make people feel seen and heard. My past experiences allow me to plan, problem solve, and find solutions. I am a tenacious and hard-working person who loves to deliver results.

My husband and I retired from dentistry, sold our home and bought a 41-foot Helmsman trawler. We were the first Helmsman trawler to transit the Panama Canal, and we completed The Great Loop of the United States!

After seven years of boat-living, we found our perfect, forever home in the friendly village of Port Ludlow. Since 2023, I have participated with the Ludlow Village Players, the Choral Belles, First Wednesday Luncheon, Aquasize, Line Dancing classes, Garden Club, and the PLVC roadside clean-up crew.



I am proud to live here, and I would love to have your vote and support to join the Port Ludlow Village Council.

Karen Brittain

Port Ludlow has been my home for over 20 years, and I have seen many changes during that time. What has remained important is the beauty of the area and the people who give their time to help care for our community.



My career has been centered around working with people, listening to their concerns, and helping to find workable solutions. I currently serve as Vice President of JCAR, which has given me additional experience working with different viewpoints, planning programs, and taking on leadership responsibilities.

Becoming a member of the Port Ludlow Village Council would be a way to become more involved in the community that has been home for so many years. I would bring the perspective of a longtime resident, a willingness to listen and learn, and a genuine interest in the issues that affect the Port Ludlow community.

Thank you for considering me for the Council.

Lois Grazioli

Serving on the Port Ludlow Village Council since October 2024 has given me a working knowledge of the needs and priorities of our community. As Chairperson of the Community Activities Committee, I collaborated with council members and volunteers to organize and host such fun-filled events as the Spring Annual Outdoor Community Yard Sale and Fall Annual Canine Parade. Serving on our Communications and Finance and Fundraising committees has further broadened my role in addressing our residents' priorities, as well as communicating those to Jefferson County through our board meetings and town halls. I would like to continue this rewarding work by serving for another



two-year term on the council. As a retired school administrator and through my current involvement in other local clubs and non-profit organizations, I recognize the importance of community involvement in fostering the well-being of our Port Ludlow residents and accomplishing our mission.

Michael Gubala

I'm a retired Aerospace engineer and moved to Port Ludlow in 2024 to be close to my daughter and grandchildren who live in Hansville. We reside in Teal Lake Village year around. My career in Aerospace allowed me to work on short (about 1.5 years) programs mostly with Defense Advance Projects Agency (DARPA) which made it exciting and interesting. Previously, I lived in Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Laguna Niguel, California, and retired from Raytheon. I was enchanted by the beauty of the Northwest, Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and small communities on the Olympic Peninsula. While in California, I volunteered at Mission Hospital, in Mission Viejo and would like to contribute to the Port Ludlow neighborhood by serving on the Board of the Port Ludlow Village Council and contribute to the development of our beautiful community.



Christie Lang

My husband Geoff and I moved to Port Ludlow in the spring of 2023 from Snohomish, WA. Our journey to Port Ludlow began by making a list of our retirement preferences, which included being near water and forests, peaceful surroundings, a place to walk and ride bikes, and, at the very top of that list, "community."

My definition of community has changed over the years, as I've had the opportunity to live in and explore Port Ludlow. I now realize that my definition of community has a deeper meaning. I have enjoyed participating in the social events, but I've also very much enjoyed giving my time and energy for the



benefit of the community, including helping with holiday decorations, baking for bake sales, cleaning up the roadsides, and performing in local theater productions.

I look forward to contributing more to this community for many years to come. Thank you for considering my request to be a member of the Port Ludlow Village Council.

Dan Martin

My wife Evelyn and I, along with our lovable golden retriever, Mable, have lived on Walden Lane for the past seven years. I spend my time working in our orchard and vineyard when I'm not building custom guitars.



I would like to become a member of the PLVC because I love this village and I feel I have a lot to offer to this community. I went to school for civil engineering. I am a Leed Accredited Professional which requires extensive studies in environmental building practices.

Living outside HOA boundaries, I bring a neutral property owner's perspective to the board.

If elected I would work hard on matters that are dear to our hearts. One in particular, is to address a long-term solution for our water and sewer. I am a past member of the PLVC Utilities Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Caroline Miner

I retired from a career in nursing two years ago and moved to Port Ludlow with my husband, Jim, to be closer to our two sons. I believe that we are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful location with a welcoming community.



I've volunteered with the Ludlow Village Players, Yacht Club, Choral Belles, Port Ludlow Singers, Wooden Boat Festival, Farm Tours, and helped children at Chimacum Elementary to read.

I have recently been the Volunteer Coordinator with

PLVC. I enjoy meeting new people, learning about our local area, cooking, dancing, singing, acting, swimming, and walking with friends in the Walkie-Talkies.

I have experienced the Village Council at work and support all their endeavors. It's beautiful here because people volunteer to keep it that way. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to be one of those people.

Howard Weiner

I grew up in Portland, Oregon, and was a business owner for over 50 years. My wife and I traveled to the Olympic Peninsula for over 30 years and fell in love with the beauty and tranquility of the area.



When we moved to Port Ludlow in the summer of 2024, I attended my first meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) and found my place in serving our new community.

The goal of the PLVC, bringing our community together, was the attraction, and the many wonderful folks I've met in this work keep me engaged in this effort. I'm currently Vice President, Trails committee board liaison, and chairman of the Utilities committee.

I'm thankful to be working with so many talented folks on the PLVC board and ask for your consideration in continuing to participate in your Village Council.

Port Ludlow Village Council - What's going on?

Geoff Lang, President

September brings the first hints of fall, football, and pumpkin spice, well, everything. It will also bring the Village Council Annual Board of Directors election postcard to your mailbox, the one on your street rather than your phone. The postcard will include highlights of the year working within the village with our neighbors, instructions on how and when to vote, details about the annual meeting and reception, as well as a request to consider a donation to our General Fund. Your Village Council is a 501(c)(3) donation-based community organization that

only exists through the hard work of its volunteers and financial support of the community. The annual budget needs would be met if each household in the Village donated \$10 each year. If you like the work the council does, please consider making a donation of any size. Historically less the 10% of the Village helps us, “keep the lights on.”

You will see all of the candidate bios in this September issue; please thank them for stepping up to take leadership roles in shaping the future of Port Ludlow. There is much work to be done, and we are happy to have a new cohort joining us! You may already know some of them, or maybe they are all new faces to you. Either way, you will have a chance to meet them and share your thoughts at our annual meeting and reception on **Thursday, October 1**, at 3 p.m. at the Bay Club. We will review the council accomplishments during the past year from each of our committee chairs, celebrate our volunteers, and follow it up with a reception featuring wine and appetizers. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you all.

Two days later, **Saturday, October 3**, we’ll present the second annual Canine Costume Contest with a few new twists; see Lois’s article in this issue. We have moved it up a few weeks this year in hopes of having a slightly less wintery day!

Thursday, September 17, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club, the Emergency Committee will be presenting a Town Hall about emergency preparedness, the work the committee does, and the Great Washington Shakeout that will be held in mid-October. Greater detail can be found in Jay’s article in this issue as well.

The summer raffle continues! The third winner was drawn at our August board meeting. Dawn Rog was the recipient of the entertainment gift basket donated by Port Ludlow Performing Arts, Ludlow Village Players, Spruce Goose, and Oreos! Congratulations Dawn!

Finally, we are trying to find a week to squeeze in another round of village cleanup days. We’d like to do the roadsides again, clean the traffic signs, and possibly schedule another e-waste recycling event. Reach out if interested in helping!

We look forward to seeing you out and about in the Village or perhaps at our next board meeting on **September 3**, 3 p.m. at the Beach Club where we will hear from EJFR, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, PUD, our county commissioner, Port Ludlow Associates, and updates from all PLVC committees working hard to make Port Ludlow home. If for now, you just want to stay in the loop with all things Port Ludlow, Village Council or otherwise, check out www.portludlowvillagecouncil.org to sign up for biweekly emails. Or, if you just want to come chat with a council member, a couple of us are in the PLVC booth at the Friday Market each and every Friday. Come say “Hi,” through **September 25**!

PLVC Annual Members Meeting & Election of Directors

You recently received a postcard from PLVC inviting you to the Annual Members Meeting and explaining how voting will be conducted this year. We are again utilizing online voting at portludlowvillagecouncil.org. All you need to do is use your **Voter ID** as your password (located above your name/address on the face of the postcard.) Polls are open from **September 1 – September 30**.

Now is the time to vote in the 2026 Village Council election. Kindly take a few minutes to review the president’s message and candidate statements from your neighbors who are running for two-year terms. Choose up to eight candidates for the available positions.

Didn’t receive a postcard? Or can’t find it? No problem! Contact us at info@portludlowvillagecouncil.org and provide your name and address. We’ll get the information to you right away!

We hope you will include a donation with your vote so the Village Council can continue offering vital services. This is the best way to affirm that the Village Council is an important element of the community.

The PLVC Annual Members' Meeting will be **Thursday, October 1**, 3 pm. This meeting will be held in the Bay Club Auditorium. Additional information about this meeting will be forwarded on our e-blast system. If you are not currently on this

email listing, you can go to the PLVC website above and join our email list at the bottom of the home page. We look forward to receiving your vote & donation. Thank you for your participation.

Regards from your Village Council: Geoff Lang, Howard Weiner, Colleen Jones, Gary Hammond, Tracy Geipel, Lois Grazioli, Joan Johnston, Carolyn O'Keeffe, and Carol Primon-Reed.

2nd Annual Canine Costume Parade hosted by the Port Ludlow Village Council

by Lois Grazioli, Director PLVC

PLVC Second Annual Canine Costume Parade

Your Port Ludlow Village Council is excited to announce its Second Annual Canine Costume Parade to be held on **Saturday, October 3**. Just in time for Halloween, the fun will kick off at the Port Ludlow Inn, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with the dog costume parade starting at noon. Dog owners will dress their canines (and optionally themselves) in comfortable costumes and follow a short parade route along the water, led by a Grand Marshal. Our esteemed judge will select the top three costumed canines for recognition. ***Dogs must have up-to-date rabies vaccinations and be on leash at all times to participate.***

There will also be an opportunity for pet owners to submit one photo of any pet online. Photos will be showcased on our website.

New This Year: Scarecrow Walk

Homemade scarecrow creations will be displayed along the Scarecrow Walk during the Canine Costume Parade. The event is free to enter and attend. A super prize will be awarded for “*Best in Crow*,” as voted by the community during the event, with the winner announced at the end of the parade. Scarecrow is a loose term; feel free to think outside “the field.” Enjoy being creative, and kudos for using as much recycled and recyclable material as possible.

Teams may consist of an individual, or up to 4 people: family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors. Scarecrows must be self-supporting or seated on the ground, non-political, brought to the registration table between 9 – 10 a.m. on the day of the event, and removed by the creators following the event. PLVC will assign each scarecrow a number for anonymous voting and placement along the parade route.

Sign-up required. Visit portludlowvillagecouncil.org for full details and to register.

New This Year: Pet Food Drive

Participants and attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for our Pet Food Drive. At the end of the event, all donations will be divided among the participating animal shelters.

This free community-wide event is generating enthusiasm, and more information about vendors and sponsors will follow. Even if you are not participating in the contest, come out and enjoy the event, vote for “Best in Crow,” purchase lunch from The Fireside Inn booth, stop by our famous bake sale table, or visit the on-site animal shelter representatives.

Information and details for these events, including contest rules, photo submission, scarecrow walk, and canine parade registration, are posted on our website, portludlowvillagecouncil.org.

For inquiries, contact the Village Council at info@portvillagecouncil.org.

Port Ludlow Village Council Emergency Committee

by Jay Bakst

In a community of 2,900 mostly-retired residents, true confidence comes from knowing we’re prepared. We live in a region where earthquakes, wildfires, and other major events are inevitable, and acknowledging that reality allows us to respond with calm, practical readiness. The Port Ludlow Village Council Emergency Committee (PLVC EC) is hard at work to help every household feel informed, supported, and connected well before any emergency occurs. When we prepare together, we replace uncertainty with a steady sense of confidence.

We work on three core activities that build that confidence. First, we create and maintain a community-wide communications network, supported by a dedicated team of neighborhood block captains and radio operators who help relay information quickly and reliably during an emergency. Second, we participate in community events throughout the year, including this year's Great Washington Shakeout, offering education, demonstrations, and opportunities for neighbors to learn and prepare together. Third, we serve as a liaison to the county's Department of Emergency Management, ensuring our community stays aligned with official guidance and best practices. These efforts help us stay coordinated, resilient, and ready to respond effectively if a major event occurs — and they work best when residents are engaged and connected.

We invite all residents to learn more about our mission and how you can participate. On **Thursday, September 17**, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club, we will host a community presentation to describe our planning, explain our existing communications network, and answer questions. There is a paving project going on at the Bay Club that week, so there may be a short delay as you approach the building. Whether you're curious about our preparations for an emergency, communications plans, or simply want to meet the volunteers working behind the scenes, your presence strengthens our collective resilience. Preparedness is a community activity. It grows when we show up for one another, and even small levels of involvement make a meaningful difference. We hope to see you there.

We live in a lovely place,
and many of us enjoy going for a walk.

Please pick up after your pet.
We all appreciate it!

Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association

by Kathleen Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The Mid-Year PLWGA Luncheon featured a stars and stripes theme in honor of the Nation's 250th year anniversary. Chairpersons Cheri Wight and Sheila Schoen planned a wonderful chicken salad entree with a red, white, and blue berry dessert.

Captain Linda Aho welcomed the members to the luncheon and then held a short general meeting. The Captain's Cup match play tournament was reviewed and the winners, Debi Bozanich and Sue Fechner, were honored. Captain Aho noted that they were winners for the second year in a row. The Runner-Up team was Sharon Russell and Elaine Raymond. The team of Diane Kobz and Linda Aho also won the Consolation Tournament for the second year in a row.

Two men's and women's exchanges were played in July. The first exchange was won by Diane Kobz and Ken Baldwin. The second exchange was won by Shana Worley and Bob Bertoia. After the first exchange, the men hosted the women for lunch and after the second exchange, the women reciprocated by hosting the men for lunch.

The Club Championship took place on August 24, 26, and 28. This year, each flight's winners could qualify if they only played two of the three days. However, the winner of the Club Championship and the Field's Low Net Winner had to play all three days to qualify.

Two Home and Home events with White Horse Golf Course's women's league were highly successful. These events featured mixed teams from both clubs playing 18 holes with luncheons following play.

The All Star Cup Tournament, chaired by Debi Bozanich and Bonnie Vahcic, will take place on **Tuesday, September 8** (18 Holes) and **Wednesday, September 9** (9 holes), followed by a potluck at Lucinda Thompson's home. The members are divided between two teams for this tournament - the Shooting Stars and the Northern Lights.

PLWGA Captain Linda Aho invites prospective PLWGA members to play with the league on Tuesdays. Please call the PLGC Pro Shop at 360-437-0272 to sign up to play. Note: PLGC membership is no longer a requirement for participation in the PLWGA League.

Port Ludlow Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners' Putt and Pour Putting Contest was well attended. Captain John Bockoven reported that Assistant PLGC pro, Tristan Heath, set up a multi-hole putting course on the practice putting green. Contestants went around the nine-hole putting course three times. The obstacles on each hole made it difficult to get a clear shot. Members relaxed with snacks and beverages at tables and chairs surrounding the course. Former Niners' Captain Barbara Burke stepped in to assist because Niners' Social Chairperson, Diane Germain was not available. The winner of the men's division was David Aho, and the winner of the women's division was Sharon Russell. Sharon actually had five holes-in-one on the course.



Niners' Putt and Pour Tournament

Regular games played in August included Blind Holes and Individual Low Net. Niners also participated in the Dove House Tournament on August 21.

The August Niners' Couples' event on August 28 was a "Step Away Scramble." The September Couples' event will be a "Shamble" on **Thursday, September 24**. The fourth Captain's Cup date was held on

August 20. Scores for the four dates will be compiled to determine the male and female Captain's Cup winners. The winners will be announced at the end of the season banquet. The season's eclectic winners, and the most improved players awards, will also be announced at that time.

Captain John Bockoven welcomes new prospective Niners to play with the league on Thursday mornings. To play, please contact the PLGC Pro Shop. PLGC Membership is no longer a requisite for league participation.

Reading Greens...The Mystery

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

This month, we are tackling one of the most frustrating puzzles in golf—reading greens. We've all been there: you strike a beautiful putt, or so you thought, only to watch it break completely away from the hole, leaving you with a tester coming back. Many golfers do their best to guess the break, resulting in a tentative stroke, or worse, a costly three-putt. But fear not! By training your eyes and your feet, you can read the green like a pro and drop more putts.



Downhill/sidehill breaking right

The key to a great read is making a few observations before you even take your stance.

The low-point survey: Start by walking behind your ball and crouching low to the ground. Look

for the highest and lowest points around the hole to identify the general slope.

The foot sensors: Walk around the low side of your putt to the hole. Pay attention to what your feet feel—your soles are incredible at detecting uphill, downhill, or sidehill slopes.

The cup check: Look closely at the edges of the cup. The side where the grass looks frayed or brown is the “down-grain” side, meaning your ball will pull slightly in that direction.

Building The Picture. The secret to a successful putt is matching the line with the speed.

The apex: Pick a specific target point at the highest part of the break, not just the hole itself. Aim your ball to roll over that apex.

The speed visual: Imagine water pouring onto the green. Where would it flow? That is the path your ball will follow as it slows down near the hole.

The final third: Remember that the ball breaks the most when it loses speed. Focus your attention on the last few feet of the putt.

The next time you are on the practice green, try this exercise:

The “three-gate” drill: Find a breaking putt and place a tee where you think the ball will start, another tee at the apex of the break, and a final tee just outside the high lip of the cup. Practice rolling putts through your homemade gate. Adjust the tees as you learn how speed changes the line.

Golf is all about managing our misses and staying confident, so trust your eyes, feel the slope, and I’ll see you on the green!

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Fillers, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

The July and August *Voice* articles reported the demise, and then change up, of the Port Ludlow Hiking Club. In retrospect, the club was not dead; it was merely resting. After further thought, we concluded that the problem was not the club’s purpose of enjoying the outdoors. The problem was how the club operated to fulfill that purpose.

In the past, the club scheduled 26 hikes each year, one every other Friday. A six-month schedule listed 13 hikes and identified the hike leader/organizer for each one. That much activity no longer fits the lifestyle of many Hiking Club members, especially hike organizers, who had to commit up to six months in advance. Planning, organizing, and leading hikes every other week is simply too much.

Going forward, the Port Ludlow Hiking Club will remain much as it is today, but with fewer hikes and less advanced scheduling. Instead of hiking every other Friday, we will schedule one hike every other month. Rather than publishing a six-month schedule, we will announce each upcoming hike in the previous month’s *Voice* article and post it under the “SCHEDULE” tab on the club’s website portludlowhikingclub.com. All hikes will be held in even-numbered months (February, April, June, and so on), with announcements in the *Voice* appearing in the preceding months (January, March, May, and so on). This timing will give hikers enough notice to plan ahead and give hike organizers enough time to organize each hike.

Each *Voice* announcement will include the hike date and time, meeting location, hike location, hike description, what to bring, and other important details. Most importantly, it will include the Hiking Club RSVP email address portludlowhikingclub@gmail.com. All hikers should RSVP so the hike organizer knows how many people to expect, since group size may affect how the hike is organized.

The Next Hike

Thursday, October 15 – Lower Big Quilcene River

The Lower Big Quilcene River Trail covers 10.2 miles round trip and gains 800 feet in elevation. Hikers who prefer a shorter route can turn back at Bark Shanty Camp, a scenic riverside stop about 2.7 miles from the trailhead. That option reduces the hike to 5.4 miles round trip with less than 600 feet of elevation gain. The trail is well maintained, easy to follow, and offers frequent views of the river.

Meet at the Bridge Deck in Port Ludlow at 8:15 a.m. The hike organizer will share directions to the trailhead and assist with carpools. To find the

Bridge Deck location, visit portludlowhikingclub.com and select the "ABOUT" tab. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy by the river. Vault toilets are available at the trailhead, dogs are allowed on the trail, and a Northwest Forest Pass or Interagency Pass (America the Beautiful/National Parks Pass) is required.

Please RSVP at portludlowhikingclub@gmail.com if you plan to hike, so the organizer can anticipate the group size and adjust plans as needed.

Local Hikes

Timberton Loop: Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop Trail and enjoy views of the forest and the Olympic Mountains. This no-leader hike meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Timberton trailhead parking lot on Timberton Drive.

Old Cart Path Loop: Walk the 2.8-mile Old Cart Path Loop and enjoy views of the forest and the abandoned fairways. This no-leader hike meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 a.m. at the golf club parking lot.

For more hiking information go to portludlowhikingclub.com. The website offers descriptions and pictures of previous hikes, a trail map of all the Port Ludlow Trails, a description of the next scheduled hike and a contact page so you can get additional information.

Trail Mix

by Tim Rensema, Natural Resources

"Port Ludlow – A Destination Hiking Village"

With the completion of the Larry G. Scott Memorial Trail, the Trails Committee will be concentrating on maintaining the more than thirty miles of trails we have constructed. Like any network or system, it must be maintained to ensure it functions as designed. This is a big job.

What does maintenance entail? To begin with, we have trail representatives for all our trails called stewards, who report back to the committee on much needed maintenance. These reports generate project design which are then accomplished through "Fun Days," where we go out and complete the project. If the project entails purchasing materials, then that

needs to be done first, and then placed on the trail site. We have a rather large backlog of projects to get done. A key project we will have is the completion of two entrances to access the Interpretive Trail through the new Falls Terrace development. These will be completed in conjunction with the construction of this development and coordination with Port Ludlow Associates in the next year or so.

However, with us deep in summer, our principal maintenance requirement is cutting back blackberry and other weeds from our trails, so no one is attacked by the dreaded Himalayan Blackberry cane, with its blood thirsty thorns. Also cutting back the stinging nettles is paramount to a comfortable walk on our trails. Grass, of course, is important to cut on many trails. This requires mowing and weed whacking throughout summer. Our stewards are instrumental in alerting our mowing folks in keeping our trails clear.

Finally, we have about twelve bridges of various sizes that we need to keep functional. Some are very short, while others, such as the Cart Path, are long and complex. Keeping them clear of vegetation is just one aspect to maintenance. In many places we have asphalt or gravel pathways or heavy use of wood chips to absorb unwanted drainage. These types of projects are ongoing due to poor drainage or other factors. In many places, we need to continue to improve ditching to drain the trails of excess water. If you walk the trails, you know where these areas are.

On another front, Jim Mueller led the attack against the invasive and toxic plant, tansy ragwort, on July 11, successfully (with many others) removing most of the plants from our roadways and trails. This was the second phase of our fight against invasive plants in Port Ludlow. Next spring, see how much Scotch Broom has taken over the roads of Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam counties, then compare that to Port Ludlow. We are slowly eradicating them from our community.

It will be a busy year for us to update our trails to make them more enjoyable and safer. If you see an issue while walking the trails, please notify Jerry Keck, Chair, at jnkeck@gmail.com. Thanks very much.

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