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Winter Holiday Lights
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Feature Articles



Forcing Bulbs

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

About this time of year, we start yearning for the happy yellow of daffodils or the fragrance of hyacinth, but forcing bulbs is not as easy as it sounds. First you must convince the bulb it has been through winter, which requires several weeks of 35 – 45°F temperatures—probably in your refrigerator.

Narcissus (paper whites) are the easiest to force. Refrigerate for four weeks then plant either in water (no more than one-fourth the way up the bulb) or dirt and continue to keep cool and out of bright light for another two weeks. Once they show some growth, move them into a warm place with plenty of light, within a week blooms will begin to pop.

After the chill time there is usually one or two weeks before they bloom. Here are the chill times to consider for some other plants:

- Grape hyacinth (*Muscari armeniacum*), 8 to 15 weeks

- Checkered lily (*Fritillaria Meleagris*), 13 to 15 weeks
- Dutch hyacinth (*Hyacinthus orientalis*), 10 to 13 weeks
- Crocus (large flowering varieties are best), 15 weeks
- Daffodil (double “nosed” bulbs give more blooms), 15 weeks (may take 3 weeks to bloom)
- Tulip, 10 weeks

What to do with the bulbs after the blooms have faded? Stop watering. Clip off just the blossoms, leaving the foliage until it has withered and died, then prune those leaves. With the exception of paper whites, the bulbs can be planted outdoors, but will not rebloom the following spring. To bloom outdoors, paper whites require a longer, colder winter than we usually have in Port Ludlow. Or, you can wait until February when crocus begin to bloom in our area.



What's in a Name?

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer

Port Ludlow was settled in the late 1840s by John Cooper and Horace Hawkins. In 1852, William Sayward and J.E. Thorndike built the first lumber mill which provided lumber for the growing requirements of San Francisco. If you travel through north Port Ludlow, you will notice most streets bear the name of some long dead individual who was important in the development of Port Ludlow.

This month's article and the one in January will provide some information on whom, I believe, the respective streets are named for. Most of the names were found in “*Time Tide and Timber, Over a Century of Pope and Talbot*” (PT) by Edmund T. Coman and Helen M. Gibbs, 1978, or *With Pride and Heritage* (PH) by the Jefferson County Historical Society, 1966; the publication source is listed at the end of each paragraph.

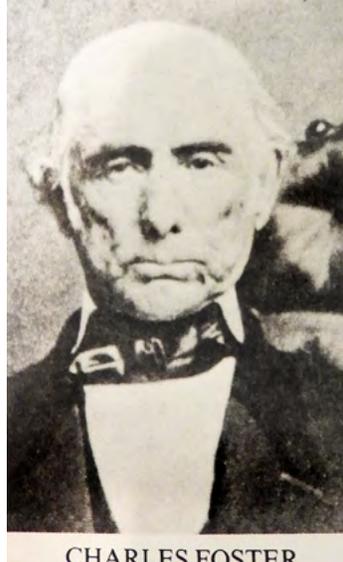
Port Ludlow: Port Ludlow was named by Lieutenant Charles Wilkes of the Wilkes expedition for Augustus C. Ludlow, a Navy sailor killed in a naval battle in the War of 1812. *Wikipedia* shows that Ludlow was a naval lieutenant, second in command to Captain James Lawrence on the *U.S.S. Chesapeake* during the ship's engagement with *H.M.S. Shannon* on June 1, 1813. It was to Ludlow that Lawrence said, “Don't give up the ship.”

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JOSIAH P. KELLER



CHARLES FOSTER

Photographs from Time Tide and Timber, Over a Century of Pope and Talbot, by Edmind T. Coman and Helen M Gibbs, 1978.

Submitted photos

Walker Way: Cyrus Walker was a “State of Mainer” born in Madison, Maine in 1827. He was one of the giants of the Pacific Northwest, whose successful career was centered in the Port Ludlow area. He started as a timekeeper and rose to the top as manager of Pope and Talbot Puget Mill. On a spot overlooking Ludlow Bay, Walker erected “the biggest damned cabin on the Sound,” a mansion called Admiralty Hall. To this mansion he brought his wife, the former Emily Foster Talbot, whom he married in 1885 after a long courtship. She was the daughter of Captain and Mrs. William Talbot. At that time Walker was 64. (PH, p. 417)

Swansonville Road: The community of Swansonville was named for the pioneer Hans Swanson (1854 – 1956), who settled in Port Ludlow about 1890. A native of Norway, he followed the seas and in 1888, when his sailing vessel reached Fort Blakely, Washington, he stepped ashore. He was employed as a stevedoring superintendent by the Puget Mill Co. at Port Ludlow and by W.R. Grace and Co. Later he became a dairy farmer in Port Ludlow. (PH, p. 411)

In the Pioneer Neighborhood:

Jackson: Daniel Bachelder Jackson went to California in 1858 to work in the mines, but left for Puget Sound one year later, working for Amos and Phinney Co. Puget Mill and later becoming President of the Washington Steamboat and Transportation Company. Jackson is the great-grandfather of Governor Daniel Jackson Evans, who was governor of Washington in 1966. (PH, p. 190)

Foster: Charles Foster was the fourth member of the partnership “Pope and Talbot.” He came from one of the leading families in East Machias, Maine, and was already in the shipbuilding

business with Captain Josiah Keller (one of the other partners). The partnership was signed December 20, 1852. While both Talbot and Keller would captain the ships and Pope would oversee the operations in San Francisco, Foster remained in East Machias, coordinating with the Pope family, financial supporters of the company. In 1862, after the death of Captain Keller, Pope and Talbot bought out Foster’s share to consolidate the company under Pope and Talbot. (PT, p. 5)

Harms: Alfred G. Harms was on the boards of directors in 1925 for the Puget Mill Company and the Rainier Investment Company. It was at this point that the board decided to sell the Puget Mill Company to Charles McCormick. In 1933, and with the default of McCormick, Harms (a large stockholder in the Puget Mill) became first vice president of the company. (PT, p. 130)

McCurdy: There were two McCurdy families (not related) in the Port Townsend area. Samuel M. McCurdy, physician, soldier, public official, and publisher, was born near Londonderry, Ireland, and received his medical degree from Trinity College, Dublin. He crossed the Atlantic in 1836 and settled in New Brunswick, Canada. In 1854, he and Mary Boyd McCurdy moved to Port Townsend where he established the Marine Hospital, the first one north of San Francisco. William Augustus McCurdy, Jr. (1833-1891) was born in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Of Scottish ancestry, he was a ship joiner in Boston and came to Port Townsend in 1857. After marrying Johanna Ebinger, they moved to Neah Bay, and he served as the superintendent for construction at the Makah Indian Agency. (PH, p. 392)

Keller: Josiah P. Keller accompanied Andrew Pope and Frederick Talbot to San Francisco from East Machias, Maine. On December 2, 1849, they formed the Pope and Talbot partnership. Keller captained the lumber ship *L.P. Foster*, carrying much needed lumber to the different world ports. Keller had married Emma Talbot, the cousin of William Talbot, ensuring this partnership was more than a paper agreement. On June 11, 1862, Captain Keller died in Victoria, B.C. Until his death, Keller had officially been Port Gamble Mill Manager.

Wheeler: Charles Wheeler was one of Charles McCormick’s partners in the purchase of Puget Mill Company in 1924. Wheeler took over as vice president and general manager of the McCormick Steamship Company, one of the most successful companies of the McCormick operations. When Pope and Talbot took over McCormick’s empire in 1935, Wheeler was made vice president of the lumber and steamship companies and was told to put the companies on a sounder financial footing. (PT, p. 46)

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The Greatest Gift

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer



The "Greatest Gift" combines fact and fiction. This wooden Nativity is among the author's most treasured possessions. The woodworker created 100 of them to sell, with all proceeds benefitting the area hospice.

Submitted photo

Susan looked out the window as she spoke with her son. "Yes, honey, it's snowing here too. Blustering! The weatherman says it'll continue for another two days ... No, I don't want you to even think of driving here. I'd be worried sick with you folks out on the highway ... I know you'd be careful, but it's common sense to stay home. You could be stranded on the pass. Remember when all those people spent the night in their cars last year, nearly freezing to death? I'll be fine. I certainly have plenty of groceries ... I'll miss you, too. We'll talk tomorrow, and the kids can tell me about their gifts—all those 'i' things and 'we' gadgets. You just nestle around the fireplace. Promise me the furthest you'll go is outside to make a snowman. We'll have a late Christmas in a couple of weeks ... Call me in the morning—but not too early! Love you. Hug the kiddos for me ... Bye now!"

Susan put down the phone and sighed. "Well, Mother Nature. Guess it's just you and me this year. I hope I reassured Robert, so he won't fret." She chuckled ruefully, "Frankly, I was just being selfish. If something happened to them while they were driving to

see me, I don't think I could have handled it." She turned at the sound of her doorbell; it was her neighbor from down the street. "Why, Sam Dolan. Come in and join me in a cup of tea."

"Thanks, but I've made Christmas gifts for our neighborhood and want to deliver them before the weather gets any worse." He handed her a package.

"You made me a gift?"

"I like working with wood. Got tired of making planter stands and decided to try something for the season. I've got a set for everyone on the street—a Nativity!"

Susan opened the bag and pulled out several wooden pieces. "How charming. Mary, and Joseph, baby Jesus, and a little lamb! I'll treasure this ... In fact, it'll have a special meaning this year, since I'll be alone due to the weather. This is just what I need to bring Christmas to life, instead of moping around, feeling sad."

"We'll be alone, too," Sam replied. "You probably remember our daughter died several years ago at Christmas time. It makes the holidays hard for us. Doris gets really blue. Maybe you'd drop by tomorrow, just to perk her up."

"I've got a better idea! Why don't you come over here? I've got a ham and all the fixings. I enjoy cooking ... and I'd love to have someone to cook for. I insist!"

"That's real nice of you. I'll check ..."

"You get back to delivering your gifts. I'm going to count on having both of you for Christmas dinner. We'll create new memories!"

After she closed the door, Susan examined the hand-crafted carvings. "This really could be the greatest gift ..." She smiled as she placed the pieces in the wooden base. "Charming." She set it on the mantle above the fireplace. "A place of honor." Moving back to the sofa, Susan looked at the brightly-colored wrapping paper and presents scattered about the table. "A late Christmas will be just fine ... and Robert will be happy I'm not alone tomorrow." She turned quickly as the doorbell rang. "Again? In this weather?" She opened the door. "Sam! I didn't expect to see you so soon! And Doris! Come in; the tea kettle's hot!"

"Thank you, but no," replied the petite lady with a huge smile. "Sam still has two more deliveries to make, but when he told me of your kind invitation, I wanted to bring this so you could stick it in the oven tomorrow."

"Another gift?"

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“Just an apple pie I want to contribute to the dinner. I hope you don’t mind. It’s been in my freezer, waiting for the right occasion.”

“Mind? When someone brings me pie? At first I thought Sam’s Nativity was my greatest gift for the season ... but now ... I love apple pie. This might just take first place! Sorry, Sam.”

“I know. I know. Frankly, Doris’s apple pies are worth the grand prize.”

“It was always our daughter’s favorite. Guess I just got into the habit when the holidays would roll around ... even though she’s not with us anymore.” Doris sighed as she finished her sentence.

“I know how difficult this must be for you ...” Susan paused, looking chagrined. “I’m sorry; I said that too easily. I really don’t know because I’ve never lost a child. It must have been heart-breaking.”

“She was a sweet young woman ... but so sick. Breast cancer is insidious. She fought a hard battle, but I guess the good Lord needed her. It’s the only way I can look at it.”

“She was our only child,” Sam added. “It was really hard to let her go. But we decided it was the greatest gift we could give. Doesn’t mean we really wanted to, but ...”

Doris spoke quickly, “We didn’t want to at all. I fought to keep her ... I fought with everything I had. But one day she asked me to sit quietly and just hold her. We sat there for the longest time, clinging to each other. And then she said, ‘Mama, I love you and Pops so much. You know how much I love you, don’t you?’ I nodded, pulling her closer. ‘It’s time,’ she said. ‘It’s time for me to go ...’”

“We couldn’t imagine living without her,” Sam said, wiping his eyes with the back of his hand.

“She went into hospice the week before Christmas. It was hard seeing her there, in the hospital—although she was receiving loving care.”

Sam nodded. “Her last day ... We’d gone down to the lunchroom while the nurse was bathing her. When we returned, her room was strangely aglow. Dangdest thing I’d ever seen. Allison was propped up on a pillow, her hair brushed back from her face.”

“She reached out her arms and we all embraced,” Doris said softly. “Her final words were, ‘I love you both so much. I’ll be okay. I really will.’ I replied, ‘I know ... I know.’ Allison was the greatest gift ever given to us. And she was also the greatest gift we could give back.”

“We held her close, so close, until she left us.”

Doris reached in her pocket, pulling out a tissue. “I still make my apple pies, and Sam started making these Nativities. Guess I’m feeding our earthly bodies, and he’s working on our souls.”

Susan took Doris’s hand in hers and reached for Sam. “Thank you for the Nativity; thank you for the pie ... but perhaps your greatest gift to me ...” she paused, groping for words, “I was

feeling sorry for myself, being alone for the holidays. But here you are, sharing your lives with me. Giving up Allison was your ultimate gift but trusting me with her story ... that’s the greatest gift you could ever give me.”

“We miss her every day, but it’s especially hard this time of year,” Sam replied.

“Not if I have anything to say about it!” Susan pointed to Sam. “You go deliver to the rest of the neighbors and come back for hot tea. Doris, sit down. I’ve got lots of presents to wrap, and I need your help. We’ll relive happy memories of Allison; you’ll hear about my grandkids ... We’ll cry, we’ll laugh. Now, let’s get busy ...”

A Christmas Birthday

Emma Jensen Glanz by Eline Lybarger

“Dear, what about the cats?” my mother asked.

Our two cats adored her; she spoiled and doted on them. Charlie a 20 pound black and white Persian, and Ari, a tortoiseshell with mismatched stripes, also weighed in at 20 pounds. They were littermates with completely different personalities. Charlie loved everyone and would greet them with a shedding ankle rub. Ari was more fickle; he wouldn’t go near anyone who wiggled their fingers and said, “Here kitty kitty.” Instead, he would seek out the person who most hated cats and repeatedly try to launch his body into their lap. His favorite trick was to turn his back and walk about three feet away then quickly turn and leap into the desired lap. If his target went to the bathroom and didn’t quite get the door latched, he would push open the door where they would be a sitting victim.

We all remember his first victim, Clair Nussbaum. A small dinner party was winding down when Clair picked up her cane, excused herself and made her way to the powder room. A few minutes later there were window-rattling screams. I bounded to the bathroom. The door was open and poor Clair was in full view of everyone at the table. Her cane on the floor, black slacks and pale blue panties around her ankles, and black support hose just below her very white knees. All the while screaming and trying to extract Ari from her chest. The Nussbams left immediately and the next day I sent flowers with an apology note while Air groomed himself.

This was why Mother was concerned, for today I was giving her a birthday/bridge party. She had lived with us less than a year, but quickly learned bridge and made friends. Her birthday was December 23, so the house was decorated from floor to ceiling with a 10-foot tree the star attraction. The four tables had score cards and nibbles at each corner; sandwiches, cake, coffee, tea, and cold drinks were ready. Even the cats wore red ribbons. Yes, what about the cats? Putting them into another room was not an option, as they would yowl at top volume and repeatedly hurl themselves against the door.

“Mother, I saw them climbing into the Christmas tree. Hopefully they will take a long nap and we won’t be bothered.”

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Everyone arrived and quickly the party got under way. At one point there was a soft snore emanating from the Christmas tree. (An issue with old cats as well as old people.) I pretended to straighten a decoration and gently shook the tree, and quiet returned. Finally, it was time to take a break. Mother was reading her birthday cards out loud while everyone was eating and visiting. Suddenly, the tree began to violently shake, then there was a horrible gagging, hacking sound that could only come from a cat. Everyone turned, in shock, to gaze at the tree. Then one astute lady, my mother, said, "That tree has a fur ball." We all laughed, and the party continued.



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Community, Comfort, and Celebration

The holiday season is a wonderful time to come together, and what better way to do that than with fellow library lovers. This season, the Jefferson County Library will be hosting the following events for relaxation and joyous celebration while providing opportunities to find your creative side.

The Danish word *hygge* (pronounced *hoo-gah*) is a feeling more than a word—it is the feeling of enjoying life’s simple pleasures and making the ordinary more meaningful, beautiful, and special. The library will be hosting its own holiday *hygge* evening of mellow music and simple crafts on **Wednesday, December 4**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Appreciate simplicity, togetherness, and comfort while coloring or creating paper snowflakes and woven hearts. Crafting supplies will be provided, however, feel free to bring your own crafting supplies and ideas. This event is for adults only.

Start your day in peace and contemplation on **Thursday, December 5**, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Art, like meditation, allows us to create space between our thoughts and connect with our true selves. After hearing a brief inspirational reading, you can mix your colors and let your art take shape while listening to quiet music. All art supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Please sign up online, jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/art-music-meditation-adults-1, or at the information desk before December 5.

All ages are welcome to celebrate at the library’s annual Holiday Open House on **Wednesday, December 11**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Live music will be performed, and light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Jefferson County Library. Translator Barbara Sjöholm will do a reading from *By the Fire: Sami Folktales and Legends* in the crafting room, while seasonal craft projects for adults and kids can be created from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All materials will be provided.

During the Holiday Open House, awards will be announced for our annual gingerbread house contest, so be sure to submit your innovative entries between December 1 and December 9. You can find contest details on the library website. Come into the library and vote for your favorite. For more information about these Jefferson County Library holiday events, please call 360-385-6544, or visit jclibrary.info.

Future of the Oceans

The third installment of the Port Townsend Marine Science Center’s (PTMSC) “Future of the Oceans” lecture series will be **Sunday, December 8**, 3:00 p.m. at the Fort Worden Chapel. Carla Stehr, who is retired from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will present and discuss *Art and Science in the Marine Micro World*.

Stehr states, “I use cloth, paint, and stitch to express my fascination with aquatic life and natural patterns. My work is inspired by a life-long obsession for exploring tide pools and a career as a Marine Biologist, where I had the opportunity to photograph amazingly beautiful aquatic creatures with a scanning electron microscope. I am especially drawn to organisms that may be hard to see, like the tiny Moonglow Anemone partially buried in sand or single-celled plants such as diatoms that are so small they can only be seen with a microscope. Many of my pieces are influenced by microscopic images I photographed as a scientist. My intention is to illustrate features of plants, animals, or natural patterns that might be unnoticed without looking really close.” For more information visit the PTMSC website at ptmsc.org.

Bluebills Highlights

by Barbara Berthiaume, *Bluebills Chair*

The Bluebills had their annual School Supplies Program. Members of the community donated money for school supplies for students in need from kindergarten to 8th grade. A \$900 check was presented to Elma Beary, volunteer coordinator for the Chimacum School District. This gift will buy 50 sets of school supplies for students in need, and will leave a reserve for future supplies. We thank the generous donors who made this possible.

Another annual program that Bluebills volunteers are involved in is the Yoobi School Supplies distribution to Title 1 schools in a four-county area. Delivery of supplies go as far west as Neah Bay and as far south as Shelton. There were 165 cases of supplies delivered to Clallum, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason counties, with each case containing 30 writing and drawing kits. A total of 4,950 children were served. The Yoobi program provides these kits free of charge to Title 1 schools, and World Vision provides the use of the warehouse in Fife for distribution.

A wine-tasting event was held on October 12 in support of the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs in Jefferson County. Camaraderie Cellars, camaraderiecellars.com, showcased five very fine wines, and there were appetizers paired to each wine. Seventy people bought tickets to attend the event and \$1,500 was raised for STEM.

Winter Donations for Homeless Students

It’s getting cold out there. The McKinney Vento/Homeless program is wondering if you have any of the following items to donate to their resource closet. All sizes, for ages kindergarten through 12th grade, are gratefully accepted.

- Lightly worn or new kids coats, shoes, boots, sweaters, hoodies, and fleece
- Sleeping bags and blankets are a critical need

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The *McKinney-Vento* Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. Donations go to current students in need.

If you have a donation, please contact Amy Bartlett in the Chimacum School District Special Services office at 360-302-5885.

Thank you in advance for your help!

A Personal Gift

Did you know that finding your family history is the second most popular hobby in the USA? Do you know a local friend or family member who is interested in their family history “finding their roots” or wanting reliable information regarding DNA questions? We’ve got a suggestion: buy them a year’s membership (\$25) in the Jefferson County Genealogical Society (JCGS).

We are not only local, but our 240-person membership is very active, strong, and enterprising. We have experienced, trained member-helpers who can help find answers about your DNA, or your ancestors, through our extensive across-the-globe genealogical library and research center, no matter where in the world they lived. Our research center has a bank of computers for members to access the internet genealogical websites free of charge.

Membership benefits include monthly presentations by out-of-town professional genealogists and DNA experts; members-only programs each week about genealogical and DNA topics; and a number of discussion groups that share an interest in a specific area, such as DNA, or Germany, or Early New England. Members also receive a price break when classes are offered to the public, or they can attend special classes just for members.

There is something special for everyone, no matter if you are experienced or inexperienced in family history and DNA exploration. We are here to help you. Look on our website, jcgswa.org, for “Join JCGS” on the Home Page. We look forward to welcoming new JCGS friends!

Jefferson Healthcare News

Shingles Vaccine Available at the Port Ludlow Pharmacy

Jefferson Healthcare Pharmacy in Port Ludlow has shingles vaccines available to patients age 50 and over.

Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Anyone who’s had chickenpox may develop shingles, which causes a stripe of blisters on the torso. Roughly one in three Americans will develop shingles in their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. An estimated one million people get shingles every year. About one to four percent of those who get shingles are hospitalized for complications. In the months after contracting shingles, patients are at a greater risk for heart attack and stroke.

The pharmacy in Port Ludlow, which opened this past summer, provides the community with convenient access to prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and now the shingles vaccine. Vaccines will be provided on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located at 9481 Oak Bay Road, the pharmacy occupies the old Port Ludlow Clinic and accepts all major insurance contracts as well as prescription transfers.

Prescription and vaccine questions can be directed to the pharmacy at 360-379-2254.

Get Your Flu Shot

Sometimes it’s not about you—it’s about the people you take care of. Every year, many people choose to not get the flu vaccine because they feel they are not at risk of serious illness from the flu. They view themselves as healthy and think a bout of the flu might mean just missing a few days of work. This may be true for some, however, what they don’t realize is that, even with mild illness, they can still spread the flu to friends, family, and loved ones—some who have health conditions that make them more likely to have complications.

When a large portion of the community gets vaccinated, it creates “herd immunity,” meaning there are fewer cases of influenza to infect others. This is important for people who may not be able to get the flu shot, or have health conditions that affect their immune system, such as cancer. Another example is infants who are under six months of age and are not able to get the flu shot, so they rely on people around them to get it instead.

The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year. Everyone six months and older should receive a yearly flu vaccine according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors’ visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Protecting yourself also helps protect the people you care about.

Jefferson Healthcare Sheridan Primary Care Clinic is now offering drop-in flu vaccinations for Jefferson County residents six months and older. New, updated drop-in clinic hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic is located at 915 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend. Appointments are also available; call 360-379-8031. Appointments can also be made at the Port Ludlow Clinic by calling 360-437-5067.

Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.



Chimacum Schools Garden Pavilion

by David Carthum, Principal, Chimacum Junior/Senior High School, and Greg Reed, Horticulture Teacher

This year our friends at East Jefferson County Rotary donated time and materials to construct a new teaching and learning pavilion in the junior/senior high school garden area. Rotary began by pouring a concrete slab this summer, continuing with construction through the fall. We are excited about the project because it allows our students the opportunity to learn in a unique, high-engagement outdoor setting.



Chimacum Schools Garden Pavilion.

Submitted photo

The high school horticulture class spends most of its time working hands-on in the garden and greenhouse area. Now they can start the day in their learning space rather than losing valuable time and momentum during the transition outside. The culinary arts classes frequently prepare food made with garden-grown produce, and now they will be able to sit and eat some of that food in the setting where it was produced. In addition, the pavilion will be accessible to other classes interested in utilizing the covered space, which should bring excitement to student learning and heighten students' interest in what they're learning.

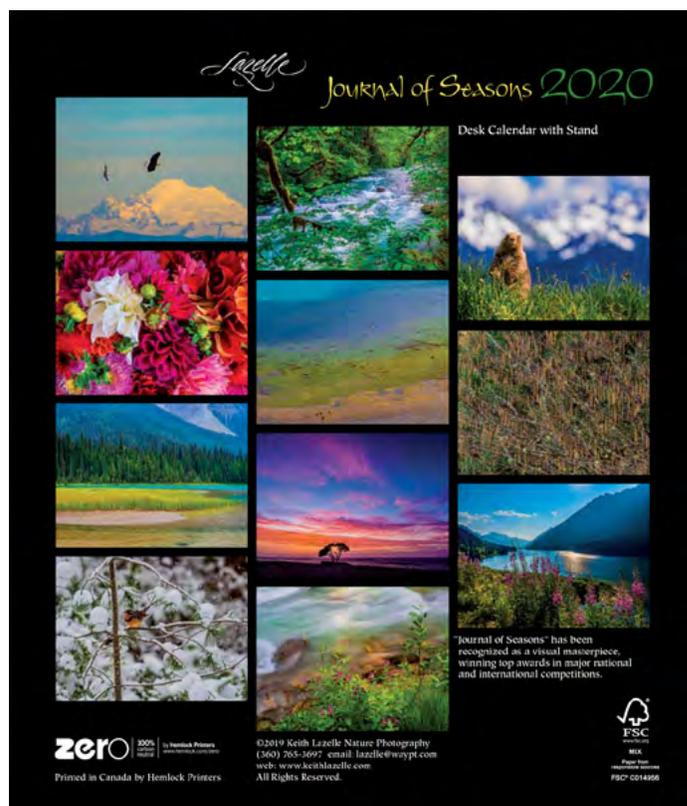
Thank you, East Jefferson County Rotary and all of those community members who have donated materials and time to construct this wonderful pavilion! Chimacum Junior/Senior High School is enormously grateful.

Lazelle's Journal of Seasons

by Jane Hall, Guest Writer

With bittersweet feelings, Keith Lazelle and Jane Hall of Keith Lazelle Nature Photography have decided the 30th edition of their award-winning *Journal of Seasons* calendar will be their last. They now plan to focus more on fine art prints, commissions, and a growing line of notecards.

They created their first calendar in 1991. Their idea was to create a stunning and powerful marketing tool that would keep images in front of people throughout the year. This dream became a reality. Lazelle's idea of going into the backcountry and returning with a photo journal of his experience inspired the calendar's name.



A Keith Lazelle calendar.

Submitted photo

The first edition was pre-sold to pay for the printing costs and each one was carefully assembled, signed, numbered and hand-tied with an elegant bow. For many years, Jane's mom flew from Georgia, Keith's family came from Olympia, and many friends gathered to help. Jane remembers it being like an old-fashioned quilting bee.

Over the years the print-run grew larger and the style changed a little. The calendar orders were wrapped with ribbon and a shell that was collected on their beach on Dabob Bay. Jane's beautiful calligraphy was used to personalize each order.

From its inception, the calendar became Lazelle Photography's most important marketing tool. When just the right person at Eddie Bauer saw their calendar, a huge commission was offered. In 1993 and 1994, Lazelle Nature Photography produced the first wall and engagement calendar in Eddie Bauer's history. It was a huge job for a two-person business, but after that project, Jane and Keith felt they could tackle anything.

Along with 12 other murals, their largest commission can be seen at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) in Seattle. Lazelle's image of an old growth tree was enlarged to 50' X 10' and printed on the side of a 4-story glass elevator.

Lazelle and Hall comment that, "Over the years, the calendar has given us a very joyful and positive rhythm to our lives." The calendar is available at Dana Point Interiors, Port Ludlow, and by ordering online at keithlazelle.com.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics October 2019

Alarms

Fires	4
Rescue/Emergency Medical	45
Service Call	3
Good Intent	13
False Alarm	3
Special Incident	1
Hazardous Condition	1
Total Alarms	70

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	11
Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton	6
Airlift Northwest	1
Total Transports	18

Aid

Aid Given	22
Aid Received	2

Are You Prepared for Winter?

by Brad Martin, Fire Chief

Winter will not officially be declared until December 21; but make no mistake—it’s upon us. Now is a good time to take a close look at the cache of supplies you might have to sustain you and your family for an extended period of time.

Last February’s snowstorm kept many of us at home and store shelves close to empty for approximately 14 days. That snowstorm was a bit of a surprise to many who were subsequently left unprepared.

- Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person’s specific needs, including medications. Don’t forget the needs of pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.
- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Sign up for Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management’s public safety text message service—NIXLE. Go to jeffcoec.org and click on the phone icon, or text “jeffcodem” to 888777.
- Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep the gas tank full.
- Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.
- Check on neighbors. Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold.

Now is the best time to prepare. Take the time to look at the “best if used by” dates on food items you intend to buy. Give thought to other things you might need that will see you through a period

of time if you can’t safely get to the store because the roads are covered with snow, ice, or downed trees from a windstorm.

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides, please contact me at 360-437-2236, or send an email to bmartin@plfr.org.

Halloween Was A Hoot!

by Lori Longo, PLYC Communications Officer



Halloween hosts Buggy and Larry Carter showcase their Mummy Chicken Almandine.

Photo by Peggy Kulm

October was the month for parties at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC).

Whether they came in costume or simply as themselves, members and guests had a hoot at the PLYC Halloween Party. Members Buggy and Larry Carter are famous for their creative appetizers and main course, fit for ghosts and ghouls alike. The menu included Mummy Chicken Almandine with garlic bread (to keep the werewolves away), Scary Salad, Spooky Appetizers, and Deadly Dessert. We enjoyed a delicious meal, creative costumes, and each other’s company.

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PLYC continued from previous page

The PLYC Board welcomed the 2019 new members with a champagne brunch earlier in October. Nine new members learned more about the club, board responsibilities, and how an all-volunteer club functions. The board and their spouses really enjoyed getting to know the new members at a deeper level.

Please consider joining us, and your first meal will be free, with one of the Flag Officers as your host for the night. Please contact Lori Longo, PLYC Communications Officer, at commofficer@plyc.us to make arrangements.

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

by MJ McCulloch, Contributing Writer



Maggie and Shelby Smith.

For a win-win holiday shopping experience, be sure to mark your calendars for the 33rd annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair on **Saturday** and **Sunday, December 7 and 8**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Chimacum High School, located at 91 West Valley Road, in Chimacum. Not only will you find a vast selection of uniquely beautiful gifts, but you will also be supporting your community.

With over 100 juried local vendors, the Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is an iconic holiday shopping tradition. It is in fact the largest and longest running holiday festival in Jefferson County. As always, the event features distinctive, hand-crafted artwork, including jewelry, textiles, apparel, ceramics, candles, wood-work, leather works, artisan foods, and much more.

The Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair showcases the spirit of East Jefferson County, raising money for Chimacum school programs, supporting the local Maker's Economy, and providing a marketplace for youth and nonprofit program fundraisers, whilst building community.

Port Ludlow is well represented at the Fair. Maggie and Shelby Smith, a dynamic mother and daughter duo who started the company Baci, have been participating since 1993. Shelby collected beads as a teenager, and the duo began to collaborate on jewelry-making after Maggie learned the art of lamp working, the making of original beads using a propane torch and glass from Italy.



Jewelry by Maggie Smith.

Photos by Jay Syverson

Doug and Linda Henderson have been exhibiting since 2006.

Doug (Laminations in Time) has been working with wood since he was a child, and in retirement continues to focus on artistic creations that are useful as well as aesthetically pleasing. Linda began attending Fairs with Doug and became inspired to learn jewelry making with an emphasis on innovative ways to combine gemstones, gold, and silver in wearable pieces.



Ceramics by Pamela Raine

Submitted photo

Pamela Raine is our newcomer this year. As a mixed media artist, she breathes new life into the age-old art of ceramics. Experimenting with different techniques and glazes, she designs simple as well as intricate pieces.

Also, many Chimacum High School student clubs

participate in the fundraising aspect of the Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair. The Interact Club, sponsored by the East Jefferson County Rotary Club, will facilitate photo opportunities with Santa Claus. The Horticulture Club will be making holiday arrangements for sale this year. And the Drama Club will run the concessions.

Chimacum Fair continued from previous page

Come early (before 9:00 a.m.) **Saturday, December 7**, if you would like to be included in the fourth annual Chimacum Community group picture, which is lots of fun.

For more information, please contact Flavia Heineman at 360-732-4015, Daniel Milholland at 360-385-0519 or send an email to chimacumarts@gmail.com.

Children’s Book Author



Barbara Herkert.

Submitted photo

Barbara Herkert, who recently moved to Port Ludlow from Newport, Oregon, is the author of three children’s picture book biographies: *Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers’ Journey From Slave to Artist*; *Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter*; and *A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E.B. White*. The books have received starred reviews and multiple awards. *A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider* was a finalist for the 2019 Oregon Book Awards.

About writing picture book biographies, Herkert says, “I enjoy the research, searching for that gem that will appeal to young readers. It’s like a treasure hunt.” That hunt doesn’t always pan out. If there’s nothing there for children, the project comes to a halt.

Herkert started writing for children about 25 years ago after moving to the Oregon coast. Prior to that, she was a cardiac nurse, but with no cardiac program nearby, she returned to art school and started to write. Her first book, *Birds in Your Backyard*, which she wrote and illustrated, was published in 2001. She received a Master of Fine Arts in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Hamline University, and was the Co-Regional Advisor for the Society of Children’s Writers and Illustrators of Oregon. She has taught workshops for both children and adults.

A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider is available at Writers’ Workshoppe, Imprint Books in Port Townsend, and Liberty Bay Books in Poulsbo. All three books can be purchased on *Amazon.com*. For more information about Barbara Herkert and her books, see barbaraherkert.com. And of the move to Port Ludlow? Herkert is astounded by the beauty here every day. “I feel so fortunate to be here, where inspiration abounds.”

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Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon



The Grand Olympic Chorus.

Submitted photo

This month's First Wednesday Luncheon will be held on **December 4**, 11:00 a.m. at the Bay Club. Come join our holiday extravaganza featuring upbeat Christmas tunes sung a cappella in four-part harmony. Our guest, Grand Olympics Chorus from Sequim (plus two local Port Ludlow gals), is delighted to share music from their upcoming Christmas show, "A Christmas Toy Story and more." For this special holiday luncheon, table-settings will be provided. All North Bay, South Bay, and Port Ludlow residents are encouraged to attend. Sign-up sheets are available at the Bay and Beach Clubs. After November 30, contact Marilyn Durand at 360-437-7677 to cancel or to make a late reservation. There is no admission fee. Guests are asked to donate non-perishable foods, personal toiletries, household products, pet foods, and diapers. Monetary donations to the Tri-Area Food Bank are also gratefully accepted.

Holiday Cookies and Paper Arts

New to Port Ludlow? Interested in paper arts? Or want to get started? All are welcome to join us on **Thursday, December 19**, for a special holiday meeting of the Stamp and Paper Arts Club. Just make a batch of your favorite holiday cookies and bring copies of your recipe to share. We'll celebrate from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Bay Club.

Chris Spagle will lead us in a simple Christmas craft project made with a single, double-sided 12 x12 sheet of Christmas scrapbook paper. When we're done, we'll have a recipe holder. Please bring: a favorite 12 x12 piece of scrapbooking paper, solid or patterned (double sided preferred), and a container for taking home some cookies. All other supplies will be provided. For any questions, contact Chris Spagle at chspag12@gmail.com.

Garden Club Members Holiday Tea

Port Ludlow Garden Club is hosting one of its most highly anticipated events each year, the annual members-only holiday tea. The tea will be held on **Wednesday, December 11**, 11:00 a.m., at the Bay Club. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine or cider while chatting with your friends and neighbor gardeners during the social hour. There will be a variety of lovely table settings provided by garden club members for your enjoyment. The holiday tea will follow the social hour with a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, and miscellaneous savories and sweets specially prepared by our members. It is too delicious to pass up.

Please renew your Garden Club membership before the end of the year or at the January meeting. 2020 memberships are \$20. No dues will be collected at the tea so that all can enjoy the festivities. However, new and renewing members must complete a membership form for 2020 to update our information. Forms will be available at the check-in area at the tea. New members for 2020 may attend the 2019 Holiday Tea by paying their 2020 membership and a \$10 non-member fee for the 2019 Holiday Tea.

Please RSVP to Fran Bodman at franbodman11@gmail.com by **December 3**. Place the RSVP for the tea and membership renewals (cash or check made payable to PLGC) in an envelope marked PLGC and drop them off at the Bay Club or send them to PLGC, P.O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Happy holidays!

Martha's Book Club

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 10**, at the Bay Club to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. This riveting memoir recounts the author's childhood in a fundamentalist and isolationist family and how she broke out of those narrow confines to go to college and graduate school.

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Beautifully written with descriptive prose and often difficult honesty, this extraordinary memoir of a family gives new meaning to the word dysfunctional.

Everyone is welcome.

DigitalLife Workshops in December

All workshops are held in the Bay Club classroom and are open to the public. You are encouraged to visit our learning and problem-solving workshops.

Photo Editing Group – Monday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to employ software to improve your photos, create slideshows, print those good shots, and scan your old photos. Questions and on-the-spot help every second Monday.

DigitalLife Board Meeting – Monday, December 9, Noon

Please come and make suggestions during the board meeting; it's open to all. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

All Things Apple Group - Monday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

Questions and help with all Apple devices. See presentations and get applications support. Learn from individual help breakouts. Meetings are held every third Monday in the evening.

Digital Camera Group – No meeting this month.

See you in January when we again talk composition, lighting, using your camera's features, and shooting tips. All skill levels are welcome. This group usually meets every fourth Monday.

Ludlow Senior Singles

Wednesday, December 18, 12:30 p.m. marks the date for the Ludlow Senior Singles Christmas luncheon at Spirits Bar & Grill at the Old Alcohol Plant Hotel, 310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock.

The Ludlow Singles have monthly lunches all around the area, and all senior singles are invited to attend. We're a friendly bunch who like to fraternize and go out and eat. If you would like more information or to put your name on the "I'm Going" list, give Diane a call at 206-910-0639. Hope to hear from you soon.

Memoirs & More

Memoirs & More will meet on Monday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridge Deck to discuss Jacqueline Novogratz's *The Blue Sweater*.

Jacqueline Novogratz left a career in international banking to spend her life on a quest to understand global poverty and find powerful new ways of tackling it. It all started the day she outgrew her favorite blue sweater and gave it away to Goodwill. Eleven years later, in Africa, she spotted a young boy wearing that very sweater, with her name still on the tag inside. That the sweater had made its trek all the way to Rwanda was ample evidence, she thought, of how we are all connected, how our actions—and inaction—touch people every day across the globe. From her first stumbling efforts as a young idealist venturing forth in Africa to the creation of the trailblazing organization she runs today, Novogratz tells gripping stories with unforgettable characters. *The Blue Sweater* is a call to action that challenges us to grant dignity to the poor and to rethink our engagement with the world.

The January 6, 2020 meeting will feature a discussion of *Rise: How a House Built a Family* by Cara Brookins.

For more information, text Leslie Carlson at 360-643-0291 or email her at lcarlson554@gmail.com.

Port Ludlow Bookworms

Port Ludlow Bookworms will meet on Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridge Deck to discuss Dominic Smith's *New York Times* bestselling novel, *The Last Painting of Sara DeVos*.

In *The Last Painting of Sarah DeVos*, a rare seventeenth-century painting links three lives, on three continents, over three centuries. The *Boston Globe* writes, "Written in prose so clear that we absorb its images as if by mind meld, *The Last Painting* is gorgeous storytelling: wry, playful, and utterly alive, with an almost tactile awareness of the emotional contours of the human heart. Vividly detailed, acutely sensitive to stratifications of gender and class, it's fiction that keeps you up at night—first because you're barreling through the book, then because you've slowed your pace to a crawl, savoring the suspense."

The January 20, 2020, meeting will feature a discussion of *The Guest Book* by Sarah Blake.

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Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to editor@plvoice.org by the 8th of the preceding month.

Free Concert at the Beach Club

Michael Carroll, a new resident of Port Ludlow, and long-time Seattle-area pianist, will present a solo piano recital at the Beach Club on **Saturday, December 7**, at 7:00 p.m. The program will consist of music by Mozart, Chopin, Satie, Debussy, Mendelssohn, and Liszt.

Mr. Carroll has performed in recitals and chamber music concerts in a variety of Seattle area venues. An experienced accompanist, he has also performed with several vocalists, choral groups, and opera workshops. For the past ten years, he has served as staff pianist and program annotator for Seattle's Thalia Symphony Orchestra.

The program will begin with Mozart's *Rondo in D Major*, written in Vienna in 1786. This will be followed by a group of pieces from the quintessential composer for the piano, Fredric Chopin. First up: a group of late waltzes, all of which were published following his death, and which display a wide range of emotion and character. The first half of the program will end with the *Andante Spianato et Grande Polonaise Brillante*, also by Chopin, this one a comparatively early work, originally written for piano with orchestra, but which is now performed mostly as a solo. It features a delicate and expressive *Andante Spianato* which has much in common with Chopin's nocturnes. This is followed by the *Grande Polonaise* of the title, a brilliantly effective treatment of the stately old national dance of Poland.

The program's second half opens with Mendelssohn's *Rondo Capriccioso*, one of the composer's most popular piano works, Debussy's *Two Arabesques*, and Franz Liszt's treatment of Schubert's *Soirees de Vienne*. The program will end with one more offering from Chopin, the so-called "Revolutionary Etude" *Op. 10 No. 12*.

As a new resident of the area, Mr. Carroll is enthusiastic about putting down musical roots on this side of the Sound, both as a performer and a teacher.

LVP Needs your help!

Happy Holiday Season from the Ludlow Village Players (LVP). The Spring play has been chosen, *The Outsider*, by Paul Slade Smith. Auditions have been held. Casting is underway. Rehearsals will begin mid-January for six performances in mid-April 2020.

Now, we need you. It is time to assemble a support team for the talented actors who will perform this play. We call this a

Production Crew. If you would like to get involved in something new and exciting, we have a job for you. We promise lots of fun and a rewarding feeling in contributing to the success of LVP's 2020 dramatic adventure.

The kick-off Production Crew meeting will be **Friday, January 10, 2020**, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. We have jobs on Publicity, Hospitality, Set Building, Makeup committees. We need assistants for costumes, stage lighting, and properties chairs. Want to see the whole process from beginning to end? Volunteer to be a prompter at rehearsals. Mara Mauch, our production manager, invites anyone interested to join us on January 10th. We'll find the job that is right for you.

This is a very exciting time for all of us at LVP as we welcome a new director, Randy Powell, with all his experience and education in theater arts, melding his ideas and creativity with the talents of our LVP team. Need more information, contact Mara Mauch, marasmail1@gmail.com, 503-887-1456, or Val Durling, rkd@olympen.com, 360-437-2861. We'd love to talk to you and find the perfect spot for you on our team. Have a wonderful Christmas. See you in January.

CORRECTION: The next Reader's Theater meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 3**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. Notify Val at the contact information listed above, if you want to attend. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, bring your favorite Christmas cookies. Come on down!

Holiday Favorites from The Bainbridge Chorale

To celebrate the 10-year tenure of Maestro Michael Austin Miller, the Bainbridge Chorale has gathered a collection of favorites from previous holiday seasons along with a few new pieces destined to become favorites. And, in case you would like to raise your own voice in song, there will be opportunities for you to join the Chorale in singing some familiar carols.

The Holiday Favorites concerts will be performed on **Friday, December 13**, at 7:00 p.m.; **Saturday, December 14**, at 7:00 p.m.; and **Sunday, December 15**, at 3:00 p.m. A special Family Holiday Concert will be held on **Saturday, December 14**, at 3:00 p.m. All concerts are held at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge Island. A special sing-along of *The Messiah* featuring professional soloists and the Messiah Festival orchestra will be held on **Saturday, December 28**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring a score if you have one. For more information, go to bainbridgechorale.org.



Come Celebrate the Holiday Season

Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m. at the Bay Club

Buzz Brass will be bringing to Port Ludlow audiences a magical musical concert filled with emotion and with a touch of humor. The show includes classics like the *Nutcracker Suite* and *Silent Night*, as well as modern holiday music such as *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. See the PLPA website for more details and to obtain tickets. (portludlowperformingarts.com)



KCPT presents two holiday-themed plays in December.

Submitted photo about to change with a hand from Wanda, Santa's reindeer, and a nun? Show times for both plays vary.

Tickets for both KCPT shows are \$24 to \$29. Details and reservations are at KeyCityPublicTheatre.org and at 360-385-5278. If still available, tickets are sold at the playhouse up to an hour before showtime.

Spirit of the Yule and Mercy Falls at KCPT

Spirit of the Yule, an original Christmas musical set in Jefferson County, and the world premiere of the holiday comedy *Mercy Falls* will fill December with drama, laughter, and song at the Key City Public Theatre (KCPT), 419 Washington Street, Port Townsend. The two shows play in repertory with evening and matinee performances, Thursdays through Sundays.

Key City Public Theatre artistic director, Denise Winter, collaborated with local composer-lyricist-pianist Linda Dowdell to create a switched-up *Spirit of the Yule* this year. This fourth annual incarnation, directed by KCPT Artistic Associate Brendan Chambers, is inspired by Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, but instead of old Scrooge, it has Henrietta Maynard, a real-life entrepreneur who built a booming business in late 19th century Port Townsend.

Spirit arrives at the playhouse on **Thursday, December 19**, and closes **Saturday, December 28**. It alternates with *Mercy Falls* which begins on **Sunday, December 1**, and ends on **Sunday, December 29**. In it, we meet Marcy, who's always considered herself jinxed – until she visits her favorite self-help author, Wanda, in the hospital on Christmas Eve. Might her luck be

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present its December concert, entitled *The Grand Finale*, on **Saturday, December 7**, at 7:30 p.m. at Chimaicum High School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend this free performance.

The concert features violinist Myroslava Khomik, a Ukrainian-American, who performs with the Las Vegas Philharmonic. She has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in Ukraine, Spain, the United States (U.S.), Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand, and Japan. Her performances have been broadcast on National TV and Radio in Ukraine, the U.S., and in Vietnam. She regularly performs with New West Symphony, Fresno Philharmonic, and the Divan Consort Ensemble in Los Angeles, and is an adjunct string faculty at Fullerton College and the French Conservatory in Beverly Hills.

Ms. Khomik will perform Felix Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E-minor*. Included in this performance is the *Nutcracker Suite* by Tchaikovsky and the *Radetsky March* by Johan Strauss, Sr.

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Johann Strauss was a pre-eminent composer of waltzes, polkas, and marches in the 1830s. One of his most famous works is the *Radetsky March*, composed to commemorate Field Marshal Joseph Radetsky's victory at the battle of Custoza. The work for a while was an unofficial Austrian National Anthem. Phil Andrus, host of the popular KPTZ *Tossed Salad* program, will be a guest conductor on this piece.



Myroslava Khomik.

Submitted photo

The violin concerto by Felix Mendelssohn implemented many new ideas that have continued to this day, such as the soloist introducing the main melody before the orchestra does. Mendelssohn did not like having the music interrupted by applause between each movement. He solved that by linking the movements, first with a held bassoon note after the first movement, and then with a transition from the second to the third. This started the practice of not applauding between movements that is followed today.

The orchestra is rounding out the concert with the *Nutcracker Suite* which consists of a brief overture, six popular dances, and ends with the delightful *Waltz of the Flowers*.

You can find out more about this concert and the Orchestra at ptsymphony.org.



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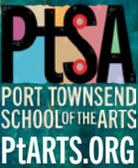
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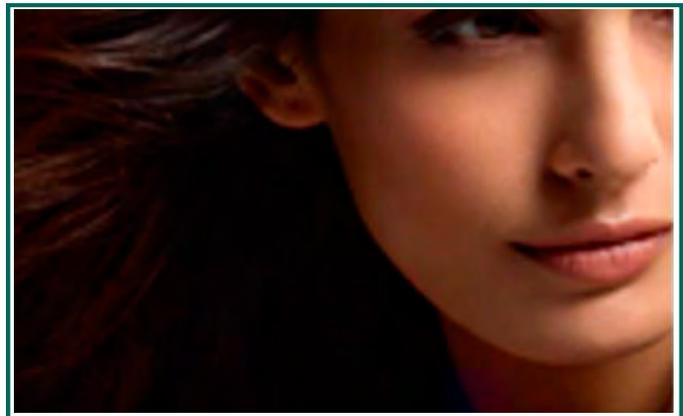
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Performing Arts Calendar

Sunday, December 1

Celebrate 41 years of Celtic Yuletide with the Boulding family and guests as they bring *Magical Strings* to Redeemer United Methodist Church, Kingston, 3:00 p.m., 253-857-3716, magicalstrings.com.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, December 1 – 8

Based on an Oscar Wilde short story, *Murder on West Moon Street* is a clever mystery with a hilarious series of mishaps, Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre, Friday/Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-697-3183, jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, December 1 – 29

The World Premiere of *Mercy Falls* at Key City Public Theatre in Port Townsend continues, times vary, 360-385-KCPT, KeyCityPublicTheatre.org. Complete details in the November issue of the *Voice*.

Thursday, December 5

Country music hitmaker Phil Vassar is a piano-pounding powerhouse with a list of signature songs, 7:30 p.m., Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 360-373-6743, admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Sunday, December 6 and 8

The Community Chorus of Port Townsend presents "A Bluegrass Mass" and songs of the season, 7:00 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Port Hadlock, with a cookie sale extravaganza, ptchorus.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, December 6 - 22

With a minimal cast, Port Gamble Theater will deliver the beloved classic *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, Friday/Saturday shows at 7:00 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-977-7135, portgambletheater.com, Delectable Dessert Night on **Saturday, December 21** for a special price.

Saturday, December 7

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra performs a concert of holiday favorites to include the *Nutcracker Suite* and more, 7:30 p.m., Chimaicum High School Auditorium, PTSymphony.org. Complete details in this issue.

Sunday, December 8

Buzz Brass will be bringing audiences a magical musical concert filled with emotion and a touch of humor, 4:00 p.m., Bay Club, Port Ludlow, portludlowperformingarts.com. Complete details in the November issue of the *Voice*.

Sunday, December 8

The Navy Band Northwest's Brass Quintet performs a FREE concert ranging from classical, Dixieland, jazz and contemporary music, including holiday tunes, 2:00 p.m., Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium, 1 Garnett Way, Keyport, navybandnorthwest.com.

Sunday, December 8

The Poulsbo Community Orchestra's concert of *Holiday Favorites* will be performed at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at North Point Community Church, 1779 NE Hostmark Street, Poulsbo. FREE tickets available at poulsbocommunityorchestra.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 13 – 15

The Bainbridge Chorale performs concerts of holiday favorites at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge, various times, bainbridgechorale.org. Complete details in this issue.

Saturday, December 14

It's a Christmas Sing-Along at the Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 6:00 p.m., 360-697-3183, jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Wednesday, December 18

Na Leo are the best-selling female Hawaiian recording artists in the world, Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, admiraltheatre.org.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, December 19 – 29

Port Townsend's musical tradition returns with treasured memories of Charles Dickens and fresh updates when *Spirit of the Yule* comes to Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, times vary, 360-385-KCPT, keycitypublictheatre.org. Complete details in this issue.

Friday, December 20

Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* has enchanted audiences with its simple message of holiday joy for years, 7:30 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Sunday, December 20 and 22

The Rawson Duo's 13th annual *Nordlys* (Northern Lights) concert will showcase classical violin and piano works by Scandinavian musicians at their Chimaicum home followed by a gourmet reception, 2:00 p.m., seating is limited and arranged by advanced reservations, 360-379-3449, rawsonduo.com.

Saturday, December 28

It's a sing-along *Messiah* presented by the Bainbridge Chorale at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge Island, 7:00 p.m. bainbridgechorale.org. Further details in this issue.

Tuesday, December 31

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Admiral Theatre, Bremerton with *Heart by Heart*—a powerful, dynamic show that includes all of their hits, 10:00 p.m., 360-373-6743. admiraltheatre.org.



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Port Ludlow Artists of the Month - Winter Group Show



Winter Bliss, by Alice Thuring.

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A salon-style art exhibit, spotlighting local Port Ludlow artists, will be on display at the Sound Community Bank in December. Participating artists used a variety of mediums to reflect on winter, and each piece is unique.

You can meet these talented artists at the Port Ludlow Art League's Second Wednesday Reception on **Wednesday, December 11**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Sound Community Bank lobby, and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, next door. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, contact League President Janice Gruber at 360-301-9840 or JJGruber@cablespeed.com.

Jeweler of the Month at the Port Ludlow Art League's Gallery

Li Ding-Salopek has been creating custom jewelry for many years. She is able to visualize a concept and turn it into an exquisite piece of jewelry. Li believes jewelry making is a creative medium with emotion and passion.

Li uses only the highest quality of silversmithing in her jewelry. She also enjoys incorporating new skills and techniques into her designs. For example, Li has recently developed a new method of soldering that creates branches of trees in sterling silver without the use of a cast model. In addition to her silversmithing, she hand grinds jade and other precious minerals into unique shapes specific to each of her jewelry pieces.



Necklace by Li Ding-Salopek.

Submitted photo

Each piece of jewelry takes a considerable amount of time to evolve from concept to finished product, often taking weeks to complete. Li encourages customers to bring their own story when viewing her jewelry so that they can make an intimate connection with her designs.

Li's latest jewelry designs will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery in December. The gallery is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, contact League President Janice Gruber at 360-301-9840 or JJGruber@cablespeed.com.

December PLAL Programs Meeting - Art Journaling



The Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) is pleased to offer a workshop on Art Journaling for the **Wednesday, December 18**, 1:00 p.m. program meeting at the Port Ludlow Beach Club, 121 Marina View Drive.

An art journal is a visual and sometimes written record of creative thoughts and ideas. Art journals may combine art and writing to create finished pages. Every imaginable style, media, and technique is used by art journalists. When it comes to the types of work represented in art journals, there really aren't any rules. Each book is as unique as the person who creates it.

Art journals may include recycled materials, scraps of paper, or collectible memorabilia, combined with mixed media, such as acrylic paints, gesso, watercolors, and stamps so as to record feelings, play with ideas, and get inspiration.

Attendees will receive mixed media sketchbooks and materials to guide them through the process. The meeting's facilitator, Artist Pamela Raine states, "I'd like to encourage everyone to keep an art journal, if only for the joy of creating each and every day."

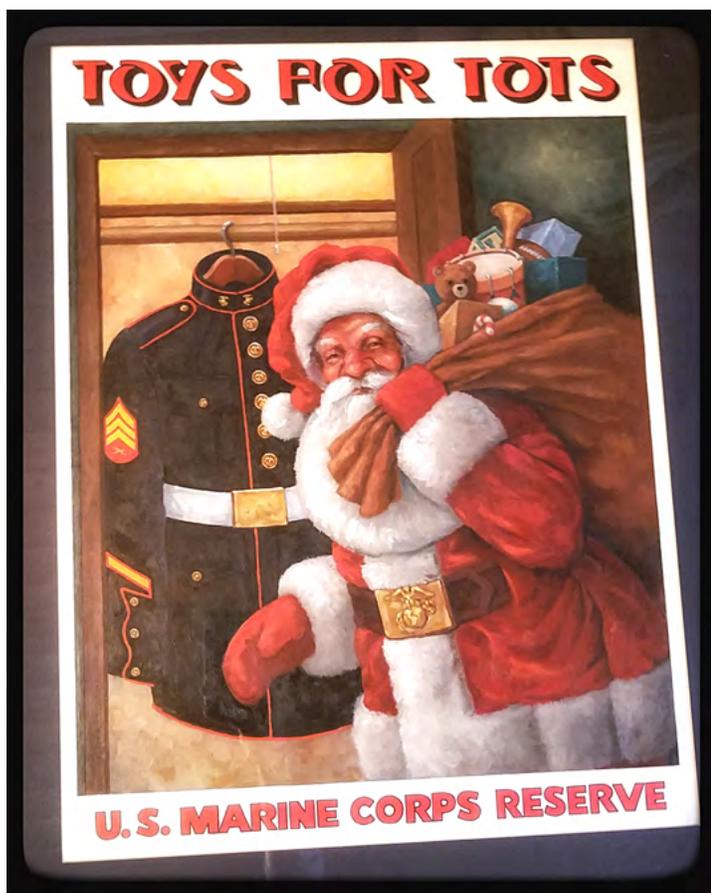
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Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting for a nominal fee of \$8 and must RSVP their attendance by sending an email to pamela_raine@hotmail.com. For more information, please contact League President Janice Gruber at 360 301-9840 or JJGruber@cablespeed.com.

Port Ludlow Bay Club Art Exhibitions

The Port Ludlow Bay Club presents two art exhibits during the month of December—the famous Toys for Tots posters created by Port Ludlow artist Keith McConnell and local area artists’ “Impressions of the Season” group show.



Toys for Tots Poster by Keith McConnell.

When Keith McConnell first served in the Marine Corps, he didn’t know they offered a combat art program which at its height in World War II had more than 70 artists. After his Vietnam tour, McConnell and his wife moved to Los Angeles where he worked for the Marine Corps as a freelance illustrator and as a Reserve officer for their public affairs unit. At that time, McConnell was called on to create posters for the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve. He completed a total of nine posters that will be on display.

Along with McConnell’s posters, there will be a collection box for donations for an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots campaign.



Christmas Eve by Dana Durasoff.

Submitted photos

The “Impressions of the Season” group artwork exhibit will range from Danish folk tales to serene forests blanketed in snow. The artwork will include watercolors, acrylics, oils, and pastels. Participating artists include Fran Bodman, Shirley Bomgaars, Pat Chase, Cathy Clark, Susan Cavanaugh, Larry Davidson, Dana Durasoff, Janice Gruber, Gail Larson, Sydney McCready, Pamela Raine, Alice Thuring, and Patricia Webber.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, contact Alan Ahtow at alanahtow@gmail.com.

Art Gallery Extends Hours for Holiday Shopping

Extended hours for the Holiday Shop are Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. starting **Tuesday, December 3**, through **December 22**. Be sure to stop by and shop for cards, jewelry, woodwork, ceramics, fine art, photography, and ornaments. The gallery is conveniently located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

Each year, the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas are celebrated by the League with the Holiday Shop, decorated and filled with one-of-a-kind gift items. If in doubt as for what to purchase, gift certificates are also available. Parking is free, and not having to “cross the bridge” is a bonus!

A few of the artists displaying their work in the Port Ludlow Gallery currently are fine artists, Shirley Bomgaars, Gary Settle, Claudia Wicks, Fran Bodman, Larry Davidson, and Susan Cavanaugh. Some of our jewelry and fine art artists are Sharon Zabloutney, Jeanne Joseph, Janice Gruber, and Jolie Maki. Pamela Raine is showing jewelry and pottery, Nancy Palsulich has her book for a good read over the holidays, Carol Thomas has one-of-a-kind hand-crafted pine needle baskets, and Doug Henderson has wonderful wooden boxes and cutting boards. Artists who

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are also displaying hand crafted jewelry are Mara Mauch, Katie Jablonski, Linda Henderson, Judy Danburg, Li Ding-Salapek, and Ginny Ford.

The invitation is out, to friends and family, to swing by the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery and check out all the lovely, inspiring, and breathtaking artwork created by the very talented members of the Port Ludlow Art League. You'll be glad you did!

For more information, please contact league president, Janice Gruber, at 360-301-9840 or JJGruber@cablespeed.com.

Art League Artists Display Locally

The Port Ludlow Art League is pleased to announce new art shows at the following locations:

- Port Ludlow Post Office - Judy Oberto
- Active Life Physical Therapy - Fran Bodman
- Port Ludlow Beach Club - Susan Cavanaugh
- Coldwell Banker Realty - Gail Larson & Donna Thompson
- Olympic Visitor Center - Mary Lynn Laker

These artists will be displaying their artwork at these locations November through January. For more information, contact Pamela Raine at pamela_raine@hotmail.com.

Small Expressions 18 at Northwind Arts Center



Deanna Pindell.

Submitted photo

The Olympic Peninsula's visual, literary, and performance art hub presents *Small Expressions 18*, an annual juried exhibit of extraordinary smaller works of art. The show will run from **Thursday, December 5**, through **Monday, December 30**.

Juror Deanna Pindell creates ecologically-focused public art and installation sculpture. She teaches studio art and art history, including Northwest

Coast Indigenous art history, at Olympic College, Peninsula College, and Bard College/Jefferson Clemente. She will present a juror talk on **Sunday, December 8**, at 1:00 p.m. at Northwind. Her webmail is deannapindell.net.

Northwind Arts Center is located at 701 Water Street, Port Townsend, and is open Wednesday to Monday (closed Tuesdays) from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They can be reached at 360-379-1086 or go to northwindarts.org.



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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

The major topic of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board meeting on November 7 was concern over the lack of a structured assessment of Bay Club usage fees after the first full year of implementation. The council voted to not use the Bay Club for its activities until the assessment, which was promised, is completed. There was significant discussion by South Bay Community Association (SBCA) members about why the policy was put in place and the private club aspect of the facility. In response, village council members expressed a concern over the negative impact on service organizations, and that the current policy was having a divisive impact on the community as a whole.

Rita Garcia was appointed to complete Steve Frenzl’s position on the board until October 2020, and new committee chairs were appointed to become effective between now and the end of the year: Kim Moffitt for Emergency Management; Merrily Mount for Trails; Rita Garcia for Welcome Event; and Robert Chanpong for Utilities.

Motions were approved to: hold a new Holiday Tree Lighting event on **Monday, December 2**, at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Center; establish coordination of social events among the PLVC, Ludlow Maintenance Commission, SBCA, and North Bay Lot Owners Association to minimize overlap; and provide additional funding for Holiday Lights to keep that tradition going this year.

County Commissioner Greg Brotherton introduced Denise Banker who discussed the Empowered Teens Coalition which works with kids to prevent underage substance abuse. Greg talked about the roundabout at the west end of the Hood Canal Bridge. The state is going forward with the concept but is considering county input on some aspects of the designs. Greg also shared that the county is rewriting the shooting ordinance pursuant to the decision by the Growth Management Hearings Board, and he announced that Lodging Tax Advisory Committee funding for historical signs and movie night was approved.

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) president Diana Smeland discussed painting of the Village Center, the Tree Lighting event in December, reopening of Niblicks Café after a flood, PLA’s referral program for homes, and Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc.’s building permit and filtration simulation. She indicated that the focus of their efforts has been on renovations and building of custom homes, while home sales—new and resale—are anticipated to be at the same level as last year. In addition, she announced a number of new specials at The Fireside Restaurant.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting
Thursday, December 5
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, December 17
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club
plvc.org

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What Did We Learn in the Shakeout?

by the PLVC Emergency Management Team

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Emergency Management Team participated in the Great Washington Shakeout October 17, 2019. Exercises like this enhance knowledge of plans, allow members to improve their own performance, and identify opportunities to improve capabilities to respond to real events.



Kim Moffitt.

Submitted photo

This year 60 plus block captains and neighbors participated in the event in conjunction with the Port Ludlow Emergency Preparedness Committee. As is usually the case, we learned much from the exercise.

Port Ludlow Block Captains learned where there are communications gaps, the importance of having a neighborhood emergency plan, and the importance of knowing beforehand what our roles are and what will be expected. Another result of the exercise is that we will be working closely with County Emergency Management to better identify and transmit status in an emergency.



Olympic Terrace created their own exercise to expand the shakeout drill in their neighborhood. Ten neighbors volunteered to be ‘victims’ and posted DRILL signs on their garage door indicating they needed help—in an actual emergency, residents would post HELP or OK signs. Block Captains physically surveyed the neighborhood two times assessing conditions and checking on neighbors with posted drill signs. They used the radio network to report their findings for triage to a neighborhood communications center. The drill was a great way to involve neighbors, bring awareness to the process, and have Block Captains practice their skills.

The Emergency Management Committee is interested in any Shakeout activity performed here in Port Ludlow. If you Ducked, Covered, and Held, or performed any other emergency activity during the Shakeout, please let us know at ludlowshakeout@gmail.com. We are also pleased to announce Kim Moffitt as the new Chair of the Port Ludlow Emergency Management Committee, replacing Danille Tursinni who has returned to the work-a-day world.

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Village Activities Calendar

Events are open to everyone in the community unless they are specified for members only, or are for a special interest group.

December

Monday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - NBLOA, (members) Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. - Decorating for the holidays, (members) Beach Club
 4:30 p.m. - Holiday tree lighting / Entertainment, Village Center
 5:00 p.m. - Dine & Discover, Bay Club
 7:00 p.m. - Memoirs & More, Bridge Deck

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 a.m. - Trails Committee, Beach Club
 3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club
 3:00 p.m. - *Voice* staff meeting, Fire Station
 6:00 p.m. - Ludlow Village Players Readers Theater, Beach Club

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 a.m. - Hiking group meets for Timberton Loop
 11:00 a.m. - First Wednesday luncheon, Bay Club

Thursday, December 5

10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 1:00 p.m. - KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 p.m. - Bluebills, Bridge Deck
 3:00 p.m. - PLVC Board Meeting, Bay Club

Friday, December 6

8:30 a.m. - SBCA member Tree Lighting & Social/Breakfast, Bay Club
 11:00 a.m. - Bluebills Christmas luncheon, Beach Club

Saturday, December 7

5:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Yacht Club - Change of Watch, Bay Club
 7:00 p.m. - Mike Carroll Piano Concert, Beach Club

Sunday, December 8

4:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Performing Arts - Buzz Brass Concert, Bay Club (2:45 p.m. Season Subscriber check-in begins; 3:00 p.m. General Admission check-in begins)

Monday, December 9

10:00 a.m. - DigitalLife Photo Editing, Bay Club
 11:00 a.m. - Bluebills Christmas party, Beach Club
 Noon - DigitalLife Board of Directors, Bay Club

Tuesday, December 10

1:00 p.m. - Fly Fishers holiday party, Bay Club
 3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club
 6:00 p.m. - Martha's Book Club, Bay Club

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. - Hiking group meets for Timberton Loop
 11:00 a.m. - Garden Club Holiday Tea, Bay Club
 6:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Singers, Beach Club
 6:30 p.m. - Anything Goes Improv group, Beach Club

Thursday, December 12

10:00 a.m. - PLDD regular meeting, (members) Fire Station
 10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Friday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - Hiking Group departs for čičmohán (cheech-mo-ban), Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 a.m. - SBCA Board of Directors meeting, (members) Bay Club

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m. - WALI, Beach Club
 5:30 p.m. - SBCA Holiday Gala, Bay Club (members)

Monday, December 16

6:00 p.m. - DigitalLife All Things Apple, Bay Club
 7:00 p.m. - Bookworms group, Bridge Deck

Tuesday, December 17

1:00 p.m. - KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 p.m. - PLVC workshop, Bay Club
 3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 a.m. - Hiking group meets for Timberton Loop
 12:30 p.m. - Ludlow Senior Singles Christmas Luncheon, Old Alcohol Plant
 1:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Art League meeting, Beach Club

Thursday, December 19

10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. - Stamp and Paper Arts, Bay Club
 1:00 p.m. - LMC Board of Trustees, (members) Beach Club

Saturday, December 21

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - NBLOA Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Beach Club, (members)

Monday, December 23

9:30 a.m. - DigitalLife Camera workshop, Bay Club

Tuesday, December 24

Bay Club closes at noon
 Beach Club closes at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

Bay Club closed
 Beach Club closed

Thursday, December 26

10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Friday, December 27

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:00 a.m. - Hiking group meets for holiday hike, Niblicks Cafe

Saturday, December 28

9:00 a.m. - WALI, Beach Club
 11:00 a.m. - Polar Plunge, Beach Club

Tuesday, December 31

3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club
 Bay Club closes at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1

Bay Club closed

Beach Club/North Bay News

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

On **Saturday, December 28**, at 11:00 a.m., we will hold our fifth annual Polar Plunge in the chilly outdoor pool here at the Beach Club. This is one of those events where we have as many spectators as we do participants. In late December we can expect our pool temperature to be in the upper 30s to low 40s which is colder than the Puget Sound this time of year. If you plan on taking the plunge, bring your suits, fluffy towels, and a warm change of clothes. The Ludlow Maintenance Commission will provide warm beverages and snacks to all our brave plungers and spectators.

Each year we hold this event, there is always a big build up to it with lots of Beach Club chatter about who is or isn't plunging. Then when it comes time to jump, it's over and done with in less than 60 seconds, but everyone has a story to tell afterwards. Over the years we have had plungers that range in age from 8 to 80.

This year we are inviting our South Bay neighbors to take the plunge with us, so feel free to pass on your personal invitation to your friends in South Bay.

As is the case every year, all adult participants will need to sign a liability waiver. For those who are under the age of eighteen, a parent or guardian will need to sign on your behalf.

As a safety precaution, Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue have had personnel standing by each year. Fortunately, we have not ever had a cold-water emergency during our annual event.

And last, but certainly not least, I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year from all of us at the Beach Club.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the on-going work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at beachclub@olympus.net.

Welcome to North Bay

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) welcomes our new neighbors. We are glad that you're here. Please don't hesitate to contact LMC at BeachClub@Olympus.net with your questions about living in Port Ludlow. If you haven't heard from the North Bay welcome chair, Jamie Bima, please feel free to contact her at 360-437-9335 or via email at jamiiebima673@gmail.com.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by emailing the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 1:00 p.m.

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Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information

All LMC members are welcome. ✳

Drainage District Election and Winterization

Twenty years ago, in 1999, the North Bay community petitioned Jefferson County to form the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD). Following that successful petition, a special election was held with a majority 641 votes cast in favor of forming the new district. Since then an election is scheduled every other year and 2020 is election year.

The District is governed by a three-member board of commissioners, elected by owners of land located in the District who are qualified voters of the District, according to RCW 85.38.105. Persons eligible to serve on the board include qualified voters of the district who are Special District (North Bay) landowners [RCW 85.38.070 (6)], and qualified voter condominium owners residing within the Special District.

The week of December 9 to 13 is the PLDD Candidate Filing Period for the February 4, 2020 Special District General Election. On the ballot will be Position No. 1 (currently held by Katie Smith) for a term of six years, ending February 2026. Anyone interested in serving on the three-member board of commissioners is encouraged to contact Quinn Grewell at County Elections, 360-385-9117 or qgrewell@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Winter is coming and the PLDD maintenance crew is very busy preparing for rain. All district facilities are being groomed to ensure storm water is transported down the hill and into the bay. Now would be a good time for homeowners to clean driveway culverts and ditches to maintain free flow through the culverts. Ditches along our roadways are the responsibility of the county. Roadside ditches are located within county right-of-way and are not on private property. The purpose of a ditch is to direct storm water off the road surface to a designated point of discharge. If ditches are filled or obstructed by landscaping materials, the

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capacity of the ditch to convey storm water is compromised and the county cannot maintain the ditch. Jefferson County Public Works does not approve of filling in ditches, placing rocks or landscaping materials in the ditches, or installing culverts in the ditches, other than for driveway access.

Driveway culverts placed in ditches by homeowners are not county culverts. Driveway culverts are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain, clean, and replace.

Many homeowners properly maintain the ditches abutting their property, which adds to the appearance of individual properties and is appreciated by the entire neighborhood. Please remember when maintaining a ditch—if you cut it, remove it. Do not dispose of trimmings in drainage facilities, greenbelts, or public right-of-way ditches.

If you are interested in keeping up-to-date with activities of PLDD, please attend the regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Port Ludlow Fire Station or visit the district website at pldd.org. ☼

The Beach Club’s Renaissance Lady

by Leslie Carlson, North Bay Editor

Whose father raced his hydroplane, named Ludlow Lady, here in Port Ludlow? Who raced motorcycles in Belfair? Who maintains notebooks on the history of Port Ludlow? Our very own Kim Bond, office manager at the Beach Club!

Thirty-three years ago, Kim began working at the front desk of the Beach Club while she was a student. Now a mother of four, including two daughters, a stepdaughter, and a stepson, and grandmother to three-year-old grandson Cody, Kim has always been happy to come to work. She enjoys the variety in her work, but her favorite part of the job is “the members,” often acting as a sounding board. Kim is definitely a “people person.”

When she is not hard at work, Kim enjoys hiking – she loves the woods and the mountains—and she is an artist, dabbling in many mediums. For many years, she was a coach for the Chimacum School District, including coaching track, volleyball, and both boys’ and girls’ basketball. She loves children.

Kim lives in Port Townsend with her husband, Rick, who is a builder, especially in interior construction. Together, they manage rentals.

Raised on Oak Bay Road, Kim grew up in Port Ludlow. She fondly recalls the big 4th of July celebrations on “The Spit,” the current location of The Inn At Port Ludlow and the condominiums. Lucky for us, Kim has no plans to leave, promising, “I will retire from here.”

NBLOA Pancake Breakfast With Santa



Bring the children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents and come enjoy breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 21**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will have crafts, caroling, and special entertainment. Santa arrives promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a small wrapped gift for your child, with your child’s name and age written clearly on it. You may drop the gift at the Beach Club prior to arriving. For more information, please contact Jamie Bima at jamiebima673@gmail.com.

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Recent SBCA Board Actions

by Ray Sheldon, SBCA Board President

It's been noted that some South Bay Community Association (SBCA) issues have been conversations which continue for months and occasionally years. By putting a positive motion forward to the board of directors, it offers the opportunity to move an issue from conversation to action and ultimately a conclusion. At the SBCA October 11 board meeting, several discussion issues were moved forward. In the order in which they were addressed, the major issues which the board addressed were:

- The establishment of a new Fitness and Health Committee. The committee's scope is to be developed and presented at the next board meeting, with committee members and board participants identified and welcomed.
- The completion of the shed repair, including a new roof and siding.
- Some of our members have been looking forward to the installation of new ceiling fans; they were approved.
- The painting of the auditorium and fitness room was approved.
- A motion was approved to make specific amendments to the SBCA bylaws, to be voted on at the next regular or special meeting of members, which offer protections against the sale, lease or commercial logging of the Gazebo property without prior approval of at least 2/3 of all members.
- A motion that the board submit a site-specific zoning request to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to re-zone the Gazebo property failed for lack of a second.
- A motion to affirm the existing Bay Club "usage policy" was made and passed with a 4 - 1 vote.

There are SBCA members who feel strongly one way or another about some of these issues; some will be disappointed in a particular outcome. In the case of the issues mentioned above, and those which remain open or will surface in the future, please know that the SBCA Board of Directors understands that they represent all SBCA members, and they will always act with the best interests of that membership in mind.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, December 13, 9:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

Activities and Amenities: **Monday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.**

Communications: **Monday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.**

Facilities: **Tuesday, December 10, 9:30 a.m.**

Finance: **Tuesday, December 10, 1:00 p.m.**

Architectural Review: **Friday, December 20, 9:30 a.m.**

To keep informed of SBCA Activities & Events,
please visit plsbca.org.

Meeting minutes are posted at plsbca.org
under Association Business.

All SBCA members are welcome. 

Bay Club Manager's Report

by Mark Torres, Bay Club General Manager

SBCA Annual Holiday Gala:

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) members' holiday dinner/dance is scheduled on **December 14**. Tickets are available at the Bay Club Front Desk and the deadline for purchase is December 10. The cost per person will be \$50. Space is limited to 120. This event includes an opening reception, wine, champagne, appetizers, a three-course dinner, live music and dancing. It will certainly sell out, so get your tickets today!

Bay Club Holiday Schedule:

Thursday, November 28 (**Thanksgiving Day**) – CLOSED.

Tuesday, December 24 (**Christmas Eve**) - 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 (**Christmas Day**) – CLOSED.

Tuesday, December 31 (**New Year's Eve**) - 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 (**New Year's Day**) - CLOSED.

SBCA Assessments and Receivables Policy:

The SBCA Board of Directors and management team wants members to be aware the SBCA dues assessment is now \$230 per quarter. An increase of \$5 was voted in at the annual meeting, July 2019. If you are set up with your financial institution for automatic payments, please check to be certain the amount is correct. This notice is also a reminder about late-payment penalties: "In accordance with the SBCA Assessments and Receivables Policy A.10 adopted May 6, 2016, SBCA Annual assessments are payable on a quarterly basis. Quarterly payments are due on the first day of each calendar quarter (July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1). Any delinquent payment shall bear interest on the unpaid balance from 30 days after the due date at the rate of 1%

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per month until paid. In addition, a one-time late fee of \$20 shall be imposed for any quarterly payment that is more than 30 days late.” We will be making changes to our accounting software to facilitate more rigorous enforcement of the late-payment penalties beginning as of January 1, 2020. Thanks to all our wonderful members for understanding our organization’s financial demands and respecting the necessity of prompt quarterly payments.

Celebrating December at the Bay Club

by Carol Riley, Chair, Activities and Amenities

December—a month that I always imagine is filled with peace, reflection, and friction-free family gatherings, but one that usually turns out to be a crazy, busy, stressful trying-to-get-everything-done time! Even more reason for us to set aside time to unwind, treat ourselves to some holiday cheer, and enjoy a fabulous sit-down dinner with great entertainment. In other words, celebrate December at the Bay Club!

Take a break from shopping and stressing. Come to the Christmas Tree Lighting on **Friday, December 6**, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The Choral Belles will be performing from 9:30 to 10:15 followed by a singalong. Coffee, tea, eggnog, juice, and pastry will be provided, but please bring a breakfast food to share.

The Christmas Gala will be held on **Saturday, December 14**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets went on sale November 18, and we expect a full house. Complete details about the event, menu items, and information about the entertainment, the Mike Klinger Jazz Trio, will be announced via email. Come relax with friends, drink wine, be served appetizers and a wonderful three-course meal, including a tempting dessert. Listen or dance to an outstanding jazz trio—the perfect respite to help recharge your batteries. You’ve made it halfway through December! 🎄

South Bay Gleanings

by Jenise Harper, South Bay Editor

The *Port Ludlow Voice* staff was the “serving crew” for the November pancake-fest at the Bay Club which benefitted the Tri-Area Food Bank. What fun it was to greet everyone who came through the line and to participate in the camaraderie that is prevalent during these community events, open to all. Especially fun was the good-hearted rivalry between pancake flippers Gil Skinner and Steve Hammond. During a lull, Chef Hammond insisted I take a look at his flapjacks, compared to Chef Skinner’s offerings. As I looked at both serving trays, all I could think was, “Yum!” No, I did not fall prey to their jocular and choose a “winner”—everyone in attendance was a winner with the yummy fare, but especially the Tri-Area Food Bank which took home \$144.22 from pancake proceeds and \$615 in direct donations. Kudos to Gil Skinner who conducted an impromptu raffle of a food basket to bring in \$130 of those donations.

To add a bit more “comfort and joy” to the holiday season for struggling families, the SBCA annual fund-drive for the Tri-Area Food Bank garnered \$6,127, with the final tally being announced



Gil Skinner conducting the impromptu raffle.

at the Fund-Drive Finale, the November member social. Combine that with the pancake breakfast proceeds: SBCA’s efforts contributed nearly \$7,000 to the food bank this past month. Bravo!

You still have time to spread a little “Holiday Cheer” for the children in our area. The Bay Club is a “tree host” for Christmas for

Children—all you have to do is choose a tag off the tree, buy a gift for the child named on the tag, and return your wrapped package to the Bay Club by **December 12**. This worthy organization was founded in 1974 ... 45 years of gifting to struggling families. Check out the website: christmas4children.com, and pick up your tag today!



The table filled with baskets of food for the Tri-Area Food Bank.

Submitted photos

Doesn’t our Bay Club look festive and beautiful! The Christmas season is in full swing as community groups hold special luncheons and functions in our auditorium, Port Ludlow Performing Arts offers a holiday concert, and SBCA members anticipate the annual dinner/dance gala. “Tis the season to be jolly,” for sure! This month’s *Gleanings*? Remember our Flapjack Flippers frivolity as we embrace opportunities to celebrate the season, count our blessings, as well as give back to help those in need.

Welcome to South Bay

The South Bay Community Association welcomes our new neighbors. We are glad that you’re here, and we hope to meet you at one of our monthly socials. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with your questions about life in Port Ludlow. To find out more about SBCA news and events, you can visit plsba.org.

Sports & Games

A Breathtaking New England Bike Ride for a Very Good Cause

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor



Jay Eno and Tim Propeck.

Submitted photo

I wrote an article a couple of months ago about riding on the Olympic Discovery Trail to train for a charity bike ride with my East Coast daughter. It was a fund-raising event for the Yale Cancer Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. This was the ninth year for the event, and it was very well organized. Each entrant had to raise at least five hundred dollars to participate, and that raised over three million dollars in 2018.

My son-in-law and I opted to ride the 100-mile route which was a giant loop through much of central Connecticut. I was worried about him being up to it from a lack of training due to his young family, and he was worried about me since I was thirty years older than him. Turns out we both did fine.

The route started in New Haven and went past the Yale hospital where all of the mobile patients had come out to cheer the bikers. It was a very touching moment. Local police had the route blocked off throughout the city and that helped a lot. Once out of

the city, there were a lot of hills to contend with for the first third of the route. Luckily, I was quite used to that from my training rides around Port Ludlow.

The route avoided heavily trafficked roads and was very well marked. It was a great mix of forested areas, farm country, and occasional small towns that were classic New England sites. I was surprised by the number of spectators along the route cheering participants along. There were multiple rest stops well stocked with food and drink which were very important late in the ride. The last third of the route was on the Connecticut shoreline with beautiful scenery in the afternoon sun.

The final ten miles were on the streets of New Haven, without the traffic control we had at the start. It was a grind: rough roads with potholes, traffic lights at every corner, and some wild drivers who did not care about bikers. The only thing that kept me going was the thought of free beer at the finish.

I do believe this event will be part of my regular summer activities. I will probably dial down the distance that I ride, but I want to be a continuing participant.

Trails Mix

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer

If you have any ideas on how we on the Trails Committee can improve, or projects that you think fall within our purview, please contact your respective Home Owners Association, such as Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) or South Bay Community Association (SBCA). We will be contacting them to determine how we can provide better support for North Bay and South Bay.

Please let us know if you come across any trees blocking the trails (it is that time of the year again) as we have trained volunteers to remove them. Please don't remove them yourselves. Contact Jane Navone at jenlp@olypen.com, and she will get it done.

Port Ludlow Hiking

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to arrange carpools, get directions to the trailheads, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, December 13 – čičmáhán Trail

Join a gentle three to six mile walk on a portion of this new čičmáhán (Cheech-ma-han) interpretive trail that includes signs telling the story of the relationship between the 19th century European settlers with the S'Klallam people and their leader called Chetzemoka. We will be joined by an interpretive trail steward. Information: Merrily Mount 360-437-9308.

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Friday, December 27 - Port Ludlow Trails

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Niblicks Cafe for a special holiday hike to celebrate the solstice season. Walk four to seven miles on a selection of trails such as Niblicks, Olympic Loop, and Teal Lake. Return to Niblicks Cafe for lunch and/or beverages. Exact route to be determined by consensus of the group.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the four and a half mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. Meet at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9:00 a.m.

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