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In February we celebrate a day dedicated to love, the feast day of Saint Valentine. It is the time we buy candy and flowers to appreciate our significant others and send lacy cards to friends. This season should be permeated with a rosy glow—but where is the love?

Since the first of the year, we have learned that a phone company thinks it is a good idea to charge us a fee for paying our bills. The banks think that's a fine notion, too. Health insurers, according to our state Insurance Commissioner, are sitting on big surpluses while Joe Q. Public struggles with health costs. The State has been convicted of not providing for basic K-12 education. Our children are excluded from attending the universities we fund in favor of higher paying out-of-state and country students. The jobs picture is only improving because people have quit trying to find work. The Chinese are sending us products laced with melamine. Our infrastructure is falling apart while congressional representatives posture and call each other names. One could go on. Where is the love?

A review of local papers told me I might be searching for it in all the wrong places. They were heavily laced with shootings, stabbings, fires, bankruptcies and robberies; there is not much love there. I understand the news business reports salient, vivid events when they occur, but surely something good must be happening somewhere.

At last, today I discovered that Port Townsend is finishing strongly as a “cool” town in a Frommer's Budget Travel magazine survey. We all knew it was a cool place, but it is nice that someone else recognizes it. David Boxley, the carver of the totem pole at Burner Point, will have one of his poles installed at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. Headway is being made in improving Port Ludlow's amenities and image. The Bluebills, thanks to the recent fund-raising efforts of Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA), will continue their charitable efforts to improve the lives of people in our county in innumerable ways. They continue to assist the Food Bank and provide home safety adaptations for the elderly and handicapped. Chimacum Schools and its students once more received scholarship funds from Port Ludlow. Our many volunteers continue to work to better the lives of the people around them. The love is there—and here, in Port Ludlow.

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Beverly Browne

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Remembering Ken Cheney, 1936-2010

ON THE FRONT COVER

Ludlow Bay as seen from Timberton Heights.
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ON THE BACK COVER

Veteran broadcaster Rich Germaine producing
JazzRadioNetwork.com in his Ludlow in-home studio.
Photography by Cherie Germaine.

Feature Articles

Original Forests

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor



Old-growth trees can be found in Olympic National Park's Hoh Rain Forest.

Courtesy photo

Long before settlers arrived on the Olympic Peninsula, there were trees. When Europeans first arrived, they were huge, some 30 stories tall and wider than two parking spaces. There are still a few of these giants in the forests of the Olympic National Park. They are part of a national treasure, the old growth forest of the Olympic Peninsula.

Old growth forest consists of groves usually of Douglas fir, western hemlock and red cedar. Scientists dub these forests "old growth" if they contain trees older than 200 years. The forests also have abundant downed wood on the ground, multilayered canopies and standing dead trees.

The forest also contains a varied understory of shrubs and other plants. There you will find red elderberry, huckleberries, ocean spray, Oregon grape and salal. Also present are sword ferns, trillium, vanilla leaf, bleeding heart and other plants. And of course, there is moss everywhere. It is perfect habitat for spotted owls, marbled murrelets and northern goshawks.

The mild, moist climate and deep soils that produced lowland old growth forest have also been hospitable to tree farming. But an old growth forest is very different from a tree farm. The trees are not only ancient but they are varied, and coexist in a complex ecosystem. Toxic chemicals used to suppress growth of unwanted shrubbery around farmed trees are absent. The woodland fauna that

would be repelled or harmed by chemicals can browse at will. The established forest produces three times the biomass of tropical rain forests and acts as a filter by absorbing carbon dioxide.

Much of the old growth is gone by now. However, pockets of it remain. Visitors to the Peninsula can view old growth in the Sol Duc and Elwha Valleys or by hiking the trails at Lake Crescent. A visit to the Hoh Rain Forest is a pleasant step back in time to a world of silent mossy trails winding through native forest. For information about visiting old growth forests, contact the National Park Service or search old growth forests on the web.

The Sad Tale of the Renegade Sand Strawberry

by Judy Arnold, Contributing Writer

A little over five years ago we moved into a new unlandscaped home on Mats Mats Bay. Even though my husband and I promised each other that we would have a "carefree" garden, we immediately began to prepare a plan and purchase plants. One of our



The Northwest native groundcover *Fragaria chiloensis* (Beach Sand Strawberry).

Courtesy photo

first plant choices was a flat of a Northwest native called Beach Sand Strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*). The beginning of our relationship with this groundcover was quite amiable. The low-growing vine sent out red runners that grew shiny evergreen leaves and pretty white flowers in the late spring. In a couple of years we noticed the red runners creeping into the gravel in our parking strip. We ignored this growth and the plant took this as an invitation to spread and root out to the road! After ten days of hard labor, we got our "renegade" under control.

The lesson: Be careful what you wish for when planting groundcovers. Many have vigorous spreading habits. However, there are many good reasons to plant groundcovers. They help keep the soil moist and in place on slopes, discourage weed growth and require very little fertilizer. Some varieties add very nice flowering color to

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Northwest gardens. Groundcovers are best started with small plantings. Loose, rich soil will give them the best start. Be sure to check on the specific requirements for sun/shade and water for those you choose. Most groundcovers will require watering until established. Hand weeding will be required, as broadleaf herbicides such as those used on lawns would kill most groundcovers. The good news is the weeds will be smothered out as the groundcovers grow. Planting in fall or spring will give the best results. When making your plant choices, keep in mind most spread rapidly when established so start with a few plants. Consider the location for your new planting. Is it on a slope or the top of a retaining wall? Will the location have full sun or some shade? Does the soil have good drainage?

Low growing junipers are good evergreen choices for sloped areas. *Ajuga* makes a great weed-free carpet with violet blue flowers in early summer. Creeping wire vine, although it can be somewhat invasive, has dense small shiny leaves and can even be coaxed into topiary form. *Pratia pedunculata* (County Park) flowers with small purple blossoms in late spring and can stand lots of foot traffic. Good choices for filling the space between stone pavers in a patio are Creeping Thyme (Elfin or Pink Ripple), Corsican Mint, and one of my favorites, Scotch Moss (Aurea). These three can be walked upon regularly. The Scotch Moss has a beautiful chartreuse color and mounding habit. Many low growing sedums can also be used. One of the red varieties called Stonecrop (Red Carpet) is useful in areas where walking is not encouraged. A groundcover to avoid in the Pacific Northwest is English Ivy. It has been causing tree fall in our native forests and there are many programs to eradicate it from our area. Ivy is also difficult to remove from unwanted areas.

Local nurseries are good sources for groundcover plant material and information. Internet information may be obtained at www.gardenswest.com and www.ehow.com. Good sources for written information are the *Simon & Schuster's Complete Guide to Plants & Flowers*, edited by Frances Perry, and *Sunset Lawns & Ground Covers*, edited by *Sunset Books and Magazines*. Our local Washington State University (WSU) Extension Office in Chimacum is also a good source.

When selecting and planting your groundcovers, remember to be on the lookout for "renegades." A benefit of extra plant material will be an abundance to share with friends. My Sand Strawberry and Scotch Moss are now growing in neighbors' gardens.

What is the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort?

by Larry Nobles, Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow is a village of approximately 3,000 residents lying on the west shore of Admiralty Inlet in Jefferson County, 17 miles south of Port Townsend and 8 miles north of the Hood Canal Bridge. The governance of Port Ludlow is quite unique. It is designated by Jefferson County as a Master Planned Resort (MPR) by RCW 36.70A.360-362 with specifically defined boundaries in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA). The MPR is not a municipality but rather governed by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County under guidelines set forth in a 20-year Development Agreement (DA) signed in the year 2000 between the County and the Developer. The MPR has its own separate and unique zoning code. It is the only Master Planned Resort in Washington State.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department provides police protection. Fire protection is provided by Fire District 3 (which also includes much of the surrounding area). Hospital, library and other services are provided by Junior Taxing Districts within the County. At this time Puget Sound Energy (PSE) provides electric service. Water and sewer are provided by Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI), a private company wholly owned by Port Ludlow Associates, LLC (PLA, also known as the Developer).

Currently there are 1,541 residential units and 397 platted but not yet built lots in the community. In addition the Developer owns land zoned residential but not yet platted, that will permit the future building of 312 additional residences. The Development Agreement (DA) sets the cap of 2,250 residential units within the MPR. The MPR designation prohibits additional urban development adjacent to its boundaries.

The Resort consists of the Inn At Port Ludlow, a conference center, a 300 slip Marina and an 18-hole championship Golf Course. The MPR has over 20 miles of hiking trails and over 400 acres of largely forested land zoned open space that must be preserved in perpetuity. The Developer also owns about 30 acres of land zoned commercial that can accommodate significant expansion of the small business district.

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, is empowered by the MPR Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Regulations to monitor further development within Port Ludlow.

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The Village Council's Future of Port Ludlow Committee is actively working with the Developer to develop a concept for enhancement of our Commercial Center, for the further development of the Resort and for the attractive build-out of the community. The Council recognizes that when build-out is complete, it may be necessary to modify our instruments of governance to protect the future of our beautiful community.

Superintendent Highlights Capital Projects Levy

by Craig Downs, Superintendent of Schools and Guest Writer

The Chimacum School District Board of Directors has approved a Capital Projects Levy that will come before the voters this February. The levy will be used to make needed repairs and improvements to various systems in the District. The District has made a concerted effort to maintain these systems until the existing bonds, which built Chimacum Creek Primary and made additions to the high school, are retired on **December 1, 2012**. Because the capital projects levy will start in 2013, there should be no increase to our patron's tax liability.

Using a study and survey conducted by outside engineers, architects and efficiency experts, the District identified desperately needed system upgrades within the long-range plan. Many of the areas to be upgraded are becoming nearly impossible to maintain. Roofs, heaters and other electrical equipment, siding, phone system, technology and lighting need improvement or replacement. There are heaters, for example, that have long outlasted their expected life. The auditorium has a 1957 boiler. The parts used to make repairs to them have become nearly impossible to find and are very inefficient.

Some of the roofs in the District are not repairable and need to be replaced. The Middle School has a 20-year-old flat roof. Additionally, our electrical and phone systems have outlasted their life expectancy and the parts are difficult to find. Most of the teaching staff do not have voice mail and there is no capacity to receive outside calls inside the classrooms.

Our lighting systems are very inefficient; replacing them would have long term savings. We have outgrown our electrical capacity, getting enough outlets in classrooms becomes impossible as our student technology needs continue to grow. State on-line testing requirements continue to increase the demand for computers and the infrastructure to support their use.

We plan to remodel our auditorium. This valuable community resource gets lots of use and we want to make needed repairs and enhancements. Improving the gymnasium's lighting, flooring and upgrading the bleachers is another priority in this high-use building. We will not only extend the useful life of these facilities but also create higher levels of efficiency for long term savings.

The time is right to make this investment in our facilities. Waiting until now, when our bonds will be ending, will avoid additional burden on our community. Our plan is to continue to be good stewards of our school facilities. Taking care of our facilities will allow us to maintain our educational programs. Passage of the Capital Projects Levy will help ensure better resources for student programs.

We value the long-established community support we have received. This Capital Levy is a significant part of growing our capacity to be an excellent school system of which the entire community can be proud.

What's in a Name?

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

The *Seattle Times* recently published an article about *Facebook*, which reports that the social network giant refuses to accept the names of birthplaces that it deems to be rude or offensive. In the *Times* story Ann Marie Kennedy, originally from Effin, Ireland, is on a campaign to get the media moguls to recognize her home town. As an Effin woman she deeply resents the site's rejection of her home town. She and others say that Effin was a perfectly acceptable name until cursing became popular.

Washington Post writer Karla Adam cites the books *Rude UK* and *Rude Britain* to show that the United Kingdom (UK) is littered with towns having boorish or funny names. Among them are Crapstone, Slack Bottom, Golden Balls, Penistone and Ugly.

How about Washington? Are you at risk of being denied a place of residence on *Facebook*? Maybe you aren't if you live in Port Ludlow but the jury is still out on Forks. A quick journey through a map of the state produced a list of possibly unacceptable hometowns. They include Baring, Bangor, Humptulips, LaPush, Tongue Point and Union. All of these fall short of the famous examples from Michigan, Climax and Intercourse.

Other towns hold strange names that, while silly, are probably acceptable. On my list were Boundary, Davenport, Hay, Hooper, Plain and Twisp. Some place names reflect what the people who settled there did, for

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example Concrete, Gold Bar, Granite Falls, Irondale and Portage. Others seem hopeful: Aloha, Black Diamond, Eureka, Index and Startup.

Our neighbor to the south is a formidable rival in the “what were they thinking” name contest. Oregon sports some stunning examples of strange monikers. Witness the following: Beaver, Blodgett, Boring, Drain, Fossil, Lime, Shedd, Spray, Tangent and Wren. (See, things aren’t as bad as you thought.)

The Joy of Walking

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

It is not surprising that hiking is on the rise in the U.S., given its well-known benefits. Over 56 million Americans took to the trail in 2010 and each year more strap on the backpack and head out to the wilderness. Some of the trails they took were long ones. The Appalachian Trail, memorialized in Bill Bryson’s *A Walk in the Woods*, winds from Georgia to Maine, a distance of 2,200 miles. The Cascade Trail from Canada to California is also thousands of miles through remote wilderness. These are big walks; not so many people embark on them as walk around the neighborhood.

Walking is accessible, simple and, except for the really big hikes, it doesn’t cost a lot. Even a stroll around the block can do some good. Walking has been touted as a way to improve aerobic fitness, reduce obesity and a host of other dastardly conditions such as high blood pressure and heart disease. Of course, like most exercise, you get what you put into it. Still it is less jarring on the joints than jogging.

Walking also sets the mind free for contemplation. It is a relief from a fast-paced world because everything happens at a manageable pace. Things can be noticed, examined and appreciated. John Muir particularly advocated forest walks. He said, “Nature’s peace will flow into you as the sunshine flows into the trees.”

Others have linked walking with creativity. Raymond Inmon wrote, “If you are seeking creative ideas, go walking. Angels will whisper to a man when he goes for a walk.” Friedrich Nietzsche said, “All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking.”

Given the benefits of walking it is surprising that the U.S. spends only about 1.2 percent of the Federal transportation budget on walking and biking combined. This amounts to \$1.29 per capita. You would think there would be more emphasis on something as clearly good for one as taking a

walk. Extensions of the parks such as have recently been witnessed in Washington are positive in that they open up more land for the recreational hiker. Some of the trails systems associated with the parks are extensive.

Hiking occasionally can get you in trouble. Examples are hikers who got too close to the border in China and those who crossed it in Iran. Rights of the hiker and the rights of the landowner can also come into conflict. And sometimes there are animals that think they have ownership and get belligerent with intruders as did the infamous mountain goat recently in Olympic National Park.

Port Ludlow has 15 miles of trails. They wind around the Bay and up to Ludlow Falls, which are pretty spots in their own right. It is nothing like the 800 miles of trails at Yosemite but we are proud of it. If you haven’t walked the trails here, put your shoes on and go out for a walk today.

From the Commissioner’s Desk

by John Austin, Jefferson County Commissioner

Last month the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2012 Jefferson County budget of about \$49 million. What is the source of our revenue and how is it spent?

The County website www.co.jefferson.wa.us includes a detailed picture of our budget. I will sketch some interesting highlights. Our General Fund of about \$16 million is raised through property taxes of about \$7 million, sales tax of \$2 million and other revenues such as timber harvest, fines and fees. A larger category labeled Other Funds consists of revenue from fees, taxes and grants that are dedicated and restricted to certain services such as road maintenance, 911 call service, public health and public infrastructure. This totals about \$33 million.

Most of the property taxes collected by our Treasurer, Judy Morris, are passed on to other agencies. Of each dollar collected, the County retains about 16 cents for the General Fund, and about 8 cents goes to the County Road Fund. The State receives 25 cents, local schools get 21 cents and 14 cents goes to fire and EMS levies. Other agencies, such as libraries and hospital districts get smaller amounts.

Of the \$16 million General Fund, much is spent on public safety; \$5 million to the Sheriff’s office and about \$4 million to other law and justice agencies such as the courts and juvenile services. The remainder covers expenses inherent to running government offices and services such as the Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer, etc.

In this challenging economy, County government works hard to provide quality service within a very tight budget.

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For example there are 20 fewer employees budgeted for 2012 than in 2008. I have been impressed by the extra efforts of our public servants. For example, you may have noticed that our Sheriff participates in patrolling our roads and our Auditor can be seen lugging ballot boxes to the post office. As always, I invite your comments and observations to jaustin@co.jefferson.wa.us or 385-9100.

You're How Old?

by Mary Kletti, Contributing Writer

My best friend from childhood turns 15 this month, and she's as gray as I am. Yes, it's Leap Year and her birthday falls on February 29.

Leap day, also known as leap year day, is an extra day added to the month of February in a leap year. In ancient Rome, February was the last month of the calendar year, so leap day was on February 24. The original Roman calendar added an extra month every few years to maintain the correct seasonal changes.

The Julian calendar was implemented in 45 B.C., resulting in a leap day being added to the end of February every four years. In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII refined the Julian calendar with a new rule that a century year is not a leap year unless it is evenly divisible by 400. Thus the Gregorian calendar was instituted but only observed in some countries including Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain. The conversion took longer for other countries such as Great Britain (1752) and Lithuania (1915).

Then there is the tradition introduced many centuries ago to allow women to propose to men during a leap year. In some areas, the privilege of proposing was restricted to leap day. A man was expected to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money, if he refused a marriage offer from a woman on that day. The origin of this tradition stemmed from an old Irish tale, referring to Saint Brigit striking a deal with Saint Patrick to allow women to propose to men every four years. This old custom was probably made to balance the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how the leap day balances the calendar.

About four million people are estimated to have been born on February 29; about 200,000 of them live in the United States. Approximately 684 out of one million people have a leap day birthday. Also, based on numerical calculations, the odds of being born on February 29 are roughly one in 1,461.

Ladies, you might want to have a little fun on leap day this year. And if you run into my friend, wish her well on taking her driver's test.

Jazz Plays in Port Ludlow

by Linda Karp, Contributing Writer

Visiting with my new neighbor Rich Germaine and his wife Cherie, is done to the accompaniment of melodious jazz emanating from his in-home studio. This 24-hour Internet radio station, *JazzRadioNetwork.com*, plays from his computer and is programmed by Rich himself. Anyone can listen free of charge by going to the above website. Weekdays it plays jazz by a variety of artists; on Saturdays, classical music with a jazz beat; and on Sundays, gospel jazz. Listeners tune in from Asia, Europe, South America, the U.K., as well as Port Ludlow.

Rich's career has spanned four decades and is still going. His first job in radio was right out of high school for an FM station in Los Angeles playing classical music, Broadway show tunes and inspirational music. His early interviews included Peanuts creator Charles Schulz and advertising genius Stan Freberg.

Rich became the youngest Program Director in San Francisco for KFOG in the late 1960s. During his time in San Francisco, he met and interviewed many notable artists such as Sir George Shearing, Vince Guaraldi of Charlie Brown Christmas fame, Cal Tjader, Lou Rawls, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett and big band leader Xavier Cugat, who was married to actress Charo at that time, among many others.

In 1968, he was recruited to Seattle to help launch the most powerful FM station in the Northwest, KBIQ, an easy-listening station that reached from Vancouver, B.C., to Vancouver, WA. During a ten-year period in Seattle, he also worked with KIRO radio as the afternoon on-air personality. Rich's career highlights include receiving an American Federation of Advertising "Addy Award" for creative excellence, on-air "gigs" in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, writer and producer of radio and TV commercials, and being the voice on thousands of business phone systems and "in-store" audio systems.

With his life work always centered in the media, Rich's most recent endeavors include managing several Internet-based ventures including audio book production, *audiobookproducers.com*; a music theme store, *audiobrandcentral.com*, for Internet radio and podcast producers, as well as his Internet radio station. His voice is heard on training programs, audio books, Web videos and every day you'll hear him on 88.5 KPLU, Seattle's only jazz station and a

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top NPR (National Public Radio) affiliate. Rich records announcements for KPLU every day from his home studio in Port Ludlow.

Recently having moved to Inner Harbor Village in June from Port Orchard, Rich and his wife Cherie, who is his full-time assistant in their various projects, love swimming at the Bay Club every week and all the great activities available on the Peninsula. And, of course, one of the best jazz festivals in the world is just up the road in Port Townsend. Rich and Cherie have four adult children, all living in western Washington, and three grandkids so far.

For more information, view his website, www.richgermaine.com, or call 206-414-6445.

Burner Point Totem Carver Honored

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor



A Tsimshian Raven Bowl carved by David Boxley.

Courtesy photo

David Boxley, the Native American artist who carved the totem pole at Burner Point, will have one of his totem poles installed in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (SNMAI) in Washington D.C. The event has recently received attention on local television.

A Tsimshian carver, Boxley, raised by his grandparents in Metlakatla, Alaska, learned Tsimshian traditions, language and art including traditional carving. He attended Seattle Pacific University (SPU) receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1974, and became a junior and senior high school teacher and coach. He now devotes most of his time to carving. Besides totems, Boxley makes other decorative pieces including masks and boxes.

Currently a resident of Kingston, Boxley has been contacted several times in recent years about the Burner Point totem, which is showing distress from the elements and is in need of repair. Although it would be appropriate for the original native artist to do repairs on the pole, no action has been taken to date.

Boxley says, “I am proud of the work I did on that pole. It is one of the two largest totems I have made [70 in all, including the pole for the SNMAI]. I have been out to the site a couple of times this past year to look at the pole and it is indeed in dire need of repair and refurbishing. The longer the owners wait the more it will deteriorate.”

The Burner Point totem pole at current prices is worth more than \$160,000. That is the replacement value if a new one were made today. That price does not count the cost of the log or the extensive engineering to drive in the metal foundation that supports the pole. It is estimated that repairs would require scaffolding and take between five and seven days to complete at a cost of about \$300 per hour. The pole, firmly set on a concrete base, would not need to be removed from the ground.

Boxley’s work has been recognized for its excellence and adherence to traditional design. It is represented in the collections of the King and Queen of Sweden, the Emperor of Japan, the President of West Germany, the Mayor of Chongging, China, Microsoft, Walt Disney World, Knott’s Berry Farm and numerous private collections. See his website www.davidboxley.com for an extensive biography and samples of his work.

Eating Around: Bistro By Night

by Barrie Gustin, Contributing Writer

Nope—it’s not fly-by-night but Bistro By Night. My husband and I recently tried this small restaurant in Port Gamble and were delighted!

The Tea Room at Port Gamble becomes a bistro serving a well-rounded menu along with beer or wine on Friday and Saturday evenings. Chef Walter Santschi changes the menu every week or so and the offering is a prix fixe menu of three courses for \$19. An amazing value! There is a choice of four or five beers and three or more red or white wines, all priced very reasonably.

The atmosphere is warm, cozy and homelike, with casual and friendly service. One of our servers was owner Janis Kelly, who told us that the Tea Room has been open for six years, with the Bistro opening in May.

The meals were nicely paced, well-presented and exceedingly tasty. There was a choice of salad, soup or Chef’s choice of appetizer for the first course. We had the anti-pasto appetizer which was replete with herbed olives and mozzarella, salamis, pickled fennel and endive. Diners at a nearby table, the friendly Jane and Vince from Shine, gave the tomato bisque with basil a thumbs up.

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There were five entrées to choose from. I had the chicken piccata and others tried the pork loin schnitzel, the beef medallions with a red wine demi-glace and the Cape Clear salmon. All of these were pronounced great. The dessert was a “Chef’s Choice” and we were surprised with a wonderful chocolate decadence cake.

I should note that Chef Walter Santschi is a well-known chef with international training and experience, who is also a Port Ludlow resident. Bistro By Night is open on Friday and Saturday nights from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Reservations are encouraged; space is limited. The website is, at the time of this writing, a little out of date but I was assured this will be remedied. Call to be sure of hours. If you haven’t tried the Tea Room for a lunch, it is well worth the visit.

Bistro By Night

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“Eating Around” wants to hear from you. Send us news on your favorite eating-places—or any places you’ve had a pleasant eating experience—within an hour’s drive from Port Ludlow. Send your comments, criticisms, conclusions and compliments to Bev Browne at brownew@bus.orst.edu. Note: we reserve the right to edit your contribution to fit our space requirements.

Gauguin Comes to Seattle

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

The weather is dull and grey in February. You can put some color back in your life by visiting Polynesia through the paintings of Paul Gauguin at the Seattle Art Museum (SAM). *Gauguin and Polynesia: An Elusive Paradise* opens on **Thursday, February 9**, and closes on **Wednesday, February 29**. Ticket prices are \$23 for adults, \$20 for seniors over 62 and \$18 for students, ages 13 to 17 years. There are price reductions on first Thursday and first Friday ticket prices. The exhibit is free for SAM members and children under 12. SAM Downtown is located at First Avenue and Union Street.

Paul Gauguin (June 1848 – May 1903) was born in Paris but spent his early childhood in Peru before returning to France. He attended local schools and eventually became a middle class stockbroker at the Bourse. In 1873 he married Danish Mette Sophie Gad with whom he had five children. The marriage was an unhappy one and ended after 11 years.

During these years Gauguin increasingly dabbled in painting and became acquainted with other artists including Camille Pissarro and Vincent van Gogh, with whom he painted in Arles. In 1891 he set sail for

Polynesia to escape everything that was artificial and conventional in European society. He spent the rest of his life on Tahiti and the Marquesas Islands where he died penniless of complications from an unhealed injury, syphilis and an overdose of morphine.



Gauguin’s “Tahitian Women on the Beach.”

Courtesy photo

Gauguin’s paintings from Polynesia are the highpoint of his work. In them he mixed Christian, Maori and visual vocabularies to produce unique effects that separate him from other painters of his time. This showing of his work includes 50 painting and sculptures by the post-impressionist artist and 60 other pieces from Polynesia. It has been in the planning process for several years and will only occur in Seattle.

Persons who buy tickets online may be eligible for special discounts from participating retailers, restaurants and cultural institutions. Look for a Special Offers section on the *Gauguin and Polynesia* website to view offers. There are also discounts for persons who buy blocks of tickets. E-mail groups@seattleartmuseum.org or call 206-344-5260 for more information.

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Local News

WSDOT Disagrees with IMQ Road Studies

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has conveyed its findings to Jefferson County after completing its review of the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Traffic Impact Analysis and supplemental gap study. WSDOT concludes that the proposed quarry would have a significant adverse traffic impact on SR 104 that must be mitigated by IMQ.

SR 104, the primary highway link connecting the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas, averages 13,000 vehicles per day in the vicinity of the access at Shine Quarry Road. At this location the highway has limited access to preserve the safety and efficiency of the route and preserve the public's investment in the highway. WSDOT concludes that level of service of the highway will be seriously degraded by additional truck traffic imposed by the mine. Furthermore, the traffic study did not analyze the impacts of a production rate of 400,000 tons per year, the rate identified in the pending State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) determination. The rate used in the study was 38 percent smaller.

The SEPA determination insists that "the applicant shall comply with WSDOT's access permit and conditions for the intersection of Shine Quarry Road/Rocktogo Road and SR104." To adequately mitigate the adverse impacts, IMQ must provide the following highway improvements:

- 100-foot eastbound SR 104 left turn lane plus taper.
- 684-foot eastbound SR 104 acceleration lane plus taper.
- 60-foot westbound SR 104 right turn pocket with 100 foot taper.
- Clearing and grading of the hillside to improve sight visibility to vehicles.
- A turnaround or cul-de-sac on Shine Quarry Road to accommodate vehicles that might turn into Shine Quarry Road.

The improvements must be constructed according to WSDOT standards and operational within one year after mining production starts.

WSDOT also took issue with the supplemental gap study that they called simplistic and inadequate saying "It does not account for the effect of wait time on drivers who may try to enter the highway before a large enough space between vehicles appears." The IMQ studies also ignore summer variations in truck/car traffic and the effect of

off-site generated trucks. WSDOT predicts an increase in crash involvement rate as trucks enter and leave the highway and attempt to adjust their speed.

The letter concludes that if IMQ proper improvements on SR104 are made, additional improvements on SR 19 will be unnecessary if production rates do not exceed 400,000 tons per year.

PLAL's Artist of the Month

Randy Radock, known for his block prints, is the February Port Ludlow Artists' League's (PLAL) Artist of the Month.

He will display an exhibit of his work at Columbia Bank throughout the month. Radock and his wife Sallie

retired here in the Northwest in 1998, taking up block carving and printing as a hobby. The hobby escalated into a passion and a new career was started.

Radock's block prints are inspired from nature, Native American art forms, and an outgrowth of the couple's travels to exotic places. Each piece is unique, individually hand inked with each print signed and numbered, part of a limited edition, never reproduced or computer generated. Radock prints on various materials, including tapa cloth, slate, papyrus and handmade papers. His prints have been published in arts and literary publications and displayed in Northwest galleries such as Northwind in Port Townsend, Lake Crescent Lodge in the Olympic National Park and here in the PLAL Gallery in the upper Village. Radock is pleased to have national and international collectors of his prints. His work can be seen on his website at www.randstarimages.com.

League members and Port Ludlow friends are invited to view Radock's exhibit at the First Friday Reception on **Friday, February 3**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the lobby of the bank on Oak Bay Road, and later from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the League's Gallery adjacent to the bank.



"Coastal Village," a print by Sallie Radock.
Provided photo

Take Control

by Maureen Poole

Misery loves company! I would love to have you join me in this new exercise program. I hate exercise, so if you are like me—please come. Starting **Thursday, February 2** and every Thursday morning following, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Bay Club, we will work our way through a DVD of an exercise program from the Arthritis Foundation of America.

I will lead this very low impact program, perfect for anyone suffering from loss of range of motion from a sedentary life style, a fall, arthritis or other causes. Done from a chair, or with the aid of a chair, and using a resistance cloth or large rubber band for some exercise, this is a perfect program for both men and women.

If you would like more information, please call me at 437-2165 or e-mail shipout@AOL.com. Free for Bay Club members, \$2 paid to receptionist for all others.

Beginning Computer Classes

The roster for the next Beginning Computer Classes, sponsored by the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) and held at the Bay Club, is being formed. These classes have been offered for 14 years as a community service by PLCC. Membership in PLCC is not a requirement.

The classes are suitable for beginners, for people contemplating a computer purchase and generally for people who wish to understand or brush up on the fundamentals of Windows XP/Vista and Windows 7, e-mail, letter writing and Internet browsing. It is also useful for people transitioning from Windows XP or Vista to Windows 7.

Registration is now open for this next series of classes that will begin on **Wednesday, February 29**, and continue for four consecutive Wednesdays, ending on **Wednesday, March 28**. Class hours are 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The fee is \$30 and includes an easy-to-use text. Over 800 of your neighbors have already attended this popular course that fills very rapidly. If you have interest or wish to register, call Bernie Kestler at 437-5102 for all the details.

Blood Drive Scheduled

Plan to give blood **Monday, February 6** at the Port Ludlow Community Church. Please call 1-800-398-7888 to arrange an appointment either between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information contact Sally Hirschmann 437-1377 or e-mail sjhirsch98365@yahoo.com.

Welcome to Port Ludlow

Have you recently moved to Port Ludlow? Are you wondering about how to get involved, how we are governed or just want to know how to find information about a special area of interest that you may have? Well, *PortLudlowToday.com* is sponsoring a Newcomers Orientation afternoon on **Wednesday, February 15**, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at The Inn At Port Ludlow. The coffee social is an effort to help make your transition to our community easier.

There will be a short presentation with flyers and brochures on the community's clubs and activities available for all attendees. If you are fairly new to Port Ludlow and have not yet been invited and would like to be included, please contact Dave Pike at davidleopike@gmail.com by Wednesday, **February 7** and let him know that you wish to attend.

If your club or organization has brochures that you would like to make available for this event, you are also encouraged to contact Dave to make necessary arrangements.

School Levy Ballots Due

The mail-in ballots for the Chimacum School System Capital Levy must be returned or postmarked by **Tuesday, February 14**. The levy will raise \$7.95 million to make needed repairs and upgrades to school facilities. Passage of the levy will make a significant dent in the \$18 million needed to complete all the identified repairs to the physical facilities.

The Superintendent of Schools has written a Feature Article explaining the targeted expenditures. (See his article on page 5 of this issue.)

Caucus to Select Nominees

Washington State will not have a presidential primary this year. To nominate presidential candidates, you must attend your assigned precinct's caucus on the appointed day and at the appointed time for 2012. More information is available through the Jefferson County Auditor's office, elections division, at 1820 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend. The phone number is 385-9117. You also can contact the Washington State Secretary of State at 360-902-4151.

If you are not yet registered to vote and are eligible, contact the County Auditor's office to obtain the necessary forms. Call your local Republican or Democrat parties to confirm the dates and specific location of your caucus.

Working Image Clothing Drive

by Robert Burns, Guest Writer

The Working Image Program (WI) is well known in Port Ludlow for its efforts in providing job-appropriate clothing to women in need, which assists them in attaining self-sufficiency by becoming gainfully employed. WI also provides clothing in cases of emergencies resulting from house fires, spousal abuse and other life altering calamities. All clothing and companion services are provided at no cost to the clients by a group of dedicated volunteers.

WI has moved recently to a new location, Mountain View Commons, a former elementary school in Port Townsend, which allows it to expand to serve a greater number of adult females and add teens as clients. This increase in clients creates a need for a selection of donated items in new or clean usable condition that may be added directly to inventory for immediate distribution. In addition to accepting all types of clothing, there is a special need for jewelry, shoes, purses, toiletries and cosmetics. Money is always welcome, especially for teenage clients.

A Port Ludlow Clothing Drive will be held **Thursday through Saturday, March 15 to 17** at the Bay Club during regular Club hours. Donations are tax deductible and a form will be available to document items donated.

As noted in an earlier *Voice* article, WI is applying to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to become an independent non-profit. Since 1999 WI has benefited from operating under the umbrella of non-profit organizations as Skookum Incorporated and Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP). Currently the Jefferson County Community Foundation is serving as the fiscal sponsor, while WI waits for its IRS designation. In preparation for becoming an independent non-profit, it moved to its new location, co-located with the Port Townsend Food Bank, YMCA and American Red Cross, all of which refer clients to WI.

In 2005 WI assisted approximately 100 clients. Since then, the number of clients has continued to increase yearly. In 2010 and 2011 WI served approximately 200 clients per year. The number of clients in 2012 is expected to increase again, partly due to the addition of teens, many of whom are still in school and homeless. Since its inception, more than 1,500 women have been helped by WI.

For questions regarding the Port Ludlow Clothing Drive, contact Robert Burns at 437-0451. For program information or to volunteer, call WI at 385-0300 or at info@workingimage.org. Donations may also be dropped off at 1925 Blaine Street in Port Townsend.

Estate Preservation Seminar

Don Skanchy, CEP, will present a two-hour seminar at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, February 22**, at 10:00 a.m. The seminar will focus on how to preserve your financial estate and wealth throughout retirement and transfer wealth to your children and beneficiaries. This free seminar is educational with no products being sold. It is open to the public and you are welcome to bring friends and loved ones. A complimentary lunch will be served. Seating is limited. For reservations call 1-888-344-6299 or 1-866-348-4551.

With over 20 years in the financial profession, Skanchy has gained a great wealth of knowledge and experience that he uses to help the retirement community in Washington. As a professional speaker and educator, he has given seminars and provided training in California, Utah, Colorado, Hawaii and Washington.

Described as the “American Dream” personified, Skanchy started life in a small village in Vietnam and was adopted by an American serviceman during the war. He came to this country in 1968 not speaking English, but with a heart full of gratitude and a will that has propelled him throughout his life and has made him a success.

Skanchy graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work and Military Sciences. He spent eight years in the U. S. Army as a Captain and in other leadership positions, following in the footsteps of his adopted father. Upon leaving the military, he joined the United California Estate Planning Company, specializing in after-retirement planning.

The Estate Preservation will address the following topics:

- Why a Living Trust may be more effective than a regular Will.
- *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* of 1996 (HIPAA) law and why your current Powers of Attorney may be obsolete.
- Deficits of putting children on your bank accounts, investments and titles to your properties.
- Reasons why traditional long-term care insurance may be a poor choice for you.
- Making life insurance and annuities pay for long-term care expenses tax-free.
- How the new ruling for Medicaid affects your planning for long-term care.
- The difference between various types of annuities and which are best for you.
- How to beat current bank CD rates and get 4 to 5 percent guaranteed return on your money.
- Why your IRA, 401(k), Voluntary Investment Plan (VIP) or Deferred Compensation Plan are time bombs for beneficiaries.

Players Recruiting Backstage Team

The Ludlow Village Players (LVP) outstanding cast of *Murdered To Death* are currently rehearsing several nights a week. Director Val Durling says, "I can hardly keep them in character, because they are laughing so hard."

It is not too late to get in on the fun. There are many opportunities to join LVP "behind the scenes" to perform important committee and management work. As of this writing, they still need a Production Manager and Publicity Coordinator. The Production Manager oversees and monitors the timelines, and assists when the need arises. The Publicity Coordinator manages the various areas concerning publicity. Committees that need more help are Lighting, Publicity, Make-up, Set Building, Set Décor and the House Staff. All the committees mentioned have chairs.

New to LVP's team this year are Costume Director Sally Silvera and Judy Danberg, who will coordinate the news media. David Bryant will lead the Set Building team with Jim Gormly and Ken Evans assisting. Dorothy Cox is chairing Set Decor. Nancy Kavanagh returns for Props and Phyllis Waldenberg is chairing Make-up with Lenetta Johnson assisting. Jane Navone is Acting Treasurer, taking care of ticket printing and sales. Kathie Peron-Matthews will ring doorbells and telephones. Penny Sanzaro is designing the posters/programs and Judy Thomas will serve as House Manager. Doug Hubbard will be Stage Manager, Rae Watkins will be Prompter. Vallery Durling is again directing with Janet Christensen assisting. Others floating backstage and troubleshooting during performances will be Carol Durbin, Diane Allen, Bill and Peggy Harju and Sonny Sanzaro.

Yes, folks, it takes a Village, so that no one job is overwhelmed. Get aboard and join the team. Performances are **Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31 and Sunday, April 1** at the Beach Club. Many of the jobs described here will only take a couple of weeks of your time. Any questions or for more information, contact Val Durling at 437-2861 or at rkd@waypoint.com.

Calling All Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts will celebrate their 100th birthday in March. Anyone who participated in Girl Scouting is invited to observe this special anniversary with fellow Scouts. The date is **Saturday, March 3**, 2:00 p.m. at Roz Greene's home. Look for additional details in the March *Voice*. For information or to R.S.V.P., call Roz Greene at 437-9870 or Nancy Green at 437-0548.

Village Phone Directory Solicits Corrections

by Tom Stone, PLVC Phone Directory Committee

I'm happy to report that I have received two corrections from non-affiliated residents for the new Port Ludlow Phone Directory. Several others have come in for those who are members of the Bay and Beach Clubs. Thank you for your information.

The new Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Phone Directory development is well underway, but we still have a way to go before completion. Thanks to the effort from the Beach Club, a revised or updated resident directory is already underway. The Bay Club has received at least 40 directory corrections or updates. These corrections keep Heather Ullmann busy and also keep the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) roster up to date.

Our research shows residents at about 170 addresses located in the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR) are not affiliated with either the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) or SBCA Clubs. These are properties in North Bay on Ebb Tide Court or Waterhouse Lane, Scott Court and Osprey Ridge Road. In South Bay, there are non-affiliated homes on South Bay Lane, Ludlow Bay Road, in Ludlow Bay Tracks or near the Golf Course on Dunbar and Muir Court, Cameron Drive, Dunsmuir Drive, Highland Drive or in the Highland Green Condos. If you reside in one of these properties, we recommend you look in the "Little Blue Book" Village Phone Directory for your listing or check with one of the Clubs.

If you are not listed and desire to be in the new Phone Directory, send an e-mail to me at tstone@q.com or drop off a note to the PLVC Phone Directory Committee at either the Bay or Beach Clubs. We need the following information: First and last names of residents (owners or renters), address, land line telephone number or up to two cell phone numbers and your e-mail address.

If you have a small business and would like to have a representative contact you about an advertisement in the Yellow Pages, contact Pete Tallerico at prtallerico@yahoo.com.

Frazzled Fur

Do you have a worn, poorly styled or fitting fur that is taking up space in your closet? The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) will give you a tax-deductible receipt for it and Maureen Poole will transform it into a cuddly creature that you can bid on at the 2012 Silent Auction. Some real fur teddy bears sell for \$100 to \$500. To donate, contact Eline Lybarger at 437-7701.

Beach Walker Stewardship

Want to know more about our local watersheds, shorelines, beaches, shellfish and wildlife? To be a part-time University Extension student for one month (no credit, no pressure) and discuss natural resource topics with local and State experts, join a five-week Beach Walker Stewardship Class. Classes are **Tuesday and Fridays, March 6 through 30**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn why local water may be the most important wealth we have in this community. The cost is \$85 for the nine-class series.

Each spring, Washington State University (WSU) Jefferson County Extension presents a series of nine Beach Watcher classes and field trips to educate residents about water, local watersheds and our human interactions and impacts. This is your chance to participate in a high-quality, science-based, fun learning opportunity with people who share your interest in natural resources and the outdoors. In return, participants are expected to volunteer 85 hours in local projects or continuing education of their choice.

If you need to miss one or two classes, flexibility can be provided. Class location is the Madrona Room at the WSU Extension office in Port Hadlock. Part of the format is lecture and discussion with experts; the rest consists of leader-led field trips to local forests, streams and shorelines.

Class topics include: Overview of the science, biology and geology of our local watersheds; forests, streams and rivers – the local salmon connection; nearshore, shorelines and estuaries; wetlands; coastal geology, natural processes; shellfish; toxics, stormwater; septic; local watershed issues – Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 17, SMP and instream flow rule.

Many of your Port Ludlow neighbors have taken the classes and volunteered for community outreach, education and science-based projects such as salmon monitoring, creosote log inventories, plastics monitoring, Olympia oyster restoration, eel grass protection, education at fairs and schools, pet waste education, planting trees along streams, restoring native plants to estuary areas and helping with Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) projects.

Beach Watchers come from all walks of life and bring a rich cross-section of backgrounds, experiences, service and talents. All County Beach Watcher programs follow the identical Beach Watcher model and have consistent training materials, but each County develops its unique projects and volunteer involvement dependent on community needs, interests, partners and opportunities. Beach Watchers are dedicated to protecting and preserving the fragile environment of Puget Sound through research, education, public awareness and example.

Join us! Come learn more about the local area and volunteering to preserve healthy waters in our region. Call Mary at WSU, 379-5610, ext. 230, to register or for additional information.

Premature Factulation

Did you know that getting people to believe things that are not true is easy once you know the techniques? Did you know that common sense is vastly overrated and that wishful thinking is so powerful, it can prevent you from recognizing your own son? Did you know that your subconscious makes most of your decisions for you?

These provocative questions and many more will be addressed at the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) “Live and Learn” lecture on **Thursday, March 29** when Professor Philip Hansten of the University of Washington speaks at the Bay Club. He will speak from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and will explain how “premature factulation” impacts all of us.

The tendency to make pronouncements with great confidence comes from what Dr. Hansten calls certainty traps. He will walk us through these traps and point out how we may avoid them.

Dr. Hansten will address the central question of why the gap between what people know and what they think they know is so large. He says we are all guilty of the tendency to come to conclusions without proper study and contemplation.

Particularly in this election year when we make decisions about whom to vote for, we will need sharp tools to discern the truth of the many misleading messages we will hear.

Dr. Hansten’s fascinating book *Premature Factulation – The Ignorance of Certainty and the Ghost of Montaigne* will be on sale at the lecture.

Sign up at the Bay or Beach Club, on-line at ceainfo.org, or by calling Karen Griffith at 360-215-4038.

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Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics December 2011

Alarms

Fire	3
False Alarm	4
Rescue/Emergency Medical	34
Service Call	8
Good Intent	7
Hazardous Conditions	3
Total Alarms	59

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	5
Harrison Medical Center	10
Harrison Silverdale	4
Olympic Memorial	1
Total Transports	20

Mutual/Automatic Aid with Neighboring Districts

Provided	3
Received	1
Total Mutual Aid	4

- All metal ladders should have slip-resistant feet.
- Metal ladders conduct electricity. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder in the vicinity of power lines or electrical equipment. Do not let a ladder made from any material come in contact with live electric wires.
- Be sure all locks on extension ladders are properly engaged.
- Check to see that the ground under the ladder is level and firm. Large flat wooden boards braced under the ladder can level a ladder on uneven ground or soft ground. A good practice is to have a helper hold the bottom of the ladder.
- Do not place a ladder in front of a door that is not locked, blocked or guarded.
- Keep your body centered between the rails of the ladder at all times. Do not lean.
- Follow the use instruction labels on ladders.

Should you need assistance with your smoke detector or similar issue, contact our main station at 7650 Oak Bay Road to schedule one of our firefighter crews to come assist you. The phone number is 437-2236.

Use Ladders Safely

by Brad Martin, Interim Fire Chief

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLFR) has received an increasing number of inquiries about smoke detectors, ranging from installation requests to inspections to battery replacements. PLFR is happy to come to your homes and assist you. However, if residents choose to take care of these issues themselves, the following are safety tips to prevent ladder injuries. To find these and other tips, go to the Consumer Products Safety Commission website www.cpsc.gov.

Each year more than 164,000 ladder-related injuries occur in the U.S. which are treated in Emergency Rooms (ERs). The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) offers the following safety precautions to help prevent these injuries.

- The weight of the user plus materials your ladder is supporting should not exceed its maximum load rating. There should only be one person on the ladder at one time.
- Do not use a ladder for any purpose other than that for which it was intended.
- Do not step on the top step, bucket shelf, or attempt to climb or stand on the rear section of a stepladder.
- Never leave a raised ladder unattended. Use a ladder that is the proper length for the job, a minimum of three feet extending over the roofline or working surface. Do not stand on the three top rungs of a straight, single or extension ladder.
- Straight, single or extension ladders should be set up at about a 75-degree angle.

PLFR's Fiscal Efficiency

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

In this era of tight budgets, you want to know your money is spent with care. Is Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR, a.k.a. Jefferson County Fire District #3) doing its part? Currently PLFR consists of five elected Fire Commissioners, an Interim Fire Chief, one full- and one part-time Administrative Assistant, twelve full-time Fire Fighters (nine are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), three are more highly trained Paramedics) and a cadre of volunteers. While they are a lot like a family, each with a different role to play and all with their own, sometimes strong, opinions, as Commissioner Gene Carmody puts it, "When the bell rings, everybody's there working together."

An example of one way that PLFR works together is toward the guiding principle of fiscal efficiency. At the Commissioners' December meeting, Interim Fire Chief Brad Martin catalogued some creative ways the department is curbing costs and raising revenue. For example, they've purchased a "test bench" to certify self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment. The next nearest testing facility is in Oregon, so having their own bench and trained personnel saves high shipping costs, minimizes equipment downtime, and PLFR will for a fee offer this service to neighboring districts to certify like equipment. Always proactive, Martin exercised due diligence by first discussing this idea with PLFR's insurance company and counsel to ensure liability issues were controlled.

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Additional cost controls were achieved when PLFR signed a unique multi-year contract for hose and ladder testing just prior to the certifying company raising their rates. Ongoing training is essential, but can be costly, so PLFR is utilizing free online “streaming” of some classes and for other training, group rates have been coordinated to reduce the per person cost by more than half. Fuel costs were a major concern, so employees looked into installing an on-site diesel tank. This will reduce the cost per gallon of fuel, save fuel that would be expended traveling several thousand miles per year to and from retail fueling stations, reduce wear and tear on trucks and save hundreds of hours of employee time.

To increase revenue, a storeroom was cleaned out and unusable or surplus items were sold for scrap or recycled. The nationally known firm EF Recovery was hired to recoup insurance payments from responding to car accidents. For example, if an EMT tears his uniform at an accident, insurance companies should cover replacement costs but often payments are delayed. For a small percentage, EF Recovery coordinates with and keeps at these companies to ensure funds are remitted in a timely fashion.

“It all adds up and it sees you through,” Carmody notes. “We’re doing okay but a lot of fire districts are in rough shape right now and having to make tough decisions.” Though no one has a crystal ball, he believes past planning will ensure sustainability for the next three years. Farther into the future, everyone at PLFR will continue to work together to carefully manage revenue and always control expenses.

Zumba Class Changes Location

Zumba has moved from the Beach Club to a new location at the Port Ludlow Conference Center. If after only a month, you’ve already eased up on those New Year’s resolutions, it’s not too late to take another positive step by joining a lively, fun group of women (even an occasional man) to Zumba, the new Latin dance-exercise craze.

The three-times-weekly Zumba Gold class, slower paced than the normal Zumba, is for everyone, regardless of physical limitations. Zumba-mates range in age from 38 to 91! The group meets at the Conference Center from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The very patient Sheri Fernandes, a licensed Zumba instructor, teaches the class. Cards, good for 10 sessions, are available for \$60 or pay \$7 fee each session. For more information, contact sherifernandes@hotmail.com or call her at 360-774-6787. Ditch the workout, join the Zumba Party!

Sheriff’s Report

In December there were a total of 41 recorded Port Ludlow incidents known to the Sheriff’s Office. There were 511 events countywide. The perimeters of Port Ludlow are State Route 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road and Olympus Boulevard.

Agency Assist	2
Alarm or Incomplete 9-1-1 Call	7
Animal Control	3
Assaults	4
Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc.)	1
Found Property	1
Miscellaneous/Informational	4
Patrol Requests	3
Theft/Burglary	8
Traffic Incident/Complaint	3
Traffic Violations	1
Warrant Arrest	1
Welfare Check	2

Let’s keep our neighborhoods safe. Contact the Sheriff’s Office if you notice any suspicious activity and call 9-1-1 in an emergency.



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Community Meetings

Dine and Discover



Navy Commander (Ret.) Darlene Iskra, the first woman to command a U.S. Navy ship.

Courtesy photo

On **Monday, February 6**, 5:30 p.m. at the Beach Club, see and hear a presentation by Navy Commander (Ret.) Darlene Iskra, the first woman to command a U.S. Navy ship, the USS *Opportune* ARS-41, which she took to war during Desert

Storm in January 1991. CDR Iskra was also one of the first female diving officers and much of her presentation will center on the first Navy women to accomplish this difficult feat. She holds an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Maryland. In 2008, she was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. She retired from the Navy in April 2000, after 21 years of service. Sign up at the Beach Club to bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 people.

On **Monday, March 5**, 5:30 p.m. at the Bay Club, experience the adventures of Elsie Hulsizer as she shares the stories of her quest to find the authentic spirit of Southeast Alaska. In May 2006 Hulsizer and her husband began a three-summer adventure in their 44-foot sailboat, cruising what many consider to be this country's last frontier, delving deeper into the characters, culture and abundant natural wonders of that amazing region.

Hulsizer's slideshow will take us off the beaten path to see calving glaciers, bears feeding along the shoreline, small coastal fishing villages and vibrant native communities. Author of *Glaciers, Bears and Totems: Sailing in search of the Real Southeast Alaska*, Hulsizer is an environmental professional with a degree in oceanography and a certificate in fine art photography. She serves on the Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners and on the Board for Seattle's Center for Wooden Boats. Author Wendy Hinman, daughter of Port Ludlow's Judy Stahl, will introduce Hulsizer. Hinman, herself an adventurer, sailed a 31-foot boat 34,000 miles with her husband to 19 countries. Sign up at the Bay Club to bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 people.

For both events, remember your own complete table settings; placemats, dishes, glasses, utensils, napkins and

favorite beverage. A \$2 per person fee will be collected at the door. For answers to your questions, call Hilda and Michael Cahn at 437-8223.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Go over and join everyone at the next First Wednesday of the Month Luncheon, **Wednesday, February 1**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. These luncheons were started back in 1978 to raise money for the Food Bank but they have grown into so much more. They are a great opportunity for you to socialize with your friends, to meet and welcome new members of our community, to be entertained and educated, and to help supply the Tri Area Food Bank. The monthly Food Committee provides the meal. Instead of paying for your lunch, you are asked to make a donation to the Food Bank.

This month the following donations for the Food Bank are requested: body hygiene items, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and food items such as ketchup, mustard, salad dressings and canned stews. Cleaning and laundry soaps are always needed. Of course, your cash or checks are much appreciated.

After lunch, we will hear Karen Russell recounting about the History of Marrowstone Island. If you haven't already signed up, contact Fran Bodman at 437-5110.

The March luncheon will be **Wednesday, March 7** at the Beach Club.

Garden Club

The Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) will meet at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, February 8** at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ali Dyche of Jefferson County Master Gardeners. She will give a multi-part presentation on herbs—growing herbs in small spaces and harvesting and preserving herbs, primarily by drying.

The February meeting is a brown bag lunch, with beverages and desserts supplied by the month's hostesses. Non-members are welcome for a \$5 fee. Dues of \$20 for 2012 may still be paid at the door or mailed to PLGC, P.O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Membership provides free attendance at this meeting, a discount for the annual holiday shopping tour next November and an invitation to the members-only holiday tea in December.

Any questions related to this PLGC meeting may be directed to Kathleen Taylor at 360-301-6431.

What is GPS?

In today's fast-paced world, most of us have taken for granted those satellites in the sky that make up our Global Positioning System (GPS) in the United States. This system, while developed for defense purposes, provides a wide array of other benefits that directly impact us individually. While "Navigation Systems" are the most prevalent new tool available to us, there are many more applications that tap this new "GPS World."

If you want a glimpse of your future; if you ever wondered what geocaching was; if you want to exercise your brain in a fun and challenging way, join the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) on **Monday, February 13** at the Bay Club from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The Club guarantees that you will go home with a new perspective on GPS that will enlighten and perhaps challenge you in ways you never thought possible.

Upcoming PLCC Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Workshops scheduled in February:

- Office SIG is **Monday, February 6**, 10:30 a.m. – noon.
- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, February 20**, 10:30 a.m. – noon.
- Mac SIG is **Monday, February 20**, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Photography / Pro Show Gold SIG is **Monday, February 27**, 10:00 a.m. – noon.
- Women's Workshop is **Monday February 27**, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshops are held every Saturday morning, 11:00 a.m. to noon. All SIGs and workshops meet at the Bay Club and are for members only. For information about joining PLCC, contact Mary Ronen at 437-0268 or e-mail her at maryr@olympus.net.

Singles to Celebrate Valentine's Day

Singles, you will enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day with high tea at the Tea Room in Port Gamble. We will meet there on **Wednesday, February 15** at 1:00 p. m. to enjoy a high tea that is prepared especially for us. We will enjoy special sandwiches such as smoked salmon with caper spread, English cucumber with mint butter, Cotswold cheese with Roma tomatoes, one-half size scone with Devonshire cream, strawberry jam or lemon curd, tea cookie, truffle or fruit tart, fruit chocolate fondue and your choice of teas or French press coffee. The price will be \$20 including tax and gratuity.

Please call Peggy at 437-9935 no later than **Sunday, February 12** to make your reservation for this delightful gathering of friends to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Who Was That Masked Man?

For that matter, who was the Phantom; or the Man in the Iron Mask; or any of those other guys whose faces have been hidden from the public eye in history as well as literature? And what has that got to do with Port Ludlow?

Come to the Port Ludlow Artists' League (PLAL) meeting this February and find out! You will see an array of masks, beautiful or dramatic, serious or comedic, all done in answer to a challenge put forth by The Inn At Port Ludlow. The challenge to the PLAL members was to create masks in the Mardi Gras tradition, which will then be displayed at The Inn during the month of March. Over the years The Inn has partnered with the Artists' League in providing a venue for displaying the works of our local artists; and so, the League was quick to take the bait!

At the February meeting, the masks will be presented for the first time. Members and guests will vote on them for various categories such as funniest, most beautiful, best of show or other such dubious honors. As with past "challenges," the artists go all out, resulting in an amazing exhibition of ingenuity, talent and beauty. And the cookies are great too!

Guests are welcome to attend this monthly meeting, social time and program in the Bay Club on **Wednesday, February 15**, at 1:00 p.m. A guest fee of \$5 may be paid for an individual meeting, or dues of \$30 will provide a year of inspiring programs for art lovers and artists of all levels. More information can be obtained by contacting President Wanda Mawhinney at 437-9081 or by e-mail at mawhinneyw_w@msn.com.

Port Ludlow Hiking

Friday, February 10: Fort Flagler

This is an easy walk of six miles through the forest and beach at our local state park. Enjoy views of Port Townsend Bay, Rat Island and Admiralty Inlet. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. Drivers will need a Discovery Pass or pay a \$10 daily entry fee. Contact Bob or Jan Quick for information at 437-8126.

Friday, February 24: Troll Stroll

Explore what remains of the Troll Haven. Some of the trolls have gone to other locations but there are still some interesting sights to see on this easy walk past the Troll dens and along the beach on Discovery Bay. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information contact Soozie Darrow at 437-9208.

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Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.5-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. For information contact Barrie Gustin at 437-8025.

The Hiking Club is taking advantage of this year's extra day with a potluck brunch on **Wednesday, February 29**, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Beach Club. Members are asked to bring egg dishes, fruit, breads or coffee cakes as well as their own place settings. Further information will be sent to members by e-mail.

Knitwits Stitch Away

The knitting group called the "Knitwits" meets in the Gazebo Room at the Beach Club on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Despite the name, Knitwits is not restricted to knitters. It is a very congenial group that will offer help for those just learning, whether it is knitting or crocheting or other needlework.

If you are interested in needlework, go by and meet some of the other knitters and stitchers; no other invitation is necessary. Just stop at the Beach Club desk and ask where the Knitwits are!

Stamp and Paper Arts

The Stamp and Paper Arts Group will meet **Wednesday, February 15** from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Bay Club. Our guest demonstrator will be Teri Gunderson, a "Stampin' Up" consultant, who will conduct a "Stampin' Up" workshop that morning. With her guidance, participants will be making two cards appropriate for birthdays, celebrations or thinking of you, using stamps and new punches. There is no fee for the workshop or card supplies. Gunderson will be on hand after the workshop to take orders from the new 2012 Mini catalog, the Celebrations catalog and the current "Stampin' Up" yearly catalog. If you don't have a current catalog, there will be extra ones at the meeting. Please contact Barbara Emerson at waemerson_7@msn.com or 437-7800 if you will be participating in the Workshop, since card kits for your use need to be made up in advance.

The Oregon Coast Avid Stampers (ORCAS), our dispatching group, again sends their sincere thanks to this stamping group for our "wonderful card donations this year which totaled 4,058 cards, 575 of which were handmade." ORCAS has exceeded last year's total of 58,000 cards, but do not have a final count yet. The Stamp and Paper Arts Group would like to pass those thanks on to you, the Port Ludlow community, for your continued

support of our "Cards for the Troops" program. Even though many of our military personnel will be returning home, there is still a great need for cards for service personnel assigned to ships and other duty stations overseas. We will continue to make card shipments year round with collection boxes at both the Bay and Beach Clubs for your kind donations.

Port Ludlow Book Club

The Book Club will discuss *A Deadly Misunderstanding: A Congressman's Quest to Bridge the Muslim-Christian Divide* by Mark Siljander on **Tuesday, February 14**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club. Siljander is a former congressman from Michigan (1981-87) and a former Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations.

This is a compelling and approachable account of his discoveries of similarities between the Bible and the Qur'an while traveling to some of the most contentious places on this earth: Sahara, Libya, Sudan, Pakistan, Nepal and India, where he met with world leaders of varying faiths. His revelations also come from studying the original language of Jesus Christ and the Bible, Aramaic, and attempting to ally misunderstanding of words and concepts that have been misinterpreted through erroneous translations. His discoveries have led him to believe that the religious texts of the Muslim and Christian faiths are surprisingly compatible when studied in their original language.

This is fascinating reading for all who are interested in the seemingly divergent worlds of Islam and Christianity, the exploration of ancient texts, and how a bridge between people of differing faiths is a possibility and something that will benefit our lives and the welfare of future generations.

The book selection for March is *The Forest Lover* by Susan Vreeland. Everyone is welcome. For answers to your questions, call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

Out to Lunch Bunch

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) cordially invites you to join the Out to Lunch Bunch for a break from the winter doldrums. We will meet on **Wednesday, February 22** at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 3209 Northwest Randall Way in Silverdale at noon. Red Lobster has a wide variety of choices on their menu and will provide separate checks.

Reservations must be made by **Friday, February 17**. You may sign up in the activity books at either the Bay or Beach Club, by calling Roz Plorde at 437-5071 or on-line at www.ceainfo.org.

December Duplicate Bridge Winners

by Ian Feltham, Coordinator

December 5: Shirley Porter/Marge Wille, first; Doris and Ian Feltham, second; Nancy McGillis/Cindy Olberding, third.

December 12: Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, first; Mike Bloch/Sally Lynum-Lee, second; Dan and Soozie Darrow, third.

December 19: Marilyn Linrothe/Barbara Sexauer, first; Nancy McGillis/Cindy Olberding, second; Jan Ditmar/Lucy Stone, third.

December 26: Dan and Soozie Darrow, first; Shirley Porter /Dorothy Winter, second; Nancy McGillis/Ralph Stroy, third.

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Bridge Deck on Mondays from noon to 5:00 p.m. For information call Doris or Ian Feltham at 437-9196.



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Port Ludlow Village Council

December PLVC Meeting Highlights

Vice-president Tony Durham conducted the December meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) in the absence of the president. A quorum was declared.

Quarry Status: Tony Simpson provided an update of New Shine Quarry, a.k.a. Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ), developments that have an impact on the welfare of Port Ludlow residents. Transporting large amounts of products on Highway 104 and possibly through Port Ludlow streets as well as the noise, traffic, water, health issues and, by extension, property values in Port Ludlow are all matters of concern. Simpson said Jefferson County would not derive any tax or other direct financial benefit from the quarry.

Tony presented a Resolution to be sent to Jefferson County requesting that IMQ not be allowed to transport their product over Port Ludlow streets other than for local delivery. Following discussion the Council unanimously voted to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Tom Stone reviewed other IMQ related issues including three sample letters drafted by the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) SEPA (*State Environmental Policy Act*) Committee. Letters were developed for resident reference in drafting their own letters to the County. Letters can also be sent to County Agencies, County Commissioners, State Agencies and the State Highway Department after the December 28 deadline.

The Council delegated Tony Durham to work with Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) and South Bay Community Association (SBCA) to develop and sign a joint letter stating concerns on the mitigation recommendations for the quarry as published by Jefferson County's consultants.

Dave Armitage also gave an extensive report concerning the status of the mining in the Old Shine Quarry and what progress has been made with the Committee.

Teal Lake Lease: Community Development Committee Chair Larry Nobles reported that Olympic Property Group (OPG) sent a certified letter stating that the Teal Lake Lease expires on March 4, 2012 and will be renewed one year at a time. The Fly Fishermen have been notified. It was suggested that a letter from PLVC might be sent to State agencies.

Port Ludlow Village Council Meetings

General Meeting
Thursday, February 2
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 21
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club

www.plvc.org

Pope/DNR Land Exchange Update: Larry Nobles reported that he is waiting for to hear from Susan Trettevik, Olympic Region Manager for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the property designated DNR6. The County has not yet devised a plan concerning that forested area. Port Ludlow has some 400 acres of dedicated forest within the community, separate from the greenbelts.

Master Planned Resort (MPR) Document: Larry Nobles passed out a draft to the Board Members of a document concerning the MPR. (See related article on page 4 of this issue.)

PLVC January Meeting

The monthly general meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) took place on Thursday, January 5. Members present included Tony Durham, Ned Luce, Lois Ruggles, Vicki Tallerico and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld. Richard Grieve represented the South Bay Community Association (SCBA). The meeting was devoted to two topics: the County's treatment of the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMT) mining issue and efforts to improve the image of Port Ludlow.

IMQ: After the agenda was accepted and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Dave Armitage presented a review of the events and issues relating to the Iron Mountain Quarry, a.k.a. New Shine Quarry, issue. He addressed several questions to Stacie Hoskins, Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD), who was present to discuss the County's process in reaching a decision about mitigations. Questions included the timing of the public comment period, the group responsible for the decision, and the relationship of the Risk Pool to the County's decision.

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In her presentation Hoskins replied that the County felt it had a duty to complete the review as quickly as possible and that it didn't have the authority to extend the 14-day comment period. She said, "We thought we had to stick to the letter of the law."

As to the relationship between the Risk Pool and the County, Hoskins said the pool reimburses the lawyer and Reid Shockey, founder of Shockey Planning Group, for studies, but that the County is ultimately responsible for the decision. In cases of disagreement there is discussion. Comments sent to the DCD from the public will be reviewed. The County anticipates issuing a Determination of Mitigated Nonsignificance but had not yet done so at the time of the meeting.

When asked about monitoring of the mitigations, Hoskins said she was not willing to discuss the content of the application.

The public will not have additional comment time. However, all who commented will be informed of the decision and the County website will be updated.

Image of Port Ludlow: Tom Stone discussed the activities of the Committee charged with developing ways to improve the image of Port Ludlow. He described his Committee and the ideas it has produced. They included developing a promotional video, improving the Village store and the area around it and developing better signage. These projects are underway and involve various groups in the community. Stone also asked the Council for \$2,000 to replace tattered banners in the Village median. The Council was in general support of the concept. It will be discussed at the up-coming workshop.

Other: Tony Simpson proposed buying aerial photos of the mining area before the mine begins operation at a cost of \$750. These would be archived in the event that they would be useful in further legal actions.

Linda Haskins has volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee.

Information about the PLVC and Port Ludlow is available at www.plvc.org. Meeting agendas are posted on the PLVC website at least one day in advance of the meeting. The PLVC meets in the Bay Club on even numbered months and at the Beach Club on odd numbered months.

Announcements

The next General Meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) will be on **Thursday, February 2**, 3:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. The February Workshop Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21**, 3:00 p.m. also at the Bay Club.

PLVC Treasurer's Report

Don Thompson submitted the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) treasurer's report for December 2011 at the Thursday, January 5 meeting. He reported that the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) legal fund stood at \$7,699. Certificates of Deposit were \$10,926; the General Operating Account contains \$14,596 yielding \$25,522 in General Operating funds. The Council's income was \$3,749, \$3,684 of which was from Village Telephone Directory advertising sales. Commissions on the sales were \$567. Total expenditures were \$776.

PLVC Board Approves Committee Liaisons

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) rules require its Committees are to include at least one Board member. Not all of the current Committees meet that requirement. To reach compliance, the following Board Members have been assigned to be the liaison for the following Committees in 2012:

Archives: Art Zoloth

Bylaws: Laury Hunt

Communications: Art Zoloth

Disaster Preparedness: Pat Traci

Finance: Don Thompson

Friday Market: Vicki Tallerico

Maritime: Laury Hunt

Nominations/Procedures: Tony Durham, Elizabeth Van Zonneveld, Larry Nobles

Recycling: Jim Boyer

Trails/Natural Resources: Larry Nobles

Utilities: Lois Ruggles, Elizabeth Van Zonneveld

Voting Resident Database: Ned Luce

Wellness: Art Zoloth

Trails Report

by Larry Scott, Chair, Port Ludlow Trails Committee

2011 was a year of presentations and explanations to various community groups within our Port Ludlow family. Like all families, not every member of the family sees a particular issue in exactly the same perspective as another member; but despite these differences, our three major property-owning entities all approved, to one extent or another, the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails' requests to provide our community with additional trails on their specific land. Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC), Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and South Bay Community Association (SBCA) each have one or more new trails within their auspices. PLVC Trails

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The view from Estuary Trail near marker 20 at South Bay Lane.
Provided photo

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is happy to announce that the following new trails are now in place and open for your enjoyment:

- Camano Cut from the cul-de-sac to Lower Rainier.
- Cressey Cut from the cul-de-sac to Lower Rainier.
- Drew Cut from the cul-de-sac to the Around the Bay Trail.
- Dunsmuir Cut from the Around the Bay Trail to the cul-de-sac leading to Niblick's.
- Estuary Trail from the Around the Bay Trail near marker 20 at South Bay Lane.

In addition, as we have good weather and crew opportunities throughout 2012, we will be working on the following trails to add them to our community trail system:

- Talbot Trail.
- Beach Loop Trail.
- Olympic Terrace Loop Trail.
- Teal Lake Trail.

To accompany these new trails, we are working with PLA to create a new, and we hope improved, Trails of Port Ludlow map that incorporates the streets of Port Ludlow so hikers are able to navigate throughout our community and enjoy the ambiance, while staying as much as possible off Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads. A second, separate map is also under development to identify specific trails that may be appropriate for accommodating off-road non-motorized bicyclists.

As always, we do all this with our local community of volunteers. When you see them, give them a little "thanks" and if you want to help, just give me a shout at 437-9299.

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Village Activities Calendar

Most events are open to everyone in the community unless members-only is indicated, or unless obviously for special-interest groups

February

Wed., February 1

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon hears Karen Russell on History of Marrowstone Island, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, “Games People Play,” Beach Club

Thurs., February 2

9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Take Control with Low Impact Exercise, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Meeting, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club

Fri., February 3

Note: SBCA Meeting Changed to February 10 This Month
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists’ League First Friday Reception for Randy Radock, Columbia Bank
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists’ League First Friday Reception continue at Gallery adjacent to Bank

Sun., February 5

3:00 p.m., Kick-off 46th Annual Super Bowl Event, The Inn

Mon., February 6

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., LOA Meeting (members), Beach Club
9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Blood Drive, Community Church
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Foot Care, Beach Club
10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG (members), Bay Club
11:45 – 3:00 p.m., Blood Drive, Community Church
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Homeowner’s Meeting (members), Bay Club
5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dine and Discover hears Navy Commander (Ret.) Darlene Iskra, Beach Club

Tues., February 7

8:00 – 9:00 a.m., JCCC Coffee Talk, Resort At Port Ludlow
9:00 – 11:00 a.m., PLVC Trails Committee Meeting, Beach Club
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., South Bay Facilities Meeting, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Meeting, The Inn
Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., February 8

11:00 – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club brown bag lunch with Ali Dyche of Jefferson County Master Gardeners, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, “Games People Play,” Beach Club
7:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., February 9

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Take Control with Low Impact Exercise, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, North Bay Drainage District meeting, Beach Club
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., February 10

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Fort Flagler, Bridge Deck
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
9:30 a.m. – noon, SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Valentine’s Day Sale, Marina Office
10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club
8:00 p.m., Chocolate / Wine Tasting, The Inn

Sat., February 11

4:00 p.m., Chef Dan’s Cooking Class and Valentine’s Dinner for Couples, The Inn
6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Free Spirits Dinner Dance (members), Bay Club

Mon., February 13

3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Meeting, Bay Club
5:30 – 6:00 p.m., Computer Club Social Time, Bay Club
6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club general meeting with new perspective on Global Positioning System (GPS) Software, Bay Club

Tues., February 14

6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club discusses *A Deadly Misunderstanding: A Congressman’s Quest to Bridge the Muslim-Christian Divide* by Mark Siljander, Bay Club

Wed., February 15

10:00 a.m.–noon, Stamp and Paper Arts “Stampin’ Up” Workshop, Bay Club
10:30 a.m. – noon, South Bay Long-Range Planning meeting, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists’ League displays masks made by members at Monthly Meeting, Bay Club
1:00 p.m., Singles meet at the Tea Room in Port Gamble
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, “Games People Play,” Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., *PortLudlowToday.com* Newcomers Orientation and Coffee Social, The Inn

Thurs., February 16

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Take Control with Low Impact Exercise, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, Tatting, Bay Club

Fri., February 17

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., South Bay ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents *The Perfect Gentlemen in Salute to the 20th Century*, a humorous take on de-evolution of music, Bay Club, doors open for art show, seating and social at 7:00 p.m.

Sat., February 18

6:00 – 9:00 p.m., North Bay Potluck and Talent Show, Beach Club

Mon., February 20

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG (members), Bay Club
6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

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Tues., February 21

- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Bay Club
- 6:00 p.m., Mardi Gras multi-course dinner and showing of Artists' League masks, The Fireside
- 6:30 p.m., Readers' Theater, for location call 437-2861
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Fisher general meeting, Bay Club

Wed., February 22

- 10:00 a.m. – noon, Estate Preservation Seminar, Beach Club
- Noon, Out to Lunch Bunch with CEA at Red Lobster, Silverdale
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, "Games People Play," Bay Club

Thurs., February 23

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Take Control with Low Impact Exercise, Bay Club
- Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Board Meeting (members), Beach Club

Fri., February 24

- 8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Troll Stroll, Bridge Deck
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Mon., February 27

- 10:00 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Photography / Pro Show Gold SIG (members,) Bay Club
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., PLCC Women's Workshop, Bay Club

Wed., February 29

- Nomination Deadline for "Big John" Award, Beach Club
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., First of five PLCC Beginning Computer Classes, Bay Club
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, "Games People Play," Bay Club
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Hiking Club Meeting, Beach Club

Future Events

- Bayview Board Meeting, March 1
- Girl Scout 100th Birthday Celebration, March 3
- Dine and Discover hears Elsie Hulsizer on Alaska Adventure, March 5
- Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents a musitheatrical, *The History of Music*, with Buzz Brass, March 10
- Niners' Opening Social, March 15
- South Bay Village Presidents/SBCA Board Meeting, March 16
- Fidelitas Winery Winemaker Charlie Hoppes will host a "Winemaker Dinner," March 17
- CEA "Live and Learn" Lecture, "Premature Factulation," March 29
- Ludlow Village Players present *Murdered To Death*, March 30, 31 and April 1
- Spring Sock Hop, April 7
- Lady Niners Welcome Back Salad Potluck Luncheon, April 12
- Cavatappi Distribuzione's Noah Oldham presents Champagne Seminar and Blind Tasting, April 13
- Marina For Sale by Owner (FSBO) Boat Show and Marine Swap, April 14
- LMC Annual Meeting, April 21
- Port Ludlow Festival By The Bay, July 27, 28 and 29

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LMC December Board Highlights

by Vaughn Bradshaw, LMC Secretary

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held Thursday, December 22 in the Bay View Room of the Beach Club. The following are highlights of that meeting:

It was announced that the 2012 LMC Budget approved by the Board of Trustees was ratified at the December 22 special members' meeting called for that purpose.

Jim Milner was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Trustee Sharron Sherfick. In accordance with the LMC Bylaws, this appointment will extend until the next annual meeting in April 2012 when the position becomes open for election by the membership.

Trustee Elizabeth Van Zonneveld had been approved by the Board as interim Treasurer during Trustee Sherfick's leave of absence. With her resignation, Trustee Van Zonneveld was approved to continue as LMC Board Treasurer through the remainder of the Board year, ending in April 2012.

Jack Rikken was appointed to chair the Greenbelt Committee for the remainder of this Board year, through April 2012.

Draft 2 of an amendment to LMC Regulation V Appeals And Enforcement, intended to provide a more clear and concise process for appeals, was presented to the Board and accepted as a first reading. It was discussed at a Board workshop on January 12 for consideration of adoption into the Regulations at a subsequent Board meeting. The draft language can be viewed at the LMC website www.lmcbeachclub.com.

The Board approved a scope of work to correct code and safety deficiencies in the Beach Club electrical systems. The Board also decided to contract with a local electrical engineer to produce a schematic design for this work and approved \$6,200 for that purpose.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.

E-mail: PortLudlowLOA@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* online at the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 437-9201
E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net
Sign up for the *Navigators* online at the above address

Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for more
complete information

All LMC members are welcome.



The Board approved a scope of work to correct deficiencies in the site drainage around the Beach Club. These deficiencies have caused structural damage to the building which is being repaired.

The next business meeting of the LMC Board of Trustees was scheduled for Thursday, January 26, at 1:00 p.m.

On the Lookout for Spring

by Teddy Clark, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) President

In February we are often treated to a few mild sunny days that remind us of spring. Enjoy each of these beautiful days when they appear. When it feels spring-like, we think about working on our boats, practicing our golf drive, ordering from garden catalogs or getting in shape for hiking. Unfortunately the gray skies often return prior to the "real" spring. Don't be discouraged; this can be a great time to plan for spring and get involved so that we are ready to enjoy it when spring truly does arrive.

The LMC Board of Trustees, Committees, General Manager and staff are already planning for spring. After a brief "time off" for the holidays, work is back in full swing. Plans are already underway for the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, April 21** as we continue working on our Long Range Strategic Plan. There are many facets to keeping a smooth running community association. This work could not be accomplished without the able assistance of our Committees and clear communication

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between Committees, Trustees, General Manager and staff. It is great to see so many people working together.

We were sad to receive Sharron Sherfick's resignation as Trustee. She resigned for personal reasons, but says she will remain an active community member. Sherfick was a very effective Trustee and everyone who has worked with her will miss her clear and creative thinking. We were fortunate to have received an application from Jim Milner to fill the vacant position. He has many qualities that will lend themselves to being an effective board member. He most recently has been working on the Collaboration Team which has spent long hours prioritizing and developing the next steps regarding our recent facilities evaluation. When you met Jim Milner, please thank him for stepping forward to fill the vacant position on our Board of Trustees.

The Collaboration Team has now formed into three parallel teams: the first team continues as the Project Team, their charter defined as following through on the facilities evaluation to meet health, safety and code issues in our facilities. The second team is the Finance Team in conjunction with the Finance Committee, exploring possible sources of revenue for needs such as our electrical system. The third is the Communication Team, whose charter is to develop opportunities for community engagement and conversation. They have currently designed several possible venues to invite LMC members to join in. Their ideas will be shared with the Board and Committee chairs, and community members will receive information via e-mail and publications. Also, remember to check the Beach Club bulletin boards for dates and times of community events.

While you are out and about, keep an eye out for signs of spring, catch the spirit and get ready to join the conversation.

Long Range Strategic Plan Update

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members have been hearing about the Long Range Strategic Plan since May 2011, when the LMC Board of Trustees adopted the 2011-2012 goal of establishing a Long Range Strategic Plan for the management of LMC assets by **March 2012**. The plan with its progress is reported below:

1. A complete baseline assessment in order to maintain the current level of operation of the Beach Club, Bridge Deck and RV Park, following completion of a third party evaluation as recommended by the 2009 Long Range Planning Committee is done.

2. Utilizing the baseline assessment data above, evaluating available financial assets to sustain existing facilities and services into the future and analyzing the data and develop a strategic plan by November 2011 is nearly complete.
3. Defining available options based on the obtained data and the strategic plan by this February is underway.
4. Formalizing a report and presenting it to the membership at the **Saturday, April 21, 2012** Annual Members Meeting is underway.

For Goal No. 1, the LMC hired the Architectural firm of Lindberg & Smith in conjunction with Hunt Engineering Services, Ed Jonson and Associates and NTI Engineers to provide the third party evaluation. It was determined there are 53 repairs/improvements needed at the Beach Club, Bridge Deck building and RV Storage lots. That list was prioritized and categorized into 13 separate programs. The most urgent of the programs involve repairs to the Beach Club's electrical and drainage systems.

At the December Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved the scope of work for the schematic design phase for the electrical repairs and the scope of work to be used to request bids for the Beach Club's site drainage improvements.

With this year's Annual Membership meeting scheduled for **Saturday, April 21**, the Board, Committees, volunteers and staff are pushing hard to stay on task in order to meet all of the adopted goals by that date.

Talent Show and Potluck

Do you have a special talent? Of course you do! Sign up for our First Annual (for the last time) Talent Show. Can you sing, dance, tell jokes, do magic, juggle or play an instrument? We want you!

Before the show, there will be a make-your-own taco bar with all the trimmings. Bring your own tableware and a dish to share. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 18** at the Beach Club. The cost for this entertainment extravaganza, including wine, beer and soft drinks is \$5 per person. Call Fran Bodman at 437-5110 to sign up to participate in the Talent Show or for more information. ☎

Welcome North Bay Newcomers!

Mark Dankel
Brad and Dee Fisk

Keller Lane
Warbler Lane

Save the Date: Spring Sock Hop!

The rumors are true. The fabulous Village (By the Bay) People will be opening this year's Spring Sock Hop. Save the date for **Saturday, April 7**, at the Beach Club, 7:00 p.m. 'til the dancing ends. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided and you can bring anything else you'd like to drink.

Get out your poodle skirt, jeans or leather jacket and dress to impress. A DJ will spin the 50s and 60s tunes you grew up with. Contests and prizes are planned. You don't want to miss this event.

Tickets will be on sale at the Beach Club at \$15 each in advance. They will be \$20 at the door. This event benefits the Tri-Area Food Bank, so feel free to bring a food can or two if you wish. Further information is available from Steven Gross at 437-5110) or Ned Luce at 437-0191. See you later, alligator. ☺

Holiday Luncheon Recap

An enthusiastic 78 residents attended the North Bay Holiday Luncheon, catered by Port Townsend's Belmont Restaurant, in December. Those attendees voted for a return of the festivities next year. Thanks go to Peggy Schafran for her continued efforts in planning and coordinating this third consecutive annual holiday event, taking the place of a Home Owner's Potluck for the month of December.

Thanks also to the attendees who contributed a total of \$92 to the Food Bank. It is greatly appreciated by the many in need in this difficult economy. More donations are needed. Please drop off some boxes of crackers the next time you visit the Bay or Beach Club, as the Food Bank has a continued shortage of crackers for those without kitchen facilities.

"Big John" Award

by Brian Belmont

The late John Van Zonneveld was an active volunteer in our community and a very noticeable presence with his energy, size and ideas. He was quick to meet people and share his thoughts and concerns. Van Zonneveld began volunteering at a young age in Holland during World War II when some of his family and many friends were involved with Dutch resistance efforts. He continued volunteering for the rest of his life.

Following Van Zonneveld's death, former Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Trustee Jim Boyer suggested a "Big John" Award be presented each year to a member of our community who exemplified the spirit of

volunteerism. The LMC Board of Trustees agreed and the "Big John" Award was established.

The first "Big John" Award was presented in 2010 to LMC member Peggy Schafran. In 2011 it was awarded to LMC member Ian Feltham.

In conjunction with the LMC Annual Member Meeting/Election in **April 2012**, the Board of Trustees will present the "Big John" Award for exceptional volunteerism for service to our community. This award commemorates Van Zonneveld's commitment to the Port Ludlow community and recognizes those who share that value.

Nominations are open to North Bay residents and should be delivered in writing to the LMC Board by **Wednesday, February 29**. For further information, contact the Beach Club at 437-9201 or e-mail beachclub@olympus.net.

This award may be presented each year, the recipient of which may or may not be an LMC member, for outstanding and dedicated volunteer service to the North Bay community. The LMC Board will consider prospects each year at its March meeting. Current Board members are ineligible. Recognition is in the form of a certificate and the placing of her/his name on a brass plate attached to the John Van Zonneveld "Big John" Award plaque in the Beach Club.

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SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.
Note Meeting Date Change

Visit <http://plsbca.org>
All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA Meeting Report

by Janet Force, South Bay Editor

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) President Pat Traci called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 6. Directors present were Tom Claudson, Richard Grieves, Sue Oemichen, Ken Thomas, Sharon Walker and Chris Whitehurst. Mike Morgan and Linda Colasurdo, Bay Club Staff; Mea Graham, Recording Secretary and 20 SBCA members were also in attendance.

After a quorum was determined, it was moved, seconded and passed (MSP) to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion to approve the December Board meeting minutes with no changes was also MSP. Financial highlights for November were reported by Whitehurst as follows:

Total Current Assets for the month were \$333,792.24 and Total Assets \$667,623.19. This is an increase of \$38,188.44 over last year's Total Assets. The Income Statement showed Total Revenues of \$13,254.40, Total Operating Expenses of \$36,874.35 and a Net Operating Surplus of \$48,360.53 for the fiscal year. (Note: The surplus is always high the first month of the quarter due to the majority of dues being paid during that month, while expenses are very consistent month to month.) The Maintenance Reserve is \$229,212.31, after an expenditure of \$604.29 to refinish the Wood Shop floor. The Renovation Fund is \$15,011.22 with no expenses. MSP to approve the November Financials.

Old Business:

A motion to revise the Event Ticket Policy giving the President authority to allow tickets sales for non-club events that benefit Port Ludlow was passed, 5/7. A joint Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC)/SBCA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The Village President/SBCA Board meeting was well attended; minutes will be posted. The next joint meeting will be **Friday, March 16** at 10:30 a.m.

A motion to approve the not-to-exceed quotation amount for counsel regarding Architectural Review Committee (ARC) questions presented for interpretation was MSP, 7/7.

Change of Meeting Notice:

The dates for February and March Board meetings have been changed to **Friday, February 10** at 9:30 a.m. and **Friday, March 9** at 10:30 a.m.

Executive Session:

The Board began Executive Session at 12:19 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues. The Executive Session adjourned at 1:14 p.m. at which time a motion to create a Human Resources Standing Committee with details to be established was MSP, 5/6.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

SBCA January Meeting Highlights

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Architectural Review (ARC): Linda Colasurdo reported on two applications for tree trimming.

Facilities Planning: Richard Grieves advised the current landscaping contract runs through August. A new plan is being developed and will include a still-to-be-determined theme; bids will be sought when complete. The Board thanked Bob Burns for his work. Burns felt much could be done without incurring expenses; he encouraged community involvement whether from Master Gardeners or those willing to dig holes. Messages may be left for him at the front desk of the Bay Club. The Reserve Fund Analysis completed by Bruce Schmitz was reviewed, professional Reserve Fund Analysts were being evaluated; a recommendation would be discussed at the February Board meeting. The next Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 31, 9:30 a.m.

Finance: Sharon Walker advised the Committee was seeking community input regarding cost-cutting and revenue-generating ideas. Messages may be sent to Ken Thomas at taktho@msn.com. A meeting schedule will be released at the February Board meeting.

Long Range Planning: Sherry Robinson advised meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 10:15 a.m.

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Upon request the Board unanimously voted to place the Committee's flowchart and minutes on the *plsbca.org* website. Two task teams have been formed to look at history and significant milestones, community assets and needs. A survey is being developed to seek input.

Operations: Mike Morgan noted membership remained constant. Two homes sold in December; eight properties were delinquent two quarters or more. The audit process is ongoing. Having been accepted to University of Washington, Evan Olson will only work two days a week. Minor repairs were done to the men's locker room plumbing. Morgan replaced the pool heater's o-ring, saving the Club a service call. The new front door system should be delivered within six weeks. Exercise room equipment maintenance is ongoing.

Other Meeting Highlights: The Board agreed that contracts will be dealt with by the appropriate Committee, then sent to Finance for review and finally to the Board for action.

Correspondence received/responded: five holiday bonus thank-you notes from staff; one from counsel regarding a \$2,000 cost estimate for ARC questions; one requesting audit information; and the copy of a letter to a village ARC. Four responses were sent to homeowners regarding letters forwarded to the ARC for consideration; two public comments regarding Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) were sent to the County. Kay Cathcart spoke on being a Firewise Community; it requires a five-year plan and \$2 per household contribution.

Message from the SBCA Board

by Richard Grieves, Board Member

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Facilities Committee can truly be seen as a "nuts and bolts" organization. Its scope includes "the overall maintenance, repair and upgrades to the facility and grounds as is required to support the current and future activities of the members of the SBCA." Currently, the Committee is especially concerned with appearance and maintenance of landscaping surrounding the Bay Club.

The SBCA and this Committee are privileged to have among us Robert Burns, who has both a vision and a passion for landscaping improvements. As a member of the Committee, Bob has spearheaded a systematic analysis of where we are today and where attention is needed. His approach is to recognize that, as with all aspects of

facility maintenance, landscaping can and will age to the point of requiring "repair" or replacement. His goal is to see that improvement is performed in as cost-effective a manner as possible. To that end, he envisions maintaining much of the vegetation already in the ground, although in some instances the location of plants may be changed.

The Committee will seek the input of SBCA members with respect to the landscaping theme considered most appropriate for our Club. This theme will impact the choice of flowers, shrubs and trees. And we do possess a "natural resource" that will be crucial to cost control—the master gardeners and other gardening enthusiasts who are SBCA members. Their involvement both in an advisory capacity and as volunteer workers will be an invaluable contribution. The Committee is looking to Buena to present a long-term planting plan, budget and funding recommendations for review and approval.

The Facilities Committee, chaired by David Reid, welcomes your suggestions with respect to landscaping or Club maintenance generally.

SBCA Members' Social

South Bay members are invited to the monthly social on **Friday, February 10**, at the Bay Club, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please bring a delicious appetizer to share; beverages are provided. 🍷

Just a Reminder...

Remember to save **Saturday, February 11** to celebrate Valentine's Day with Free Spirits. There is still time to sign up at the Bay Club for "Wine and Roses." Along with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m., and a delicious dinner with Cornish game hen at 7:00 p.m., Randy Bennett will provide music for dinner and dancing.

Members have been signing up since January 10; non-members started signing up Tuesday, January 31. The final day is **Tuesday, February 7**. The cost for members is \$22; for non-members, \$29.

Be a part of an evening to remember!

New Members in South Bay

Please welcome the following new members:

Joana King-James	Timberton Village
Jeff and Janet Swanson	Teal Lake Village

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 Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at bevrothenborg@broadstripe.net by the 10th of the preceding month.

20th Century Music in Perfect Harmony

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer



The Perfect Gentlemen, winners of "Best A Cappella Vocal Group" in the 2002 National Harmony Sweepstakes.

Provided photo

The Perfect Gentlemen have performed since 1998, entertaining audiences across the U.S., in the United Kingdom, and in Brazil with Jazz Festival 2006, and have headlined aboard cruise ships on Holland America. Now they're coming to Port Ludlow with their signature piece, *Salute to the 20th Century*, on **Friday, February 17, 8:00 p.m.**, at the Bay Club.

This performance showcases The Perfect Gentlemen's versatility, allowing for effortless shifts between vocal styles with ease, whether singing a cappella or accompanied by guitar or ukulele. *Salute to the 20th Century*, is a humorous take on the de-evolution of music over the last century, illustrated by their singing the same song in the style of barbershop, Dixieland, blues, big band, doo-wop, bluegrass, disco, techno punk and rap, complete with visuals.

Winning "Best A Cappella Vocal Group" in the U.S. in the National Harmony Sweepstakes in 2002, The Perfect Gentlemen also won the David Lichtman Award for Best Original Arrangement with its *Salute to the 20th Century*.

The four talented performers of The Perfect Gentlemen include second tenor Dan Jordan, a gold-medal-winning lead singer with *The New Tradition* of the Barbershop Harmony Society and bass Jim Campbell who anchors the group with low notes he expertly crafted as the long-time bass singer of the famous *Dapper Dances of Disneyland*. Baritone Tim Reeder brings to the mix his expert instrumental accompaniment on ukulele and tenor guitar and his composing talents from many years with the 30s-era vocal jazz group, *Vocalworks*. First tenor Phil Gold rounds out the group with high notes honed with quartets in the touring stage musicals *City of Angels* and *Forever Plaid*.

The Perfect Gentlemen have three recordings: *Beside Ourselves*, *Style!* and *Room Service*, along with a DVD, "Live!" in *Paradise*. Their singing voices can also be heard as belonging to ghostly miners on *Mystery Mine*, a thrill ride at Dollywood, to four animated bioluminescent fish in the films *Deepo's Undersea 3-D Wondershow* at the Georgia Aquarium and *A Fish Story* at the Aquarium of the Pacific and on a GameStop commercial. Television appearances include *Gilmore Girls*, the *ESPY Awards* and *Gene Simmons Family Jewels*.

Preserving America's great vocal sounds from a time when music was music, The Perfect Gentlemen's perfect blend of harmony and humor harks back to vaudeville with the close harmonies of such legendary groups as The Ink Spots and Pied Pipers, and the era's comic songs made famous by the likes of Louis Jordan and The Hoosier Hotshots.

The performance is at 8:00 p.m. with the Great Room open at 7:00 p.m. for seat selection, wine or cider, visiting and enjoying the display of hand-painted floor cloths, acrylics and colored pencil drawings by Jeanne Joseph. She spent 20 years in graphic design, owning her own design and advertising agency. After moving to Port Ludlow, Joseph

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started painting canvas floor cloths. She has now found branching out in other media is a fun and enriching experience encompassing a host of possibilities through experimentation. For the present, focusing on floor cloths, acrylics and colored pencil drawings reflects her personal path to pleasure in a range of original pieces.

Tickets are \$24 and are available at the Bay Club. You can still save \$2 per ticket by purchasing a six-ticket Flex Pass at \$132. The pass can be exchanged in advance for any of the three remaining concerts in the series—all for one or for several. To hear excerpts from *The Perfect Gentlemen* repertoire or to order tickets by credit card via the link to Brown Paper Tickets, go to www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Prior to the concert *The Fireside* at The Inn is offering a Pre-Concert Performing Arts Supper at 5:00 p.m. Chef Dan will serve a three-course dinner at \$21 featuring Yukon Gold potato and leek soup, Berkshire pork loin pan-seared with sage jus, roasted fingerlings, haricots verts in a creamy bacon vinaigrette, topped off with a dessert of chocolate decadence with raspberry coulis. Reservations are essential, so please call 437-7412 to be assured of a table.

The Arts Council is the recipient of a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission that helps cover the expense of bringing this Los Angeles-based performing group to our venue.

Port Gamble Theater's Inaugural Season

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

The wind was whipping up white caps on the bay, intrepid kayakers were paddling their boats and a tour bus was dropping off folks at the General Store on the day that I met Scott Snively, Artistic Director of the Port Gamble Theater Company, for a tour of the historic building built in 1905. Out of use since 1956, it will once again resonate with the sounds of actors treading the boards. As we climbed the stairs to the second floor above the post office, the stories in that old building seemed to come out of the walls. For 50 years mill workers, loggers and their families used it as a community center for dances, movies and, perhaps, vaudeville entertainment. The acoustics are superb.

Snively, a Bank of America branch manager by day, has been a performer for 30 years. With Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Theater Arts, he was associated with the Roving Players at the Indianola Clubhouse and later in an elementary school in Kingston. The last venue entailed building a set for their week-end performances, tearing it down Sunday night, carting it all across the street to storage and repeating the process the next weekend. No wonder they love having this permanent home.



The recently restored historic Port Gamble Theater, originally built in 1905, was the center of life for mill workers and their families.

Provided photo

The season begins on **Friday, March 2** with performances of Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor*, a comedy with music. It is set in Russia during the 19th century and written in the style of a Chekhovian comedy. *Anne of Green Gables* will be performed beginning **Friday, June 15**. Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert, siblings in their 50s who live together at Green Gable, their Avonlea farmhouse, decide to adopt a boy from the orphan asylum to help Matthew run the farm. The orphanage sends Anne instead. Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night* opens on **Friday September 7**. The inaugural season ends in **December** with *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* that tells the story of six delinquent children. They attend church for the first time after hearing that the church offers snacks. Despite protests, they are given roles in the Sunday school's Christmas play. Each play will run for three consecutive weekends.

Prices are reasonable: a season ticket for all four plays is \$50 for adults, \$45 for seniors (65 plus) and children. Individual tickets are \$15. The website is www.PortGambleTheater.com; phone number 360-977-7135. Season brochures are available at both the Bay and Beach Clubs and at Mike's Mail and More Post Office.

PTCO's Winter Concert

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra (PTCO) continues its season with a program of early and late music from the Romantic Period music on **Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.**, in the Chimacum High School Auditorium. A pre-concert lecture by conductor Dewey Ehling will be given at 6:45 p.m.

Highlighting the program will be a performance of Carl Maria von Weber's *Concerto for Bassoon in F Major* with soloist Hollie Kaufman. Kaufman, PTCO's principal bassoonist, was Associate Conductor of the Dallas

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Civic Orchestra, member of the Chicago Civic Orchestra and Associate Conductor of the Lyric Opera School of Chicago prior to moving to the Olympic Peninsula.

In addition, PTCO will perform the popular overture to *Der Freischütz*, von Weber's early 19th Century German opera. Closing the concert will be *Symphony in E Major* by Sir Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert & Sullivan fame.

PTCO concerts are presented free to the public. The orchestra relies solely on contributions from local citizens and businesses. In addition to gratefully receiving donations at the performance, PTCO is holding a food drive to benefit the local food bank. Canned and packaged items will be accepted the night of the performance. Everyone is cordially invited to attend!

Award-Winning Local Theater

Indulge your passions at Key City Public Theatre (KCPT) through high-level artistry and evocative performances at an award-winning local theater. With a 2012 season ticket you will find something of enjoyment at every production.

KCPT's commitment to developing works by emerging local playwrights continues from **Thursday, February 9 through Sunday, February 26** during the 16th annual Playwrights Festival. Sponsored by the Port Townsend Arts Commission, the winning one-acts receive world premiere full productions. Other events during the Festival include staged readings and three workshops of new full-length plays.

The season continues with *The Art of Dining* by Pulitzer Prize nominated Tina Howe from **Thursday, April 19 through Sunday, May 13**. *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris* is the next production when the Key City Cabaret celebrates the music of Jacques Brel from **Wednesday, June 27 through Sunday, July 15**. From **Friday, August 3 to Sunday, August 19**, Shakespeare in the Park will stage *Twelfth Night*. The world premiere adaptation of *Wozzeck*, a 19th century masterpiece, will be performed from **Thursday, October 4 to Sunday, October 28**. The season ends with the classic *This Wonderful Life* from **Thursday, November 29 until Sunday, December 23**.

Experiences beyond the plays include AfterWords, lively post-performance discussions with cast and artistic staff, preview performances and opening night galas. There is a wide range of price levels and packages available. Subscribe by phone at 379-0195 or on-line at www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

What's The Buzz?

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer

It's something totally different—a musitheatrical show, *The History of Music*, performed by award-winning Buzz Brass, **Saturday, March 10**, 8:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. This show takes you on a witty and spirited journey through space and time to the origins of contemporary music, featuring the main events that have influenced music of the Western civilization, from prehistory to the present. That's the Buzz! Let their powerful brass sounds lift you in a fun and highly original crescendo!

“Buzz,” a noun, is defined as excitement over novelty but it's also the sound produced by vibrating the lips regularly around their equilibrium position. The latest definition, however, is of a Quebec-based brass quintet consisting of two trumpets, a horn, trombone and bass trombone. These five musicians will perform a show that combines music and theater with the aid of a professional actor who impersonates the main character around which the music revolves.

The staging of the performance has been carefully designed to insure the most dynamic interaction between the artists and the audience. Entirely performed from memory, the score is perfectly integrated and features prominently in the show. From Bach to Stravinsky, from prehistoric musical horns to Beatles songs, this version of the *History of Music* is sure to make you all eyes and ears!

The Arts Council is pleased to be a recipient of grants from Macy's and Waste Connections that help fund bringing these outstanding musicians to Jefferson County to perform both a student-version at Chimacum School Auditorium for middle and senior high students on **Friday, March 9** as well as the adult musitheatrical show in Port Ludlow on **Saturday, March 10**.

The History of Music will be presented at 8:00 p.m., with the Great Room open at 7:00 p.m. for libations, visiting and enjoying the watercolor and ink renderings of local Port Ludlow scenes by Barbara Adams. Tickets are \$24 and can be purchased at the Bay Club or via the link to Brown Paper Tickets at www.portludlowartscouncil.com. You can save \$2 on each of six concert tickets with a \$132 Flex Pass, which can be exchanged in advance for Buzz Brass and the **Saturday, April 14** The Bills' concert—all for one or use for the two remaining series events. Remember that Flex Passes expire after The Bills concert.

Performing Arts Calendar

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, February 3 through February 12

Peggy has redecorated the living room and her husband can't stand it! Everything faces one wall, *The Fourth Wall*, which is really the audience. The fun includes some Cole Porter music, 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre, 360-697-3183, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Saturday, February 4

Innovative choreography creates a show that has critics in awe of the extraordinary precision, energy and stamina when TAO—The Art of the Drum comes to Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, February 4

"Love: Not Just for Lovers," literary readings in conjunction with Gallery Walk, 7:30 p.m., Cotton Building, Water and Madison streets, Port Townsend, free, sponsored by Port Townsend Arts Commission, 379-0195, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Saturday, February 4

A troupe of multi-talented performers entertains in an evening of totally improvised comedy and song when THE EDGE comes to Bainbridge Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Saturday, February 4

Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor* will be featured as well as some Mozart and Milhaud at the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra's concert at the High School Auditorium, 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal, 6:40 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, 360-457-5579, www.portangelessymphony.org.

Friday, February 10

Disney's award-winning TV show *Choo Choo Soul* will be at the Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, February 10 through February 26

Friends, lovers, gossip, scandal, clothes, divorce, shoes, babies, nails, amore when Clare Booth Luce's *The Women* comes to Bainbridge Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Pay-What-You-Can Preview on **Thursday, February 9**, 7:30 p.m. It's *Sex & The City* of the 1930s!

Tuesday, February 14

After an extravagant dinner prepared by the Admiral Theatre's first-rate catering staff, snuggle up and enjoy the romantic movie, *An Affair to Remember*, with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, Bremerton, dinner 5:30 p.m., movie 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, February 17

Voted "Best A Cappella Vocal Group" in the U.S. in the 2002 National Harmony Sweepstakes, The Perfect Gentlemen shift between vocal styles with ease, whether singing a cappella or accompanied by guitar or ukulele in *Salute to the 20th Century*, a humorous take on the de-evolution of music over the last century, Bay Club, 8:00 p.m. with doors open at 7:00 p.m. for seating, wine bar and display of Jeanne Joseph's hand-painted floor cloths, acrylics and colored pencil drawings, 437-2208, www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18

The Portable Reality Show is the Jewel Box Theatre's resident comedy improv troupe that keeps the audience laughing as it weaves stories, songs and full-length plays based on audience suggestions, Poulsbo, 8:00 p.m., 360-697-3183, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Sunday, February 19

Returning by popular demand, The Port Townsend Chamber Music Festival presents the Cypress String Quartet performing music by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Kevin Puts, 2:00 p.m., Joseph Wheeler Theater, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, 385-3102, ext. 110, www.centrum.org/chambermusic.

Sunday, February 19

When the New Shanghai Circus comes to the Admiral Theatre you'll see astonishing athletes defy gravity as fearless performers bring more than 2,000 years of Chinese circus traditions to the stage, Bremerton, 3:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Sunday, February 24 and 26

The Rawson Duo will present a program of George Gershwin classics at their Chimacum home featuring a rare violin and piano arrangement of *Rhapsody in Blue* along with other great hits such as selections from *An American in Paris*, *I Got Rhythm*, *The Man I Love* and many more, 2:00 p.m., tickets through advance paid reservation, e-mail rawsonduo@gmail.com or 379-3449. Further details at www.rawsonduo.com.

Saturday, February 25

For their Winter Concert, The Port Townsend Community Orchestra will feature concert music by opera composers, 7:30 p.m. with a pre-concert chat by Maestro Dewey Ehling, 6:40 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium, www.porttownsend-orchestra.org.

Saturday, February 25

Richard Marx has written 13 No. 1 songs and has sold over 30 million albums in his 20-year career. Hear him at Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday, February 26

With songs of love, the Seattle Women's Chorus will perform classics from the Great American Songbook, 3:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

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Port Ludlow Associates

Developer News

by Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates, President

Happy New Year! I hope 2012 is the best year ever for you and your family.

Port Ludlow Associates' (PLA) focus for 2012 is our Vision to "Be the Northwest's Best." Each PLA employee and broker, beginning at the interview process through orientation and training, is taught to live our mission and values each day. We believe that Mission/Vision/Values should not sit on the shelf. As a company we try to recognize those employees and brokers that go above and beyond in the course of their job. About two years ago we began the Mission/Vision/Value recognition program. Every month we publish two stories from those submitted to everyone at PLA. It is our way of acknowledging the wonderful employees we are lucky to work with every day. We are changing the program slightly in 2012.

As you find yourself in various PLA properties, take a second to look for the Mission/Vision/Value recognition plaques. In some of the monthly *Voice* articles, I will share our Mission/Vision/Value stories with you. We hope that you will recognize our employees and brokers as you see them at work or in the community.

We also take another one of our core values very seriously—stewardship. Our stewardship to our local lands is evident through our Built Green homes, Audubon certified Golf Course and designated clean Marina and Shore Stewards. We strive to be good neighbors to our community through donations to numerous local charitable and youth organizations. Our employees and brokers are also involved by donating food during the holiday season and throughout the year. We recently collected over 200 pounds of food to donate to the Tri-Area Food Bank. It was humbling to see the bare shelves when we dropped off the food, and we were thankful for our small part in helping families have a better holiday season.

I am often asked about what is the favorite part of my job. My response is the people! We have amazing employees and brokers. I am very excited to share their stories in the coming months. Let me know your thoughts. If you have questions, my direct line is 437-8342 or e-mail dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.

Resort News

by Debbie Wardrop, General Manager

This time of year is always filled with "flashbacks" for me. For many years, it was the time of anticipation of the "Big Game," the NFL's word for any "unofficial" event about the Super Bowl. From 1999 through 2007, my paycheck came from the National Football League (NFL), and no, I wasn't a "kicker." It was a lot of fun and very challenging to put on a little event each year for about 10,000 corporate guests. Yes, we have lots of stories as a result! So this year, come on over to The Inn on **Sunday, February 5**, as we celebrate the event. Chef's going to grill out on the Veranda, and we'll have some of our own games and a couple of big screen TVs, too. Wear your favorite team jersey; come casual and ready for some football!

We will have a very romantic, fun Weekend for all of the "Sweethearts" out there. Theo's Chocolate will be with us for a chocolate tasting on **Friday, February 10**, at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the chocolate tasting or \$25 for a combination chocolate and wine tasting.

On **Saturday, February 11**, at 4:00 p.m., join The Resort's Executive Chef Dan Ratigan for a cooking class for couples followed by a Valentine's dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. The dinner costs \$59 for the meal with wine pairings and \$39 without. The Fireside will also serve a special sweethearts' dinner on Valentine's Day, **Tuesday, February 14**.

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with a special, multi-course dinner **Tuesday February 21** at 6:00 p.m. in The Fireside. The Port Ludlow Artists' League will have The Inn decorated with their "masks"—part of this month's art challenge. Call 437-7412 for additional details and to make a reservation.

Happy Hour is every day, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with drink and food specials and a lighter atmosphere!

Sunday is Family-style Italian Night and Thursday is Chef's Night to create his special three-course meal of the week – join us, won't you?

Wine Wednesdays was launched January 4 at The Fireside, offering restaurant patrons the chance to enjoy specialty wine flights, glass pours matched with entrées and appetizers, with discounts on amazing wines from The

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Fireside's award-winning cellar. Look for deals on selections from Woodward Canyon, Ramey, Leonetti Cellar and more. The list changes weekly and selections vary.

And speaking of wine, Winemaker Charlie Hoppes of Fidelitas Winery will host a "Winemaker Dinner" at The Resort on **Saturday, March 17**. Hoppes and the Resort's Executive Chef Dan Ratigan will take guests on a culinary adventure with his cuisine, paired perfectly with the best Fidelitas has to offer. Make your reservations early for a weekend of world class wine and cuisine with two of Washington's best.

Although the Resort's New Year's Eve revelers may have had their fill of champagne, many out in the wine world think champagne should be enjoyed every day – not just on special occasions. To help guide us in our pursuit of all things bubbly, The Resort is pleased to welcome Noah Oldham of Cavatappi Distribuzione on **Friday, April 13**, for The Resort's "Inaugural Champagne Seminar and Blind Tasting." Oldham will take attendees on a palate-pleasing trip through various bottles of bubbly, while describing key elements of champagne's viniculture and history. Attendees should leave armed with a new appreciation for champagne's varied styles and the knowledge to shop for champagne with confidence. Oldham promises that the blind tasting will be fun and eye opening. That weekend will be a lot of fun, as the "Galloping Gourmet" will be back. Yes, Graham Kerr is going to cook with Chef Dan. Details to follow!

We welcome John L. Scott Realtors to the lobby of the Inn. Stop by to see their newest "digs" as we continue to create opportunities for visitors to learn about the advantages of living in Port Ludlow.

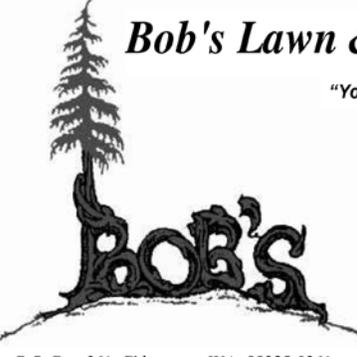
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Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

Congratulations to the Painter and Crouch families! They are the winners of our 16th Annual Holiday on the Docks boat decorating contest. MV *De Anza III* was lit up from bow to stern with multi-color lights. She was a great addition to "A Dock" over the holidays. SV *Slow Motion* looked absolutely stunning with a white Christmas tree on the bow with teddy bears and toys placed under the tree. They will both receive 50 percent off their January moorage fee.

Friday, February 10: Fourth Annual Valentine's Day Sale! Don't miss out on a chance to receive 100 percent off your favorite cruising guide for 2012. Stop by the Marina office between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. where we'll be serving coffee and cookies. Pick out a gift for your Valentine, pop a balloon and receive the discount inside.

Saturday, April 14: Fourth Annual For Sale by Owner (FSBO) Boat Show and Marine Swap!

Though it is only February, reservations are flowing in and our neighboring yacht clubs are plotting their 2012 cruises to Port Ludlow Marina:

Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, Milltown Sailing Association

Saturday, April 14, FSBO Boat Show

Saturday, May 12, Port Ludlow Yacht Club Opening Day

Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, Duwamish Yacht Club

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 25, 26 and 27, Poulsbo Yacht Club and Rob Rothe Rendezvous

Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, Nauticat Rendezvous

Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9 Port Madison Yacht Club

Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, Islander Rendezvous and CYC Edmonds

Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7, Everett Yacht Club

Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, Mainship Rendezvous and WSU Yacht Club

Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, Signature Yachts "All Fleet" Rendezvous

Saturday, August 4, Sloop Tavern Rendezvous

Friday and Saturday, August 10 and 11, Westsail Owners Association Rendezvous and Hunter Rendezvous

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 17, 18 and 19, Perry Design Rendezvous

Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25, Tug Huggers Rendezvous

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 31, September 1, 2 and 3, Edmonds Yacht Club

The Marina staff and I are looking forward to another successful season!

USCG Auxiliary Safety Checks

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary will conduct safety checks on your vessel. The checks take between 15 and 30 minutes. Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a USCG Auxiliary decal that informs the Coast Guard, USCG Auxiliary, Harbor Patrol, sheriff, police and other boating law-enforcement and safety agencies that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for that year. Best of all, every Vessel Safety Check is 100 percent free of charge!



*The decal awarded vessels passing the 2012 safety checks.
Courtesy photo*

If your boat does not pass, no citation will be issued at that time. Instead, you are provided a written report outlining how to correct any discrepancies. Vessel safety checks provide peace of mind that your boat meets Federal safety standards and that, in an emergency, you will have the necessary equipment on board to save lives and summon help. Additionally, you will avoid substantial fines should you ever be boarded by the U.S. Coast Guard or other law enforcement and found to be in violation.

In many cases, boating insurance agencies offer discounts for vessels that undergo a Vessel Safety Check every year. All prior-issued decals and safety checks are void on December 31 of the year they are inspected. They are also void should the operator/owner fail to maintain the vessel's equipment or the vessel itself to the compliance standard shown at the time of the safety check.

To find an examiner for a Vessel Safety Check, call Simeon Baldwin at 437-9100.

Tide and Timber

From the Desk of the D.O.G.

by Vito DeSantis, PGA Golf Professional

Being prepared on the Golf Course during cold days requires more than proper clothing. It's what you're not prepared for that can sideline you for a few days, weeks or even months! What can keep you from enjoying the game you love, you ask? It is muscle strains and pulls. Let the following little story be a lesson to you.

A few weeks ago, my two girls asked me if we could go play putt-putt and hit some golf balls at the local driving range near our house. As a golf professional, any time my five- and three-year-olds say they want to go play golf, I don't wait for them to ask again! Before they could change their minds, we were out the door with clubs in tow.

As we drove to the range, it was decided that we would hit the putt-putt course first so we could "warm up" with some putting. What I didn't realize was that this foreshadowed what was to take place approximately 30 minutes later.

After we zigzagged our way around the course, we were ready for some swings and traded our putters for a bucket of balls. My girls took their places on separate mats and started in on the bucket like presents on Christmas Day. Balls flew everywhere. It was total bliss until my 5-year-old turned to me and asked, "Dad, can you hit one for me?" I said, "Sure." Without a practice swing and more importantly a stretch, I stepped up and gave it a whack. As my club reached my left shoulder, I felt a muscle in my back clench like a fist. For the next week or so my back was a wreck.

It is very important to stretch a little before you head to the first tee. Rushing to the first tee with no warm up can have very harsh consequences. Take 10 extra minutes to hit the range and warm up. This doesn't mean taking out your driver and swinging for the fences. What I usually do is start with one of my shortest clubs and take very little swings, gradually increasing speed and then working up to my 3-wood or driver over 25 to 30 balls. Warming up on the range also allows you time to relax and plan your strategy that day. It's always better to start your round warm, relaxed and ready than to be standing on the third, fourth or even fifth tee and turning to your friends and saying "OK, now I am warm!"

News from the Lady Niners

Captain Kathy Traci has announced that the lady nine-hole golfers should note the following special events and schedule changes. Mark your calendars where appropriate.

Casual Golf for Niner Women: Co-Captain Linda Bloemeke has set up casual play days during the week. Foursomes will be decided by golf ball draws out of a hat. If you want to be on her e-mail list, contact her at lindab212@gmail.com. Remember to arrive 15 minutes before the first tee time for the ball drawing at the first tee.

Greens Committee: The committee will not meet in February. If you have concerns for the Greens Committee, e-mail Traci at tracipkt@aol.com.

Opening Social: Thursday, March 15, 5:00 p.m. at the Bay Club.

Welcome Back Salad Potluck Luncheon for new and experienced Niners will take place at Kathy Traci's home, 103 Twinsview Court, on **Thursday, April 12**. A map and flyer will be distributed at the social.

For Couples: At the Opening Social, there will be a sign-up sheet for couples interested in Saturday Afternoon Casual Golf, possibly a Scotch Doubles format, with no entry fee to play. More men are needed to play Couples Golf. The Couples Golf Chairs will discuss changes in the format for couples.

Social Members: Former Niner members, who want to join as social members, please contact Cynthia Durham, Membership Chair at afdurham@olyphen. Social members and their spouses may attend Niners' dinners and the banquet. Submit payment for the dinners at least 30 minutes prior to the start of play. Help with set-up is appreciated.

PLMGA Membership Drive Begins

by John Germain, President of PLMGA

Do you want to exercise your athletic talents on the Golf Course this coming season? It may be cold and wet now, but it is time to sign up for the 2012 season of the Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA). Highlights of the upcoming season look exciting and provide lots of opportunities for friendly competition in several different formats.

The cost this year is the same as in the past, \$50. If you want to participate in the Eclectic competition please add \$10 to your fee. Access the printed form on the Internet

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or ask at the Pro Shop. Complete the application form and send it in with your check.

PLMGA members get weekly competitions March through October, competition with other clubs, the PLMGA championship, Member/Member, Member/Guest and Mr. and Mrs. tournaments, exchanges with the Women's Golf Association (WGA), the President's Cup and Ludlow Cup competitions and kickoff and ending banquets. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at jgermain52@gmail.com or 206-295-6130.



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Fort Flagler State Park: Marrowstone Island. Hiking trails and beaches, World War II defenses. Tours are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. Check at the office for times.

Fort Worden State Park: Port Townsend. Beach access. Historic buildings. Centrum.

Gateway Visitor Center: Route 19, open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featuring photographs of early immigrants, books and travel information. For information or to volunteer, call 437-0120 or visit gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) Museum and Shop: 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, weekends, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maritime heritage and other exhibits. Admission: \$4 for adults, \$1 for children 3 to 12, JCHS members free. Call 385-1003.

JCHS First Friday Lecture: Friday, February 3, 7:00 p.m., Dan Magnuson, fishery biologist will speak about Hoover, Bonneville, Shasta and Grand Coulee Dams: The Great Depression, World War II and Fishery Resources. Port Townsend City Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, 7:00 p.m.

JCHS Research Center: 13692 Airport Cutoff Road, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: \$4 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 379-6673.

Northwest Maritime Center: 431 Water Street, Port Townsend. Tours are available. Pets not allowed in the building. Call 385-3628 for information.

Northwind Arts Center: 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, Thursday through Monday, noon to 5:00 p.m. "Pulp," a celebration of paper art continues through **Sunday, February 26.** Curated by former *Leader Arts* and Entertainment Editor Kathie Meyer, features several local and regional artists. Call 379-1086 or visit northwindarts.org.

Port Townsend Aero Museum: Jefferson County International Airport, 195 Airport Road, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for children 7-12 years old, free for children under 6. Exhibits feature vintage aircraft.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC): 200 Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park, natural history exhibit, marine exhibit by appointment only in winter. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for youths 6-17, PTMSC members free. Call 385-5582, e-mail info@ptmsc.org or visit www.ptmsc.org/planvisit for a schedule of events.

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum: Fort Worden State Park, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, JCHS members free. Harbor defenses in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Call 385-0373 or visit jchsmuseum.org.

Quilcene Fish Hatchery: 281 Fish Hatchery Road, Quilcene, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 360-765-3334.

Stephen Cunliffe Photography Exhibit

A large selection of the work of local nature photographer Stephen Cunliffe continues through the end of February at the upstairs gallery of The Wine Seller, 1010 Water Street in Port Townsend. The showing of Cunliffe's work opened in January.

Cunliffe says, "As a nature photographer, I am very fortunate to live on the Olympic Peninsula in the Pacific Northwest. I try to find intimate details in nature to communicate the beauty of the greater whole. I hope to capture the viewer's imagination, and maybe to prompt questions. The purpose of Admiralty Images is to turn my passion for nature photography into a financial contribution to local conservation organizations." Cunliffe donates a portion of his sales to the Jefferson Land Trust, in support of helping the community preserve open space, working lands and habitat forever.

Free Tax Prep Starts in February!

IRS-certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are available again this year at the Tri-Area Community Center to prepare and electronically file your tax returns. The service is free of charge. Tax-Aide volunteers will be there starting **Wednesday, February 1**, and continuing through the tax season in April. Appointments are available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the AARP Foundation sponsor the Tax-Aide program; however, you do not have to be an AARP member to benefit from this service. It is available for low-to-middle-income taxpayers of all ages.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are authorized to prepare most basic tax returns. They do not prepare returns for taxpayers that have income from rental properties or for taxpayers with complicated business returns.

Appointments Required: To make an appointment, contact the Tri-Area Community Center at 732-4822.

When you go for your Tax-Aide appointment, be sure to have with you:

- Photo ID and Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents.
- W-2 from each employer.

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- All 1099 forms, including 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-R, 1099-MISC, SSA-1099, 1099-G, etc.—these include interest, dividend, stock sale, retirement, self-employment, Social Security and unemployment compensation.
- Bank account ID numbers, if direct deposit of any refund is desired.
- Any other documents necessary to complete your return.
- Copy of 2010 tax return.

Working Image

by Bev Rothenborg, Contributing Writer



Working Image recently dedicated a room in its new facility to the late Arlene Burns in appreciation for her service.

Provided photo

Recently I attended the new Working Image (WI) facility and the dedication of rooms to two outstanding women—the late Arlene Burns and the late Sherry Grover. Both women were instrumental in making Working Image the successful operation it has become. Arlene of Port Ludlow served on the Board of Directors as her husband Bob Burns still does. A plaque reading, “Arlene Burns’ passion for the Working Image program continues to be an inspiration to us all,” hangs just inside the entrance.

WI is a boutique that provides appropriate clothing free of charge to individuals in need in order to promote confidence, gain employment and encourage self-sufficiency. The clients are referred by various community agencies and are served by appointment.

Last year, WI moved into rooms at Mountain View Commons, 1925 Blaine Street in Port Townsend. The location is directly across the hall from the Food Bank. This gives WI the extra bonus of being able to make clothes, not suitable for WI needs, available at no charge to clients arriving for food. It has been a popular service.

The space has been beautifully decorated in shades of lavender, purple and green. The Boeing Bluebills helped with the installation of racks; fixtures and furniture were donated by local businesses. Every part of the premises exhibits careful thought, planning and attention by the dedicated volunteers.

Many Port Ludlow women volunteer at WI as sorters of donated items or dressers assisting clients in choosing

a wardrobe. If you are interested in learning more, volunteering or visiting WI, go to the website info@WorkingImage.org or telephone 385-0300.

Jefferson Chamber Events

Monday Member Lunch Meetings: Noon to 1:00 p.m., Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, Port Townsend. Lunch served by Subway Sandwich, \$5 to \$8.

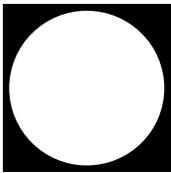
- **Monday, February 6**, Michele Jewett, Marketing Sense, will discuss working from passion, creating inspiration and engaging clients.
- **Monday, February 13**, Heather Dudley Nolette will present CoLab.
- **Monday, February 20**, No meeting, Federal Holiday.
- **Monday, February 27**, Keppie Keplinger, Public Information Officer, Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management.

Coffee Talks and Mixers:

- **Tuesday, February 7**, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Coffee Talk, Resort At Port Ludlow, speaker TBD.
- **Tuesday, February 14**, After Hours Mixer, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Hadlock Building Supply at 901 Ness Corner Road, Port Hadlock.
- **Wednesday, February 15**, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Hadlock Conference Center, 173 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock.
- **Thursday, February 16**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Ambassador Meeting at Fins Coastal Cuisine, 1044 Water Street, Port Townsend.

Wellness and Safety Fair

The Jefferson County Wellness and Safety Fair will be held at the Commons in Fort Worden State Park on **Saturday, March 24**, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Additional information about the Fair is posted on at www.jeffcownellnessfair.blogspot.com. Additional details will appear in the March *Voice*.



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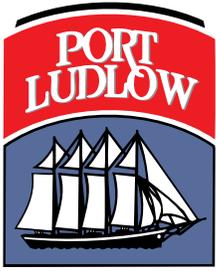
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